




# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	19TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	Antonina RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>19TH</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	William Ford RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>20TH</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	In thanksgiving to God
	<b>20TH</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	PRO POPULO
	<b>20TH</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	Koudou's Confirmation
	<b>20TH</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	Health of Peter Reade
MONDAY	21ST	10:00	St Peter Damian	Memorial	Claude Béche RIP
TUESDAY	22ND	10:00	The Chair of St Peter	Feast	Frederick Winifred RIP
WEDNESDAY	23RD	10:00	St Polycarp	Memorial	Bernardino Herrera RIP
THURSDAY	24TH	10:00		Feria	Heaney & Greevy Families
FRIDAY	25TH	10:00	St Ethelbert	Memorial	Joseph James Constable
SATURDAY	26TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	In thanksgiving to God

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


**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS**



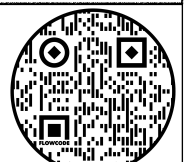
We pray for Cathy Crayton, Christina Woodward, Rosa Sagona, Antonio Lanzon, Evelyn Drisdale who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Verdal Smith, Louis Beche, Mark Smith, Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara, Josephine Riley and Guiseppe Mason. We remember those who have died as a result of Storm Eunice and all who have braved the weather conditions to help rescue those who suffer: we remember the work of the RNLI at sea and all who choose to be brave to help others.

"Ordinary Time" isn't the most inspiring way of describing our Sunday celebrations. When the liturgy was renewed during the Second Vatican Council there were many positive developments but I don't count this as one of them. "The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time" replaces "The Sunday of 60 Days before Easter" and I can't help but feel that the latter helps us look forward - at an appropriate time - to what is approaching. We like to look forward - to anticipate - that which is to come for the good reason of wanting to be ready. Indicating the approach of Easter - the centre of our faith - also helps remind us that it's not too long before the beginning of Lent: a time when we're meant to ask ourselves in what way we can each draw closer to God. If you're like me I find that Lent tends to creep up suddenly and then we're in it before we know it. It's always better for us to anticipate its arrival - to remember that it's only two weeks away - which helps sharpen our focus and put us in the right frame of mind for the season which is so full of grace for us. O Lord Jesus, help us to make this "Ordinary Time" extraordinary in the way we prepare ourselves to be close to your Son.

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## PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** This week we welcome Abbott Hugh Allen - Apostolic Administrator of the Falkland Islands - who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 86 Candidates. May God bless them all in giving them the Gifts of the Spirit. I would like to thank our wonderful Catechists who gave of their time to help prepare our candidates.

**WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES FROM MARCH:** we will be introducing some weekday evening Masses from mid-March. They will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. Details to follow...

**STAY AND PLAY GROUP RETURNS:** From this **Friday (25th February)** the Stay and Play Toddlers' Group will run **between 9:15 and 11:15am**. The group connects parents living in the parish and provides a safe environment for children. We ask for a donation of £2 per child and £1 for siblings [you can now use contactless]. Please call Blathnaid Duffy if you can help: 07816980010.

**OUR BOILER:** Our gas is still switched off with no heating in our Church and Hall. We have been provided with small heaters which makes the Hall comfortable but - if you are coming to Church - please remember to wrap up warm. I have asked several contractors to visit us in order to compare their proposed solutions. Whereas our flue failed a visual inspection this is not the only problem with our system and I do not want to rush a solution in the immediate term which ignores these other issues. It is important we find the most cost-efficient solution and - after consulting with our parish finance committee - hope to be able to provide a more comprehensive briefing in the near future.

**UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking to re-introduce Children's liturgy at the Sunday morning Masses. Before this can begin all volunteers need to receive a new DBS clearance from the Archdiocese. There will also need to be safeguarding and catechetical training for all those involved as well. I would be very grateful to receive [an email](#) from anyone who is interested in helping with Children's liturgy and would be willing to commit to assisting so that we will be able to provide it during the Liturgy of the Word.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:** There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund of the Archdiocese. The largest area of Archdiocesan expenditure is the provision of care for the growing number of priests who have reached retirement age: the majority will not have family to care for them and this means that the Archdiocese has to provide. We are being asked to consider how much we can give back to those who have given to us.

**SENIORS' TALK WITH LUNCH:** On Monday 28th February there will be a talk by one of our parishioners - Dan Howarth - who is Head of Care at Diabetes UK and a qualified nurse. It will be followed by a simple lunch and all Seniors are welcome to attend. Do save the date!

**RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS:** the practical implications for us are as follows:

- Holy Communion is still to be distributed under one kind only and the sign of peace omitted.
- Those attending Church may wear face coverings but it is no longer a legal requirement to do so.
- Holy Water is now available in the stoups which can be used upon entering and leaving Church.