



CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th April, 2024

| 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY B2 | | | | |
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| Saturday | 20th | 5.00pm | Corpus Christi | Malcolm Knight; Special Intention |
| Sunday | 21th | 9.00am | St. Anne's | Margaret Fleming; Debbie Payton |
| | | 11.00am | Corpus Christi | Humberto Saganaga; pro populo |
| Monday | 22nd | no Mass | | |
| Tuesday | 23rd | 6.00pm | Corpus Christi | Adoration & Benediction |
| ST GEORGE | | 7.00pm | Corpus Christi | Mary Gamble |
| Wednesday | 24th | 9.15am | Corpus Christi | Holy Souls |
| Thursday | 25th | 9.10am | St Anne's school | Mrs Hathadoriun |
| ST MARK | | | | |
| Friday | 26th | 9.30am | St Anne's | Pat Thomson |
| | | 6.00pm | St Anne's | Rosary and Adoration |
| Saturday | 27th | 9.30am | St Anne's | Gerry Rafferty |
| <i>followed by Adoration and Confessions</i> | | | | |
| 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER B2 | | | | |
| Saturday | 27th | 5.00pm | Corpus Christi | Andrew Livingstone; pro populo |
| Sunday | 28th | 9.00am | St. Anne's | Christina & Kazimir; Debbie Payton; Mattheus & Parul Debroz |
| | | 11.00am | Corpus Christi | Betty Devine; Special Int. |

Please pray for **Mary-Comfort Atabong** who will be baptised at Corpus Christi this Sunday, that she and her family may grow in faith and love through this great sacrament.

Second Collections
This weekend
 Clergy Training Fund

Next Weekend
 Community centre/
 Parish Debt

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

4th Sunday of Easter
 5pm Pat Timmons;
Marie Anne Bowell.
 9am Ann Saju & Chinma;
Jocelyn Gallen.
 11am Gerard McAleese;
Candy Enemaku.

5th Sunday of Easter
 5pm Claire & Jarad Reay;
David Haywood.
 9am John Fallan;
Sandhya Mathew.
 11am Victoria Uche;
Kay Lewis.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Responsorial Psalm

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Financial Matters

| | Corpus Christi | St Anne's |
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| First Collection | | |
| Gift-Aided (+SOs) | £403.91 | £179.05 |
| Non Gift-Aided | <u>£203.39</u> | <u>£92.65</u> |
| Total | £607.30 | £271.70 |
| Second Collection | | |
| Community centre /parish debt | £454.59 | £253.44 |
| Thank you! | | |

CC Pledges £8,500 (of £8,600) CC fund-raising £6,177 (of £15,000) SA fund-raising £2,773 (of £8,000)

"I am the good shepherd... who lays down his life for his sheep."

It's a beautiful image, of Christ being our Good Shepherd - guiding us, protecting us, leading us - carrying us when need be. It's the reason why surely the most popular psalm of them all is Psalm 23 - the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. What deepens the beauty is the truth that our shepherd loves us enough to lay down his life for us, or even just for you. It's this truth that allowed St Teresa of Avila to say, 'Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you - everything passes, love never changes: patience obtains all.'

Jesus teaches us that his calling to be our shepherd gives him joy. But he does not cling to it. He calls us all to share in it - to share in the joy of leading others to God. Doing that as a priest or deacon is a uniquely precious way, but we are all called to do it in some way. To be a good co-shepherd - or sheep-dog! - we need to trust in his calling of us, not cling to it, and be willing to suffer for it. Then we become joyful channels of his true shepherding.

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.candstanne.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,

MAY PROCESSIONS We're approaching our celebration and procession season! Please take the 'diary dates' sheet alongside your newsletter this weekend, and put the three events in your diary. At the end of our Masses on Sat 4th/Sun 5th May we will have our mini May processions. Weather permitting, we will simply process to the statue of Mary outside church, singing a hymn or two, then offer her our flowers as our act of filial devotion, and pray 3 Hail Marys. Simples. **Just remember to bring a flower or two!**

PENTECOST: MASSES OF MANY TONGUES As we continue to celebrate Easter, we begin to look towards Pentecost - and the renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have celebrated this through our Masses of Many Tongues - at both churches celebrating the many different cultures of our family, through each playing a small part in the Mass, and by sharing our cultural food afterwards. Same again this year please! but with an added dimension. We are in Pope Francis' Year of Prayer, and it is time we focused on that a bit more. He has asked us to take the Our Father a little bit more to heart, in preparation for 2025 being a Holy Year.

So, would you be willing to pray the Our Father in your cultural language at the appropriate time of the Mass, alongside others - like we have the Hail Mary in past years? At the moment we've lost both organists - with Mary sadly having to step down after many years of faithful service, and Pat having broken her hip (prayers please for both) - so we need even more generosity from you in other ways of sharing in the Mass - and a bit prompter too. Also, would you be willing to provide food for after Mass? - a lovely way of sharing culture and joy.

Please sign up today for anything you are willing to do for the Mass of Many Tongues: Our Father, food or anything else. Or speak to Seamus, David and Caroline, or Clem, Bob and Louise. There are forms at the back of church, too.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION This year our procession is on Sunday 2nd June - the last day of half-term. As usual, we start at St Anne's, at 3pm (though you might want to drop passengers off, park at Corpus Christi, then walk up to St Anne's, ready). We have 10 minute Benediction there, then process to Corpus Christi - I will get that down to 45 minutes this year! - then 10 minutes in Corpus. After that, we will have a couple of marques out, providing nibbles, drinks and a few seats to help us all have a picnic outside, on the lawn. The First Holy Communion children will lead the procession, in their posh clothes from the day before. It would be great if their family members who came for their great day, could stay over and join in too. **Please put this date in your diary - this year we are due sunshine.**

JOURNEY IN FAITH Our last meeting is this Thursday, Corpus Christi, 7.45-9pm. Please don't eat before you come - we have all those nibbles from last time to get through!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Next session this Thursday, 25th, 6-7pm at Corpus Christi. Next weekend are the Masses of Prayer Partners - so remember to bring your 4 prayer cards with your name on, then. Can I remind you all First Holy Communion Masses are on Saturday 1st June, 10am at Corpus Christi and 12 noon at St Anne's? This is followed by our **Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 2nd June**, 3pm at St Anne's. Let's all put that in our diaries and join in celebrating this great gift, the children's First Holy Communion, and the patronal feast of one of our churches.

CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY CENTRE We're still steadily fundraising. We have started a GoFundMe page - gofund.me/8dc6858e Please share that with any locals you think might chip in... Also, do any of you know anyone who is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, who could write a charities act report for us?

Dominic and Lucia are very grateful for all the kindness and support everyone has shown around Maria, Dominic's mum's funeral. It was a blessed occasion. **James McTigue's** funeral is at Corpus Christi, Thursday 2nd May, 2pm. **Debbie Payton's** is at St Anne's, 5pm Reception Thursday 23rd May, 5pm, funeral Friday 24th, 10am. May they and all who have died be united to the Risen Lord.

RAFFLE: two unclaimed prizes at Corpus Christi - for Dorothy Nyela and E Mosley; 8 at St Anne's: yellow/orange tickets (AD 330089) 276-280; 586-590; 661-665; 686-690 and 881-885 and blue tickets (AD344997) 116-120; 151-155; 201-205. If they're not collected by next week, we'll give the prizes away, thanks.

Continue having a great Easter. Yours in the Good Shepherd and his rejoicing Mother,

Fr Stephen



EASTER MARIAN ANTHEM

Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!

O Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia!
For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen, as he said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

