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SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	11TH	10:00	St Damasus I	Feria	Katrina Fleming RIP
SATURDAY	11TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Ned Butler RIP
SUNDAY	12TH	08:30	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	In thanksgiving by Joan Isha
	12TH	10:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	12TH	12:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Margaret Callaghan RIP
	12TH	18:00	Third Sunday of Advent	Solemnity	Patrick & Margaret Courtney
MONDAY	13TH	10:00	St Lucy	Memorial	Michaela
TUESDAY	14TH	10:00	St John of the Cross	Memorial	Peter Kunklke Ishola RIP
WEDNESDAY	15TH	10:00	Third Week of Advent	Feria	Anna, Marcello, Grace & Carmello
THURSDAY	16TH	10:00	Third Week of Advent	Feria	Josephine & Agnes
FRIDAY	17TH	10:00	Third Week of Advent	Feria	Margaret Brigit Gerrard
SATURDAY	18TH	10:00	Third Week of Advent	Feria	Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]


OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS



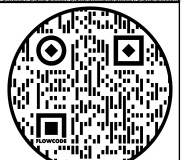
We pray for Bruno Romano, Magdalene Hibbert and Aidan McBrien who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including George Keefe, Mary Evans, Mary Feehan, George Ramdeal and Annie Collins. As the school term comes to an end this coming week we remember all staff of Corpus Christi school, children and parents. May this coming Christmas break be a time in which families are able to gather and celebrate in a way in which deepens their faith in God and friendship with one another.

This Sunday we are encouraged by the Church to rejoice as it is Gaudate Sunday when we light a lighter-coloured candle on our Advent wreath and wear rose vestments instead of the darker purple. I know, however, for many of you who are parents of young children there has not been rejoicing but disappointment as Nativity plays and Carol concerts have had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Your disappointment is accompanied by sadness because you will - again - be deprived of seeing the smiles on the faces of your children in these significant moments of their lives. At this time we remember a mother and father who would also experience disappointment about not being able to provide for their child's need: every Nativity play presents this sorrowful situation to us as they were denied a place to stay by the innkeepers. Yet, despite this disappointment - and things not being as they should be - they came to know pure joy which is the gift of God Himself to us. I pray for you and all your families that - as Christmas draws near - you may all know (despite recent disappointments) the pure joy that Christ comes to bring in this great feast that awaits us.

Parish Offertory

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PARISH NEWS

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS: new regulations came into force last Friday to limit the spread of the Omicron variant. Within places of worship it is now mandatory that - unless exempt - a face covering must be worn.

OUR NOTICEBOARD: I am so pleased that - when you enter our Church porch - you will now be greeted by a colourful display produced by the children of our Corpus Christi Sunday Youth Group. Last Sunday the children were guided by John Bateson-Hill in painting, drawing, cutting out and creating the display which is a colourful and warm way of welcoming those who enter. Thanks to all!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards our Parish Christmas Party and especially those who have taken the time to prepare our Hall and cater. It involves a lot of work by many and I'm so grateful for your willingness to help bring people together.

VINNIE PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS: The St Vincent De Paul Society within our parish invite you to sponsor - at a cost of £5 each - cold weather packs with winter essentials for the homeless. The packs will be distributed to the homeless or you can give a pack to a person in need over Christmas. The packs will be on sale after all Masses and you can donate cash or via contactless in the porch.

SYNOD 2023: There will be a final opportunity - for those who have been unable to attend previous meetings - to take part in a Synod Zoom listening session on **Thursday 13th January at 19:30**. Please do save the date and the link will follow in next week's Newsletter.

PIANO IN THE HALL: There is a standing piano in our Hall which is looking for a new home. If anyone is interested in taking the piano - or knows someone who might be - please get in touch.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON TO VISIT CORPUS CHRISTI IN FEBRUARY 2022: I happily inform you that Archbishop John Wilson - our Archbishop of Southwark - will come to visit our parish on **Sunday 6th February 2022** and celebrate the **10am Mass**.

CHRISTMAS 2021: The Mass schedule for Christmas will be as follows:

Friday 24th December:	Christmas Eve:	6pm (Family Mass), 12am (Midnight Mass)
Saturday 25th December	Christmas Day:	8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, <u>No 6pm Mass!</u>
Sunday 26th December	Boxing Day:	8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, <u>No 6pm Mass!</u>

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: On **Thursday 16th December at 7pm** we will gather in Church for our Advent Reconciliation Service. Fr Mebrate, two visiting priests and I will provide the opportunity for all of you to come to individual confession. Enjoy the great gift of God's forgiveness and peace to prepare - in the best way possible - for his being born!

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIEST'S REFERENCE FORMS: Forms will be returned in the following way:

Corpus Christi Primary School:	delivered directly to the school office by Fr Matthew.
All other schools:	from The Priests' House on <u>Monday 10th Jan 2022</u> .