



## CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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### Saturday 27th January - Sunday 4th February, 2024

#### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY B2

<b>Saturday</b>	27th	5.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Andew Livingstone; Mark Watts; Jordan family
<b>Sunday</b>	28th	9.00am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Marie, Bert & Mamie; pro populo
		11.00am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Special Intention; Holy Souls
<b>Monday</b>	29th	No Mass		
<b>Tuesday</b>	30th	6.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Adoration & Benediction
		7.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Pat Waters
<b>Wednesday</b>	31st	9.15am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Bridget & family
St John Bosco				
<b>Thursday</b>	1st Feb	9.30am	<b>St Anne's church</b>	Mrs Hatchadounan
<b>Friday</b>	2nd	9.30am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Tony Kavanagh; Angelo Rotolo
Presentation of the Lord		6.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Rosary & Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	3rd	9.30am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Discenzo family
<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>				

#### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMITMENT MASS B2

<b>Saturday</b>	3rd	5.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Mary Healy; John Gormley; Mark Watts; Margaret Gavin
<b>Sunday</b>	4th	9.00am	<b>St Anne's</b>	Bill Byrne; people of the parish
		11.00am	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Jacobus & Josefina Rahail; Anthony Akoto Ampan

*Confessions after any Mass on request, especially Tuesday 7pm and Saturday 5pm*

### Second Collections

#### This Weekend

Racial Justice

#### Next Weekend

MSF/ parish debt

### Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

#### 28th January

5pm Claire Reay;  
*David Haywood.*  
9am Stella Atansi;  
*Franklin Darko.*  
11am Patti Hynd-Anderson;  
*Maria Bloodworth.*

#### 4th Februaury

5pm Pat Timmons;  
*Caroline Ward.*  
9am Mateusz Dabrosz;  
*John Fallan.*  
11am Emmanuel;  
*Chukwudi Malize.*

### 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£336.00	£133.00
Non Gift-Aided	£243.47	£60.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>£579.47</b>	<b>£193.73</b>

#### Second Collection

*Thank you!*

### ‘OH THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE; HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.’

To be childlike is to have an open heart. We probably have to understand how to protect it a little, through learning appropriate vulnerability rather than simple vulnerability, but sadly, the easiest thing in the world, as we grow up, is to harden our hearts. Horrible things happening to us inclines us this way. So do failures, broken promises, money cares, being hurt by others, losing loved ones, our own inabilities and inadequacies, other people's inabilities and inadequacies, just generally life not turning out as I planned, and so much more.

But deep within us, there is a childlike heart which does believe the best and longs to trust. We have to learn to protect it rather than harden it - not easy! But so important!

How do you respond when you hear good news or hope? How do you respond when you hear criticism and fault-finding? This is a simple way of knowing if your heart is hardened. It is so much easier to go along with the negative - much safer. But being positive opens us up to the mystery of life, and the joy of growth.

Jesus speaks to our heart. Our hearts are made for him, and because he speaks with confidence and love, it is a little easier to believe him. Because he has kept his word in the past, we have more confidence in what he tells us. It can also give us confidence to trust his prophets, too, as we hear in the first reading.

**Safeguarding:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci. They can be contacted at: sg.ccandstanne.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Dear Parishioners,

Wow. What a special night on Friday, when nineteen of our younger parishioners were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I'm so proud of them. They have really journeyed with open hearts and minds, responding to the Father's call to grow in the image and likeness of his Son. Confirmation always has a sense of 'passing the baton on' to the next generation - and never more so than Friday night. You really are God's children of hope. Now, as parents, family, parish, school and priest, we need to keep walking with you and God so that you become young adults of hope!

Thanks to all who helped in the preparation and in the Mass: catechists, schools, choir, refreshment makers, so many more. And it was good to have Canon Paul visit us again with his encouragement.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** 'January's' second session is this week, Friday, 2nd February, at **Corpus Christi**, 7.30-8.30pm.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION** I think we got off to a good start last Thursday - well done! Our second preparation session is this Thursday, 25th January, 6-7pm at Corpus Christi church, for parent and child, and next Sunday are our Masses of Commitment.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** This Thursday, 1st Feb, 7.45 - 9.00pm at St Anne's: Human Sexuality.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We got planning permission from the council this week! That's a big step - another on our way to work beginning. We're very close to getting costings, and two of our grant applications are going well (one turned us down, and the fourth has yet to contact us either way: remember we need to get 2 of the 4). Costs have increased, even since we began this process, and one way we have kept them down is a bit of DIY demolition of things that needed to go. We've saved a lot through our generous volunteers, but now we need some more help. So, we need the old team of volunteers and some new ones. I'm meeting this week to finalise what more we need to get rid of - could we have a meeting this **Saturday, 3rd February, 12 noon in the centre** of anyone who is willing to help? We won't do any clearing out then, just plan what needs to be done and when. It's the only way we are going to keep in budget, but actually, it does also help us own our centre, rather than have it done for us - so please be generous in attending and/or volunteering.

Thanks for your generosity to helping protect the unborn, last week. Your help has been passed on.

**ORGAN RECITAL** Sunday 4th February at 4.30pm in St Thomas More (CV3 5DE). Fr Simon will attempt to play 'all the right notes' hopefully 'in the right order' to showcase the newly installed organ at STM. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. Please do come along.

One thing raised by our **Parish Council** was the possibility of having **St Anne's Church Consecrated**. One prerequisite of this is for the parish to be out of debt, and from what I gather, we never have been. However, we are closer than ever, so it is worth considering. I had a conversation with Canon Paul yesterday about this, and he was very much in favour of us considering it. We both thought that a good period of preparation was important, in order to do it properly. This would include a period of thinking about anything we would want to do to the church physically, in preparation, and then a year of spiritual preparation, for us to be open to the graces received from the consecration. In my experience, two years is therefore a good time scale of preparation. The preparation would unite us more as one community, and the consecration itself would do that even further.

First things first, we need to discern if God is calling us to this - so have a think and a pray and a chat, and let me know your thoughts on this.

This, and the renovation of the centre at Corpus Christi, do challenge us to consider how much we give to the parish. If you're struggling to make ends meet, then don't give what you haven't got. But if you do make a standing order, please consider if it's been a while since you increased it. If you don't make a standing order, maybe consider doing so. If you give and pay income tax at all, please Gift Aid your contribution, and if at all possible, please consider giving more to our second collections for our Meeting Space Fund at Corpus Christi, and our Parish Debt fund at St Anne's. Forms for Standing Orders and Gift Aid are in the porch. It is the Spirit who will get our centre reopened and our church consecrated, but we need to play our part in cooperation!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



### **Prayer to St Michael**

*to protect the Church, our parish and our churches*

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle,  
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

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