



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th February, 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B2

Saturday	10th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Al Foley; Ann Ward; Margaret Gavin
Sunday	11th	9.00am	St Anne's	Pat Thompson; Mary Skaag
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Doreen, Don & Donal Kenny; people of the parish
Monday	12th		no Mass	
Tuesday	13th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration & Benediction
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Martin Gannon
Wednesday	14th	10.00am	St Anne's	Timothy Lyne
		6.30pm	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
<i>followed by 7-8pm Café course: the mystery of suffering</i>				
Thursday	15th	8.25am	Corpus Christi	10 min min-Stations of the Cross
		9.30am	St Anne's church	Patizia Velotta
Friday	16th	10.30am	St Anne's	Funeral Mass for Patricia Thompson
		6.00pm	St Anne's	
Saturday	17th	9.30am	St Anne's	Yvonne Young
		<i>followed by adoration and Confessions until 10.30am</i>		
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT B2				
Saturday	17th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Fr Andrew McMahan; Annie Hamilton
Sunday	18th	9.00am	St Anne's	Mary McNamara
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Amada Fundan

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

Second Collections

This Weekend

Life

Next Weekend

CC Community Centre/
SA parish debt

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

11th February

5pm Helen Ward;
Marie Anne Bowell.
9am Chuck McCaughley;
Jocelyn Gallen.
11am Chukwudi Malize;
Kay Lewis.

18th February

5pm Claire Reay;
Julie Martin.
9am Jocelyn Gallen;
Franklin Darko.
11am Candy Enamaku;
Anne Malize.

Please pray for **Zendaya Ward & Mrad Merke** who will be baptised this Sunday, that they and their families may grow in faith through this great sacrament.

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Responsorial Psalm

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Financial Matters

	Corpus Christi	St Anne's
First Collection		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£380.15	£151.00
Non Gift-Aided	<u>£232.16</u>	<u>£129.73</u>
Total	£612.31	£280.73
Second Collection		
Comm Centre/parish debt	£355.75	£129.01
Thank you!		

‘IF YOU WANT TO, YOU CAN CURE ME.’ ‘OF COURSE I WANT TO.’

This is a good Gospel coming into Lent. The leper has endured suffering. But this has led to two very important things: he knows he needs healing; he trusts Jesus can heal him. These are two very important steps to salvation and fulfilment for us too. They are the steps that lead us to receive ashes on Wednesday. I need spiritual healing; Jesus can heal me. Without him I self-destruct; with him I am fulfilled.

But we can also be like the leper in that as soon as he is healed, he stops doing what Jesus asked, because he has what he wanted. So, an extra dimension of Lent is that we cooperate with our own healing - through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. By doing this, we grow in our relationship with Christ, and are open to realising that this is even more important than the healing in itself. So, when the healing comes, we remain humble, trusting and obedient. Let's enter into our own healing through Lent!

Friends of the Holy Land, 40 Days for life, and the foodbank, have all been in touch thanking us for our much needed and valuable contributions. Thank you!

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,

LENT This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means having one main meal and two small meals and nothing in between - but of course, health permitting, you could challenge yourself more. Abstinence means not eating meat. It would also be good to come to Mass and receive the ashes: 10am at St Anne's and 6.30pm at Corpus Christi. We have our 6-week café course on the mystery of suffering, starting straight after 6.30pm Mass, so you're obviously welcome to attend that too - guaranteed to learn from it.

Stations of the Cross We will have Stations at 6.30pm on Wednesdays at Corpus Christi (from next week), and our Friday Holy Hours will all be at St Anne's during Lent and start with Stations at 6pm, instead of rosary.

Like last year, we will also have mini-Stations at 8.25am every Thursday morning at Corpus Christi Church, for 10 minutes - so that parents and children can pop in and join in for Lent, before dropping the child off at school. It worked well last year - do join in, parents: it sends a great message to your children. We start them this Thursday even though there is no school, being half-term.

There will sometimes be Stations of the Cross after Mass on Thursdays at St Anne's. So, lots of opportunities!

For private prayer we have our **Walk with Me** booklets, and our **my Day by Day** ones - each £1. A great help to keep us focused. The Infant and Junior my Day by Day books will be here for Ash Wednesday - an incentive for your child to come to Mass that day.

Mass and Adoration Of course, for Lent we could simply avail of weekday Masses and times of adoration. Especially with the nights getting lighter and warmer, maybe it's time to think about Tuesday's adoration at 6pm, or Benediction at 6.40pm, or at least Mass at 7pm.

Please do take **Fasting** during Lent seriously. Self-denial is an essential part of our journey of faith. Until we learn to say no to our ego, we cannot be free to say yes to God and others. Both schools are linking Lenten fasting with the Live Simply initiative, and it would be good if we could unite in that as the parish. I'll explain more as we go on.

Almsgiving Mary's Meals, Friends of the Holy Land, foodbank and helping the local homeless are all worthy of considering when you are discerning who to give to this Lent.

'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?' ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN PRAYER THIS LENT. Take a few hours to pray and reflect on your faith journey this Lent by joining us between 10.15am and 12.30pm on Saturday 17th February 2024, in the church meeting room. St Patrick's Church, Deedmore Road, Coventry CV2 2AA.

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION No meeting this week.

JOURNEY IN FAITH This Thursday, 15th Feb, 7.45 - 9.00pm at **Corpus Christi**: Option for the Poor.

CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE We're days away from getting diocesan approval, I think. And then 40 days away from knowing how we've done with grants - a good Lenten number! Then there's what we need to do:

1) The demolition work has achieved amazing amounts this week. John, Martin and David have been in most days, and then on Friday and on Sat we had volunteers clearing out what they had demolished. I'd say we're way past halfway in what needs to be done by us. If you can help the next two Saturdays 11am-1pm, that would be a great help - though it is more about lifting and carrying. Please sign sheet at back of church.

2) We need to sort out the interior of the centre. That means working out what furnishings we need and getting quotes for them; thinking through colour schemes, names, and homely touches etc., and getting a grant to pay for it all. We've got the beginnings of a Centre Committee, and we've got a Grants Committee already. Please join us next Sat 17th February, 12 noon, in the Tuite Room at Corpus Christi. That's both the above committees and any volunteer who could help in any of the three ways needed. We'll brainstorm together, and then split up to help with the different tasks. I won't be involved in choosing the colour scheme!

3) We need to raise some money. This is true of both parishes. Corpus Christi need to raise £15,000 on top of our pledges; St Anne's, I reckon, need to raise £8,000, so that we can be out of debt, pay Corpus Christi back what we owe, and they now need, and be able to plan for our consecration. Could you put a bit more into the second collections towards the centre or parish debt? Could you make a one-off donation? Could you think of a way of fund-raising? Would you be willing to buy a brick or a chair or a window in the new centre? Please have a generous think!

Please pray for all those who have died recently, including Pat Thompson (Funeral St Anne's, this Friday, 16th February, 10.30am), Philip George (Funeral, St Anne's, Tuesday 27th February, 1pm) Margaret Breedon and Maureen Crawley. May they all rest in peace, and the Lord be with their families.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr Stephen



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.

