

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / PASSION-TIDE

## SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026

SATURDAY	22ND	18:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Maria & Caro Nicholas RIP
SUNDAY	22ND	08:30	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	22ND	10:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Paola Jozwiak (wellbeing)
SUNDAY	22ND	12:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Patrick Cronin RIP
SUNDAY	22ND	18:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Rev Daniel O’Meara RIP
MONDAY	23RD	10:00		Feria	Valerie Newton
TUESDAY	24TH	10:00		Feria	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY	25TH	10:00	The Annunciation of the Lord	Solemnity	Joyce Jones RIP
THURSDAY	26th	10:00		Feria	Michael Walcott RIP
FRIDAY	27TH	10:00		Feria	Zak Maach RIP
SATURDAY	28TH	10:00		Feria	Peter Guana RIP

**TEA AND COFFEE:** SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAY EVENING: 5PM - 5:40PM



We pray for Mary Akinduro who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Hertha Findley, Mark Smith, Michael Sharkey, Patricia Sweeney, George Naoum-Cassir and Zakaria Maach. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

I was inspired to speak to a parishioner last week about the crucifixion of Our Lord and hear them say; "I find it too much Father. I can't really take it all in." I found it to be a providential conversation in which something clicked for me and I said "this is why the Church invites us to live it anew each year." As we enter our Church to see the statues and images veiled, we know we begin this time of contemplating the crucifixion of Jesus. I remember someone describing the reason for the veiling of statues as being "the saints cannot bear to see what is about to take place". None of us are saints, however, and the living of Jesus' Passion is a crucial part of our Christian journey. This is the journey of conversion - of turning from sin - which means to be changed and transformed by the power of God's grace which always comes to us through Jesus in His Sacraments. As we now enter Passion-tide and prepare for Holy Week the invitation is the same and yet new; we are invited to bring ourselves to Him on the cross. We are encouraged to share with Him the suffering that we experience so He can mould us, shape us and recreate us. On Ash Wednesday we heard the prophet Joel say: "come back to me... let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn." The invitation is the living out of our Baptismal vocation: as we went down into the waters and up out of them with Him we are invited to go down to the lowest depths in humility with Him on Holy Saturday only to rise on Sunday. This is the time when we bring whatever is in our hearts to Him as we contemplate His Passion. The concerns and anxieties we experience we share them with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday. The struggles and sufferings we contend with we share with Him on the cross on Good Friday. The desolation or hopelessness we (or someone we know) experiences we share with Him on Holy Saturday. We do this knowing that we will rise with Him too!

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## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH AGM:** Thank you to all who came to our Parish AGM last Thursday and particular thanks to our Finance Committee. The minutes of the AGM will be produced and shared from next weekend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** will take place at 7:30pm every Friday in the Church.

**GUIDED PRAYER THIS WEEK:** This Tuesday is the last of our guided prayer sessions at 7:30pm.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** Our office will be closed from Mon 30th March until Mon 13th April.

**PARENTAL HELP REQUIRED:** Our Children's Stations of the Cross take place at 10am on Good Friday with hot cross buns and squash served afterwards. Could you help serve? Please let me know.

### CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK:

Mon: 10:30-12, 6-7:30, Tues: 10:30-12, 6-7:30, Weds: 6-7:30, Thurs: 10:30-12, Sat: 10-12, 4-6

### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Maundy Thursday - 7:30pm, Good Friday - 3:00pm, Holy Saturday - 8:00pm

**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Good Friday at 10am.

**UPDATE: SYCAMORE COURSE: "Finding True Freedom":** 26/03 at 7:30pm. Catch up [here](#).

**FUNERAL OF MARY AKINDURO RIP:** will be this Thursday 26th March at 12pm here in Church.

**CAN YOU HELP SUBSIDISE OUR SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING?** Thank you to all who have given so far. During our recent Sparks Of Light event some first-time visitors said they didn't realise our Church was open. We need to be more visible and inviting on Brixton Hill. Courtesy of CL Signs we have three signs to put up and illuminate and lighting our restored Church facade would make us more welcoming and attractive. This requires planning applications to Lambeth Council. We have an architect ready to sketch and apply but need to pay fees, materials, & contractors. I estimate c. £12,000. If you can afford to give to this appeal I would be very grateful. Please select "signage and lighting" on the devices in the porch or [online](#) or put envelopes through our letterbox marked with "signage and lighting".

**LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** Saturday 9th May 2026. £20. Coach leaves Brixton Water Lane at 9am prompt and returns at around 6pm. For payment and booking contact Mary Boakye on 07950496841 or Joseph at the Repository. Please bring packed lunch.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE WIDOWED, SEPARATED & DIVORCED:** I highly recommend this weekend - 8th-10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey, Sussex, RH1 4SB - which helps participants deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For more information contact Mary on 07730884315 or [beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com). It provides real support for those in vulnerable situations.

**HELP FOR ITALIANS WITH MEDICAL CARE:** IMC ([www.italianmedicalcharity.org.uk](http://www.italianmedicalcharity.org.uk)) wishes to make those of Italian origin aware of their fund to subsidise care. See their website for details and to apply.