



# CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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## Saturday 2nd - Sunday 10th September, 2023

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A1

Saturday	2nd	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Simon Doherty; pro populo
Sunday	3rd	9.00am	St. Anne's	Celyn (FHC); Peter Thomas
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Fawcett family; Daniel & Paul
Monday	4th	No Mass		
Tuesday	5th	6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Adoration & Benediction
		7.00pm	Corpus Christi	Shirley & Jimmy Doherty & family
Wednesday	6th	9.30am	Corpus Christi	Goldie & Sam
Thurs	7th	9.30am	St Anne's Church	Diana Hackett
		11.15am	Corpus Christi	Funeral Service for James Lanigan
Fri	8th	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Edna Kent
Our Lady's Birthday		6.00pm	Corpus Christi	Rosary & Adoration
Saturday	9th	9.30am	St Anne's	Peter Thomas

then Confessions and adoration until 10.30am

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A1

Saturday	9th	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish; Sheila Kay
Sunday	10th	9.00am	St. Anne's	Joanna Goode; Marie Hever
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Anie Mang; John and Martin Klard

NB Friday's Mass is at Corpus Christi

### Second Collections

#### This Weekend

M.S.F./ parish debt

#### Next Weekend

M.S.F./ parish debt

### Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

2nd/3rd September  
 5pm Marie Anne Bowell;  
*David Haywood.*  
 9am Mateusz Dabrosz;  
*John Fallan.*  
 11am Patti & David;  
*Kay Lewis.*

9th/10th Sep  
 5pm Pat Timmons;  
*Caroline Ward.*  
 9am John Fallan;  
*Sandhya Mathew.*  
 11am Emmanuel;  
*Chukwudi Malize.*

Envelopes for Mass Intentions are at the back of church. Please print clearly on them, and try to give them to Fr Stephen with plenty of notice. Slips for offering a sanctuary lamp (or a saint's prayer candle at CC) are also at the back of church. Candles £3.50 each)

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

### 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
<b>First Collection</b>		
Gift-Aided (+SOs)	£286.20	£203.00
Non Gift-Aided	£191.75	£110.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£477.95</b>	<b>£313.15</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>		
M.S.F./ parish debt	£354.18	£162.80

Thank you!

### "ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE, WILL LOSE IT."

Love is the fulfilment of life. And our love of each other is freed by our love of God. Control, fear and pride are the biggest obstacles to us growing into channels of God's love. In our insecurity, or pride, we seek to cling onto things - to 'make sure' we're ok etc. But we can't make sure - we haven't the power. But it's so hard not to cling to things! Peter has just made his amazing profession of faith in Jesus. He has just been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. But he immediately falls flat on his face when he clings to his own human understanding of what a saviour should do, rather than letting Jesus instruct him that he has to be handed over and die for us. We can even cling to Jesus in the wrong way - as an almighty cuddly toy who gives us human safety - like how Mary Magdalene did when she first saw the Risen Lord.

The path to fulfilment sounds quite shocking, when we hear Jeremiah say, "You have seduced me Lord, and I have let myself be seduced." But allowing ourselves to be 'chatted up' by God is exactly the way that we learn to let go. This opens us up to our desire for him - as the psalm says, 'For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God'. It is that thirst, and only that thirst, which strengthens us to let go of control. Try it - it opens you up to life.

Please pray for Celyn, who makes her First Holy Communion at St Anne's this Sunday. She went to St Anne's school, and her faith has been reawakened recently, leading her to ask and prepare for this great sacrament.

We also welcome all her family and friends who have come today, to support her and share her joy.

**Safeguarding:** Caroline Ward, Pat Timmons & Rosaria Petrucci

Dear Parishioners,

Back to school and college! Some will be really looking forward to that - including many children and even more parents! For some, it'll be a bit daunting. I hope it goes well, and the first early get up isn't too hard.

It's also a good time for us as a parish to 'restart' after the August lull. An important thing I want to start soon is to have Corpus Christi Church open a lot more, for personal prayer. I'd like St Anne's to be as well, but that's a bit harder - at Corpus I live on site and it is right by the school and it already has CCTV. So, for now at least, let's try it just at Corpus. We've worked out that we can alarm the sanctuary without alarming the rest of the church, so we'll do that, and have a sign making it clear. I'm also getting the man who put the CCTV in to improve it, so that there are a couple more cameras, and better recording, and it can also alert the parish phone when someone activates a particular camera - probably, again, one that's looking at the sanctuary only. This should make things as secure as possible. It might even allow streaming of services, as a useful side-effect. I have an increasing amount of people wanting to go into church to pray, or ringing up to see when it is open - and turning them away is not what we are about. The most important guardian of the church is St Michael, so let's also include asking for his protection over it whenever we pray his prayer. I'd hope to have the church open mornings and afternoons.

Talking of prayer, we are approaching important moments regarding the CC Community Centre, Linkline, and the sale of the convent, so can we all keep these three things in our prayers? They will all have a significant impact on our parish - and we need to believe our prayer makes a difference, and to want to only do God's will in all these things: 'If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labour' (Ps. 128).

Over the next couple of weeks, I'll be communicating with you about sacramental preparation this year, and Journey in Faith, and other opportunities for us to grow in faith. So, please do think about whether you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the faith, particularly with a view to becoming Catholic. It's always better if you invite someone personally and offer to journey with them. Also, please think about whether your child is coming up to the age to receive confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Another thing that we need to look at is our help of those overseas. It seems to me that our parish has a strong tradition of helping people both in India and Vietnam especially, but while some of this good work has continued, as a parish we haven't been quite so involved. That's partly my fault, and perhaps connected with me arriving straight after COVID, which had paused so many things. So, could anyone involved with these projects - or any that I don't know of - get in touch with me, and perhaps we can all meet as a first step to breathing more life into our efforts.

I don't often bring money up, and I do understand that there are many pulls on your financial resources, but I am conscious that, if the renovation of the Community Centre goes ahead, it will cost. This affects us all, as the money will be coming out of Corpus Christi funds, but obviously these have been reduced by the £30,000 loan CC made to St Anne's earlier this year. So, if you were away for some of the summer, could you consider putting in the collection for any weeks you were missing? And if you are able, could you consider giving more to the second collection at Sunday Mass? It would be great to have the St Anne's debt paid off and Corpus Christi to have some meeting space without going into debt. That's my goal... but I can't do it without you!

Next **Parish Council Meeting**: Wednesday 27th September, 7pm at Corpus Christi.

Next **Linkline meetings**: Friday 29th September, 4.30pm, presbytery, for committee; Sat 30th, 11am, Fr Tuite room for volunteers.

We welcome Fr Dominic Chukka for this Saturday 5pm Mass, as I'm on our minibus to London's March for Life - do pray for us and for the unborn.

Thanks to all those who helped fill another skip from the centre on Friday - and particularly those who got muddy cleaning drains!

The Coventry Catholic Young Adults Group (18-35 years of age) meet every month to enjoy a social time, a discussion, and short time of prayer. You are invited! For further details please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3c2chsc7>

Yours in Jesus and Mary,



### **Prayer to St Michael**

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.

