

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2020**

**PALM SUNDAY**

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30</b>	Our Parish Family
Monday	10:00	Chrisie Thornton RIP
Tuesday	10:00	Joseph Cannon RIP [anniv.]
Wednesday	10:00	Fr Gerard Balinnya
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>[Lord's Supper]*</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>[Passion Liturgy]*</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>20:00</b>	<b>[Solemn Vigil]*</b>

\*Free Mass intention

<b>Baptisms:</b>	Suspended until further notice
<b>Confessions:</b>	Available on request
<b>Weddings:</b>	Suspended until further notice
<b>Confirmation</b>	Suspended until further notice
<b>1st Communion:</b>	Suspended until further notice
<b>Initiation for Adults:</b>	Suspended until further notice
Adoration (online):	Monday - Friday 08:30 - 09:30
Rosary (online):	Monday - Friday 09:10 - 09:30
Stations (online):	Click <a href="#">here</a> for Daily Meditations
Divine Mercy:	Suspended until further notice

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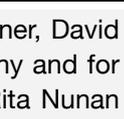
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**Office Hours**

Currently Closed

**Hall Bookings:** conor@lowcosthalls.co.uk



**We pray especially for Esme Mackay RIP who died recently** We pray for Allana Veeraswmy-Turner, David Boucher, Eleanor Maxwell, Gerald (Tony) Murphy, Felicisimo Garcia San Miguel and Brendan Murphy and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray for Fr Gerard Balinnya, Margaret Boyle and Rita Nunan who are unwell; may the Lord be with them at this time! We pray for those who work in national and local government attempting to meet the needs of the vulnerable. We remember those who work in production, cargo and transportation bringing much needed equipment to those on the front line. We also remember all who are struggling due to a loss of income and all whose businesses are adversely affected by this crisis.

Isolation is weird and we don't like it! After the novelty of Joe Wicks' workouts wears off we begin to realise that we weren't created for this! Whatsapp-ing, Zoom-ing, House Party-ing makes us realise we're not *really* in touch: we are body and soul for a reason: to experience *communion* which is *un-pixelated*, *un-interrupted* by technology. And the explanation of this truth about our need and the ultimate answer to it is what we're about to witness (to *celebrate*) as Holy Week begins today. It genuinely pains me that for the first time as your priest I'll be unable to share these greatest feasts of our year with you all in person! These days contain some of the most moving readings in our Lectionary; the moments when we're helped to realise that "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son." (John 3:16). He comes to us in the flesh to be with us *in the flesh*; His texts (the Law) and His calls (the Prophets) He knows to be inadequate. They anticipate His *coming to us in His Body and Blood*; the most intimate union for which we give thanks on Maundy Thursday in our Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday in the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and on Easter Sunday as we remember His Body (the Eucharist) is eternal. He is *always* with us in every Mass. As we experience His physical absence at this time may it increase our hunger for His presence. Let this be our prayer! **Fr M.**

### Parish Offertory

For those who are able to donate via bank transfer at this time: NatWest:

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### Next Sunday's Readings: Easter Sunday

First: Acts 10:34,37-43  
Psalm: 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23  
Second: Colossians 3:1-4  
Easter Sequence  
Gospel: John 20:1-9



## PARISH NEWS

**Fr Gerard Balinnya:** We all experienced symptoms in The Priests' House, however, Fr Gerard's symptoms worsened to such an extent that an ambulance had to be called last Tuesday. He was admitted to King's College Hospital where he is currently. He was diagnosed with COVID-19 and X-ray showed the presence of pneumonia in his lungs. His next of kin here in the UK and his family in Uganda are aware of his condition and location as is the Archbishop, Area Bishop and Chaplain at the hospital. Please remember Fr Gerard in your prayers at this time as he struggles to rid himself of the symptoms of this awful virus which has truly taken its toll upon him.

**LIVE STREAMING OF HOLY WEEK:** Please see our attached PDF with information about our Holy Week Services. You can click [here](#) to access it and link directly to both YouTube and Facebook in order to be with us at Mass. We are now streaming in HD with professional audio and stream a daily Holy Hour at 08:30 (Monday to Friday) which includes the Rosary at 09:10. Our daily Mass is 10am but see the poster for the times of the services for the Sacred Triduum.

**Stations of the Cross** cannot be celebrated in public together. In place of this we are sharing a photograph of each of our Church's beautiful Stations with an accompanying meditation from Fr Dominic Allain. There will be a new station each day until Good Friday. Click [here](#) to access them.

**Helping the needy:** We have been working hard to ensure that everyone who is in a vulnerable position; either alone or lacking support from others who can shop for them, are being helped. In doing this I've liaised with Lambeth Council who have great services for the vulnerable. If you know of anyone who requires basic assistance to prevent them leaving the house please get in touch with us and we either help them directly or sign-post them. There is a helpline specifically for those over 70 years of age run by Lambeth Council which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

**Telephone support:** The clergy and the SVP have been calling those who are isolated and lack the support of friends and family. Although we're currently unable to visit nursing homes due to infection control we've been in touch with the Manager of Windmill Lodge Nursing Home who is arranging for us to video call residents to maintain spiritual support for them while in isolation.

**The Food Bank:** The Food Bank is still open and receiving donations; visit the link by clicking [here](#) to know what is required. You can provide financial support to them by clicking [here](#).

**#CatholicBrixtonHill: Please love, like, subscribe to and share our content!** In order to stay in touch with you we've revised the website and have accounts on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). It would be great if when posting about us or sharing our content you could use the hashtag **#CatholicBrixtonHill** as it will make it easier for those seeking to find us.

**200 Club:** The 200 Club has been suspended until a time when Government restrictions are lifted.

**Virtual Art Exhibition:** John Bateson-Hill has produced a virtual art exhibition of his paintings and prints which include images to inspire reflection on our faith. Please click here to access the exhibition. John's email address is [j.r.cornerstone@btinternet.com](mailto:j.r.cornerstone@btinternet.com) if you wish to be in touch about his productions.

**Living The Word this Week:** How will you welcome the Lord at the beginning of this Holy Week? Journeying with the characters in the Passion narrative, with whom do you most identify? Where do the events of this historical narrative touch your life? **For Children:** How eager are you to do what Jesus asks of you? What does Jesus riding on a donkey tell you about Him? **For Families:** Those in Jerusalem who saw Jesus asked 'Who is this?' Who is Jesus for you? How has this Lent different in many ways, strengthened your faith, brought you closer as a family and to God? On Good Friday morning you can still journey with Jesus to the Cross as a family at home. What might you have to do to be able to say yes to this invitation.