## Corpus Christi Catholic Church











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| PARISH PRIEST               | 2    | Fr Matthew O'Gorman      |                        | Parish Secretary | Position Vacant               |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSISTANT PRIEST            | ST D |                          | Ifrey Ogwang           | Office Hours     | CURRENTLY CLOSED              |
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| ALL SAINTS                  |      |                          |                        |                  |                               |
| SATURDAY                    | 1sт  | 18:00                    | All Saints             | Solemnity        | Pete Ridgeway RIP             |
| SUNDAY                      | 2ND  | 08:30                    | All Saints             | Solemnity        | Maria Fanny Crawford          |
| SUNDAY                      | 2ND  | 10:00                    | All Saints             | Solemnity        | Mary Mills RIP                |
| SUNDAY                      | 2ND  | 12:00                    | All Saints             | Solemnity        | Joe Donlon RIP                |
| SUNDAY                      | 2ND  | 18:00                    | All Saints             | Solemnity        |                               |
| MONDAY                      | 3RD  | 10:00                    | All Souls              | Feria            | All deceased parishioners RIP |
| MONDAY                      | 3RD  | 19:30                    | All Souls              | Feria            | All deceased parishioners RIP |
| TUESDAY                     | 4тн  | 10:00                    | St Charles Borromeo    | Memorial         |                               |
| WEDNESDAY                   | 5тн  | 10:00                    |                        | Memorial         | Rev Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP     |
| THURSDAY                    | 6th  | 10:00                    |                        | Memorial         |                               |
| FRIDAY                      | 7тн  | 10:00                    | Dedication of the Cath | nedral Memorial  | O'Meara Family                |
|                             |      |                          |                        |                  |                               |



SATURDAY

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

10:00

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

Memorial

We pray for Ann Thompson who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Susan Murray, John Voak, Anne Brown, Alice Joan Webber, Amanda Fenlon, Dorothy Northey and Igho Ojaruega. May they rest in peace.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

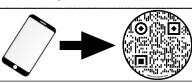
This coming Wednesday is the sixth anniversary of the passing of Father Tom Creagh-Fuller who immediately preceded me as parish priest here. The majority of you did not get to meet Father Tom Creagh-Fuller as he only said a few Masses in the parish before having to remain in the Priests' House due to illness. I had known Father Tom over the years as he would come out to Rome and host the Southwark seminarians who were studying in the city with great generosity. It was a privilege to live with him here for a brief period of time during which he was concerned to provide whatever advice and support he could to ensure that people's needs were met before his own. I was deeply moved by his passing because of the love he showed in his living. I imagine that - in reading these words - someone you've lost will come to mind. November is the month of the Holy Souls - when the Church invites us to call these people to mind and to reflect on the truth that while those whom we call to mind have gone from this life they should not be forgotten but remembered. Our remembering leads us to prayer and it is the living tradition of the Church that we pray for those who have left this life that they may be brought to be with God forever in heaven. When we gather for Masses this coming Monday - All Souls' Day - we will ask that God bring those whom we have lost into union with Him forever. We know that our God is infinitely merciful and know too that He longs to forgive, love and save. We also know - from Jesus' own words - that heaven is quite unlike earth and that we need to be made ready to experience its perfection; we need to be purified. This explains the existence of Purgatory - the waiting room for heaven - where those who have been saved are made ready. To profess belief in Purgatory is not to lack faith in God's mercy or hope in His promises. It is to wish and want the expression of this for those who have gone to meet Him. We can never presume God's ways for ourselves or anyone else but as His children we turn to Him and ask for what we - and others - need. We, therefore, ask in the coming weeks that our heavenly Father - who loved all into existence - will have mercy and prepare each person for eternal life with Him. Let us pray for all who served this parish - priests, religious and laity - that they know eternal rest.

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## **PARISH NEWS**

**PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY - OFFICE CLOSED:** Our new secretary has accepted an alternative job and will not be continuing with us. The office is, therefore, closed until we can appoint a Parish Secretary. Information about the now-vacant role will be shared in next week's Newsletter.

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS' DAY - COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD:** There will be Mass at 10am and a Solemn Mass at 7:30pm on <u>Monday 3rd November</u> - All Souls' Day - on which we remember the faithful departed. At the evening Mass we welcome the Scherzo Ensemble who will sing pieces from Mozart's Requiem. All are welcome to attend.

**'A REQUIEM FOR MOZART' CONCERT:** <u>THIS Tuesday</u> 4th November at 7pm we will welcome the Scherzo Ensemble and Orpheus Sinfonia performing a number of Mozart's musical pieces and concluding with a performance of his Requiem. Book your free ticket via <a href="http://bit.ly/3JizdyA">http://bit.ly/3JizdyA</a>.

**NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED:** If you would like a Mass said for a departed loved one during the month of November please do submit Mass intention envelopes through the Priests' House door. It is also possible to arrange for a Mass to be said via email; brixtonhill@rcaos.org.uk. November is the month of the Holy Souls and our book of Remembrance will be displayed in Church in which you can write the names of loved ones whom we will remember during all Masses.

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY:** Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection at all Masses to raise funds for the Archbishop's Appeal. It focuses upon three key mission areas of the Archdiocese: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action & Clergy Care and Formation.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** On Friday 28th November at 6:30pm in the Church we will hold our next Altar Server Training session. Candidates must have received their First Holy Communion and need to attend this training session in order to serve. Email Evan to register - brixtonhillservers@rcaos.org.uk.

**YOUTH DAY:** for 11-15 year olds on Saturday 22nd November in Chatham. Book your child a place by clicking here and let me know if they are coming for a place on the coach.

<u>UPDATE:</u> FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES 2026: start with parents' sessions on Thursday 6th and 13th November at 7:30pm. Attendance by one parent at both sessions is required. NB. The first parents' session is this coming Thursday!

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY UK:** The Teams of Our Lady is a Catholic movement helping married couples grow in faith and love. Small teams of four to five couples, with a priest, meet monthly to share a meal, pray, discuss family life, and reflect on a faith theme. French-speaking couples in London can join by contacting Marie-Alix and Bruno Roumier at end.londres@gmail.com. English: teamsgb.org.uk/join.

**NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026:** Please do not send us forms for completion at the current time as we process Secondary and Sixth Form requests. We will share dates for nursery and primary applications in November. To apply for a reference click here.