

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020

## TRINITY SUNDAY

### HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	09:00	Welfare of Toni Suffolk
Wednesday	09:00	Welfare of Mark Belton
Thursday	09:00	Esperance Dawa Atalia RIP
Friday	09:00	Norah and Tommy O'Leary RIP
Saturday	09:00	Irma Gomez RIP

<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):	<b>Tuesday - Friday 08:00 - 08:50</b>
Rosary (online):	<b>Tuesday - Friday 08:30 - 08:50</b>
Divine Mercy:	Suspended until further notice

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**We pray especially for Esperance Dawa Atalia, Margaret Boyle and Rita Nunan who died recently.** We pray for Lucrezia Lanzon, Kyle Dawkins Jadwiga Dobrowolska Margaret Henry, Paul Carron, Simone Dawkins, Kathleen Hone, Francis Fletcher, Selwin Scott and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for all who are the victims of racial discrimination, abuse and violence. We pray for the people of the United States as they come to terms with the murder of George Floyd and ask God to nurture within all hearts the desire for justice, peace and reconciliation. May each of us recognise where we have been guilty of prejudice and and ask for healing.



I'm quite used to being in hospital. For one reason or another I've found myself in hospital on several occasions in the past couple of years. Last week it was King's and I was so grateful to the doctors and nurses for the care they gave me; they were so generous, kind and attentive. Being a patient is far easier when this level of care is received; it reassures us about human nature and contributes to our health and healing. Today's feast is about the eternal giving and receiving which leads to our spiritual health and healing; the love of God as a Trinity of persons. We know this to be a revelation of the truth "God is Love" but it's interesting to consider what this love involves because we're not only talking about the gift of self to another but *receiving* that gift too. Jesus tells of this in His earthly ministry by witnessing to what He has "received from [the] Father" and the Spirit (cf. John 16:5). In order to enter into the life of the Trinity more fully (a journey which began at our baptism) we're being called to sacrifice (give ourselves in love) but in order to do that we must *receive* the origin of perfect sacrifice; God's love. It's not always easy to be a patient; to be stopped in our tracks; become helpless, incapable of completing tasks which give us a sense of purpose and need others' help, but it is instructive. For we cannot give what we haven't got: make us willing to receive you, O God! **Father Matthew**

<b>Parish Offertory</b> NatWest Business: <u>RCAS Brixton Hill</u> <i>giftaid it</i> Sort Code: <u>600336</u> A/C Number: <u>17403014</u> or..... <b>to donate quickly online (&amp; Gift-Aid it) click <a href="#">here</a>.</b>		<b>Next Sunday's Readings: Corpus Christi</b> First: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16 Psalm: Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 Second: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Gospel: John 6:51-58	
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## PARISH NEWS

**Father Matthew writes...** I'm back and very grateful to Deacon Dermott (bro') for manning the fort while both I (and Fr Gerard) fight our way back to full fitness. I'm so grateful to all of you for the love and support I've received expressed in calls, cards, emails and gifts. To all of you who have been in touch in these ways "thank you"! It really does mean a lot and has really helped my recuperation. The lady who assaulted me went on to assault two police officers and cause criminal damage to their van and she is in custody. We pray for the police and for this lady that, as justice is done, she may be helped to rehabilitate, reform and return to become an active member of society.

**Re-Opening our Church:** Yesterday I received an email from our Archbishop linking to a document produced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales giving guidance to parishes about re-opening. We expect this to be possible from next month but only for private prayer; there is no indication that sacraments can be celebrated or public worship conducted during this first phase of restrictions being lifted. We are to conduct our own risk assessment, however, the main consideration which will determine if and for how long each week our Church can re-open is the number of volunteers who come forward to give of their time as stewards. Please [email us](#) if you are not within an "at-risk" group and are willing both to be trained and to commit on a weekly basis to being at the Church for at least a couple of hours as a steward. The Church can only be open with two stewards present at all times. I do hope that we will be able to re-open for at least some time each week so it's not only us in the Priests' House who can experience being in the presence of Jesus in His house. When we re-open we will be allowed to expose the Blessed Sacrament!

**The feast of The Most Holy Trinity** is today. We can't fully understand this mystery of our faith; as creatures we are limited yet God reveals Himself to us as three persons and one God not to confuse us; He wants us to grow in our understanding of Him each year hence our celebration. Why not take two minutes to listen to Bishop Robert Barron [shed some light](#) on what we believe?

**Our Parish Feast Day:** It is such a shame that lockdown prevents us from gathering for the celebration of the feast to which our Church is dedicated; the Body of Christ or Corpus Christi. One of Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller (our late parish priest)'s favourite places to visit was Orvieto in Italy; home to a very decent dry white wine (maybe this could be the destination for our parish pilgrimage?!) and also the place where St Thomas Aquinas wrote the hymns for this great feast which celebrates that within our beautiful Church is Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. I'm hopeful we may be able to arrange some sort of virtual Eucharistic procession next weekend at which we'll sing one of the famous hymns St Thomas composed; watch this space!

**How we can grow:** As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Fr Matthew is looking at ways to further develop the life of the parish. As a starter, he is working to establish two youth groups (for post-confirmation and for year 6s, 7s and 8s) and restore the bereavement group. If you have any other ideas of what you would like to see, please let him know.

**Thank you** to all of you who are contributing to our online offertory each week. It is understandable that so many face difficult circumstances at this time and are unable to give. If you are in a position to support us, please give via our website [here](#) or the [external link](#) if you encounter problems.

**LIVE streaming of daily prayer and Mass:** Click [here](#) to join us for our Holy Hour (Tuesday - Friday at 08:00 with Rosary at 08:30) and Mass (Tuesday - Saturday at 9:00 and Sunday at 10:30).

**Telephone support:** The clergy and the SVP continue to call those who are isolated and lack the support of friends and family. If you know of anyone who is in need please [get in touch with us](#).