

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026

SATURDAY	7TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Intentions of Neil Wright
SUNDAY	8TH	08:30	Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	8TH	10:00	Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Joseph Lunn RIP
SUNDAY	8TH	12:00	Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Caimin Donlon RIP
SUNDAY	8TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Intentions of Michael Walker
MONDAY	9TH	10:00		Feria	Intentions of David Adnaco
TUESDAY	10TH	10:00		Feria	Rev Herbert Leach RIP
WEDNESDAY	11TH	10:00		Feria	Intentions of Michael Camp
THURSDAY	12th	10:00		Feria	Intentions of Marc Seals
FRIDAY	13TH	10:00		Feria	Joyce Jones RIP
SATURDAY	14TH	10:00		Feria	Maria & Caro Nicholas RIP

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

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



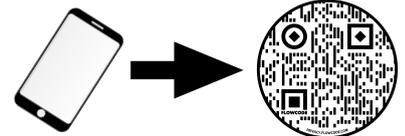
We pray for Mary Akinduro and Michael Brady who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Fr Tom Heneghan, Irene Leslie, Leonine Silva Andrade, Mary Portelli, Edith Emenyeonu, Georgina Douglas, John Allen, Mary Phillips, Mary Mendonca, Patricia Bramwell, Margaret Papanicolaou and Bridget Coss. May they rest in peace. Amen.

As I write this I am so grateful for the gift of our Parish Mission; we have heard two talks - on Silence and Sorrow - and look forward to hearing about Sacrifice too. In their explorations of these topics our Dominican friar-preachers spoke in different styles about the one central and defining subject of our lives: Jesus. Why do we practice silence? It is the language of God and it is what Jesus sought when - as the evangelists relate - He went out early in the morning to a quiet place to pray. Why do we think about the subject of Sorrow? Jesus' soul was "sorrowful to the point of death" in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus' silence and sorrow teach us about our own need for the former and experience of the latter. In these days of Lent we are invited to seek to deepen our friendship with Jesus by approaching Him more closely in our experience of silent prayer; to try and distance ourselves from distraction, to quieten the heart and allow Jesus to fill the space left within. This is not easy and possibly more challenging in this time of scrolling on our phones with all the visual and audible attractions that they offer in an instant. Silence can seem unrealistic if our reality is one where we are just trying to get from A to B and feel time-poor. Conscious of this Fr Sam invited us to recognise the invitation to silence in normal moments; waiting in the supermarket queue or sitting on the bus or tube. These are opportunities for us to welcome Jesus' presence and open the ears of our hearts to Him. Our hearts may distract us from doing this because of sorrow; struggles and suffering. We can be reticent to trust Our Lord with our woundedness. If this is the case then we can recall that Jesus' Passion reminds us that we are not alone in sorrow; He is with us. His sorrow; the mental anguish He knew in the garden and the physical torment on the cross - is a reminder that He doesn't choose to be apart from but *with us* in our sorrow. May we be silent and sorrowful *with Jesus* this Lent.

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## PARISH NEWS

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

**GUIDED PRAYER DURING LENT:** I'm grateful to our parish sisters who will lead us in guided prayer on Tuesday 24th February, 10th and 24th March at 7:30pm in the Hall.

**FREE LENTEN ONLINE BIBLE COURSE:** Reflections on the Gospel of each Sunday in Lent are live-streamed the preceding week via [comeandsee.org](http://comeandsee.org). You can click [here](#) to get to the page.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL:** Thank you for your donations to the food bank in our parish. The Justice and Peace Group report that nearly 30 kilos of food and toiletries have been donated in the last two weeks. Remember that you can bring items with you to Mass and leave them in the plastic boxes in the Church porch. I am grateful to all who donate, coordinate and transport the items to the food bank.

**YOUTH DAY NEXT SATURDAY:** for 10-14 year olds. We will be going via coach to The John Fisher School. Please register your child by clicking [here](#). There will be no Youth Group session next Sunday.

**NEXT Saturday - PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** will take place on the weekend of Laetare - Rejoicing - Sunday (an oasis within the Lenten desert) on **Saturday 14th March**. Tickets are on sale after Masses priced at £7 a ticket or £35 for a table of 6. Make sure to get your ticket for what is always great fun!

**CAN YOU HELP SUBSIDISE OUR SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING?** We are in the weeds with all projects due to our financial circumstances to be presented at the AGM on 19/3. 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 - if you can give via envelope - please put envelopes through our letterbox marked with "signage and lighting".

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

**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.

**PARISH AGM BROUGHT FORWARD:** Our Parish Finance Committee met recently and advised that - given serious concerns about the sustainability of our financial position - we need to bring our AGM forward. It will be on **Thursday 19th March** at 7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**GIFT-AID ENVELOPES:** are available for collection after all Masses this Sunday and next Sunday.

**UPDATE: SYCAMORE COURSE:** "The Power of Prayer" on 12/03. Catch up by clicking [here](#).