

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	6TH	18:00	Second Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Our Parish Youth Group
SUNDAY	7TH	08:30	Second Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Archbishop John Wilson
SUNDAY	7TH	10:00	Second Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Sr Maria Gaechner RIP
SUNDAY	7TH	12:00	Second Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Caimin Donlon RIP
SUNDAY	7TH	18:00	Second Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Attendees of Faith Conference
MONDAY	8TH	10:00	Immaculate Conception of BVM	Solemnity	Agnesa & Pavol Oriňakovi RIP
TUESDAY	9TH	10:00		Feria	Patrick & Mary Connaghan RIP
WEDNESDAY	10TH	10:00		Feria	Deceased Clergy of our Deanery
THURSDAY	11TH	10:00		Feria	
FRIDAY	12TH	10:00	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Memorial	Matthew Corry
SATURDAY	13TH	10:00	St Lucy	Memorial	



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

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

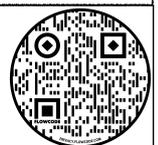
We pray for Russel Pugh and Timothy Long who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Carl Daley, Sheila Willis, Tess McKenna-Whyte, John Baron, Ruth Deniran, Anthony Ellul, Bruno Romano, Magdalene Hibbert, Patrick Stephens, Elizabeth Drisdale and George Keefe. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

One of the major issues of concern expressed in our recent parish survey was the scourge of drug addiction in our local community and the myriad problems of violence, abuse and exploitation that come from it. It is possible to see the effect first-hand up the hill in many of our parishioners at HMP Brixton. Many try to break out of addiction and find it extraordinarily difficult given the availability of drugs - such as spice - that are so easy to smuggle, sell and become addicted to even within the walls of a prison with its gates and bars and walls. The damage that they do to people’s mental health, their character and future prospects is incalculable. The reality, however, when it comes to addiction is that each of us - in our own particular way - regardless of whether we have an addictive personality, are accustomed or habituated to certain lifestyle choices. It is a part of the human nature that we share and the fragility created by the inheritance of original sin and its effects in each one of us, that we are prone to prefer things - material possessions - or attitudes and behaviours which may be less than the pattern of true freedom that we find in the perfectly detached, charitable and infinitely merciful example of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We will be addicted in some - comparatively small - way to things which (when we become aware of them) we accept do not serve the spiritual welfare of ourselves or others. The Advent season is one of the two “penitential” seasons of our year. We are reminded of this today by the first word of St John the Baptist which was the first word of Jesus in His public ministry: “repent”. In this time we are invited to turn from sin - to make an effort (as many of our brothers up the hill in the prison are doing) to break free from addiction. Firstly, this involves the grace of self-knowledge which is a gift we can pray for at this time. The gift is given in the language of God which is silence. That may seem like a bad joke when we’re in possibly the busiest time of the year but silence doesn’t mean hours on end. It can be five or ten minutes. It doesn’t have to be in Church; it can be at home. When we ask God to speak to us in silence; to help us discover our addiction, we can then ask for help. We do this by encountering him in Confession. A guide on how to go is [here](#). Times are overleaf. Come!

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## PARISH NEWS

**NEW SECRETARY - OFFICE NOW OPEN TUESDAY-FRIDAY:** Geraldine has begun work for us in the Parish Office and is having to catch up with a lot of requests. The office will now be open between 9am and 1pm (Tuesday to Friday). The office will be closed on Mondays and school holidays.

**THIS WEEK: GUIDED PRAYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** I am grateful to our sisters - from the Franciscan and Cenacle communities - for arranging and facilitating Advent Prayer and reflection on Thursday 11th and 18th December from 7:30pm until 9pm in our Church Hall. All are welcome!

**CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** There will be the opportunity for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at the following times in our Church before Christmas:

Friday 19th December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Monday 22nd December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 23rd December	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday 24th December	4:00pm - 5:30pm

**SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** will take place on Monday 15th December at 12:15pm. Anyone wishing to attend should put their name on the list on the porch noticeboard. There are limited places.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** On Saturday 13th December from 7pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate of food (with a list of ingredients) to share (if it's more than a plate, that's great)! If you are able to assist on the evening itself please let us know at the Parish Office. Many hands make light work and it would be good to have a small team to ensure volunteers can get home at a reasonable hour.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?** Our Family Mass - at 6pm on Christmas Eve - involves a Children's Nativity Tableau and children singing Carols. Would your child be able to take part as a Nativity character or to sing? Please email Victoria if so: [vaehingston@gmail.com](mailto:vaehingston@gmail.com).

**MASSES OF CHRISTMAS:** Christmas Eve: 6pm (Family Mass), Midnight Mass at Midnight with Carols from 11:30pm. Christmas Day: 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. NO 6pm Mass on Christmas Day.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO CLERGY:** The "Christmas Offering" is your personal gift to the clergy of the parish and forms the majority of our annual income. Fr Godfrey and I are grateful for what you can afford at this time. You can give by envelope or by card selecting "Christmas Offering" or click [here](#).

**SYCAMORE 2026:** This programme is for newcomers to faith and those wishing to deepen their own and will begin on Thursday 15th January 2026 (7:30-9pm) in the Hall. It will be an opportunity to explore faith, reflect on the deeper questions and grow in understanding, prayer, and discipleship. Each of the 20 sessions features a short, high quality film followed by guided discussion in a friendly and supportive environment. This initiative responds directly to the desire expressed by many within our parish for opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ, to engage more confidently with the teachings of the Church, and to strengthen the sense of community within parish life. We warmly invite all to join us on this journey. To help see Yemisi or James or email [brixtonhillppc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:brixtonhillppc@rcaos.org.uk).