

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



<b>Sunday</b>	Aud Gutiérrez Our Parish Family
Monday	Rev. Daniel O'Meara RIP [FM] *
Tuesday	Paul RIP *
Wednesday	* *
Thursday	Welfare of Patrick Murray *
Friday	Zak March RIP [Anniv.] *
Saturday	* *

\* = 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:	Suspended until further notice
Rosary:	Suspended until further notice
Stations:	Suspended until further notice
Divine Mercy:	Suspended until further notice

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**Office Hours**                    Currently Closed

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

**We pray especially for Esme Mackay RIP** who died on Monday morning after contracting COVID19.



We pray for all of those who are suffering from the Coronavirus, their relatives, those who care for them and those working to keep the country running during this troubling time. May God be with them in what they do. Please pray for those resident in Brixton Prison who are without their usual activities since visitors are unable to enter the prison. We pray for the staff and pupils of our school and all parishioners who have been affected; those unable to work, those in financial difficulty and those experiencing loneliness at this time.

**Coronavirus & The Cross:** It is good to be in touch! I know it means reading this from your home instead of in Church and it is so bizarre for us to be without you. We are in times of great distress for so many and it is easy to become overwhelmed and lose sight of God. This is why Archbishop John has encouraged each of us to create a shrine in our homes and to turn to the Lord frequently. Our parish Church (our common home) is open from 08:30 - 6pm each day and in the Church we have erected a public shrine. Since there is no communal celebration of Mass the forward altar has been moved and in its place is the Crucifix surrounded by two candles which burn throughout the day. This is the usual scene on Good Friday after the 3pm service; it is a stark reminder to us of Him whose act of perfect love is the central subject of our faith; "Jesus Christ who was crucified" (1Cor 2:2) Whenever we suffer we turn to Him who suffered for us and who suffers with us. In moments such as these let us make His cross the focus of our prayer. On the cross He reminds us that He endured and overcame darkness out of love for us. When we suffer we share in what He experienced and we believe that by uniting our sufferings to His He will give us strength to endure and find new life!

### Parish Offertory

It has not been possible to count last week's offertory in the light of current circumstances.



### Next Sunday's Readings

First:                    Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm:                 129(130)  
Second:                Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel:                 John 11:1-45



## PARISH NEWS

**Esme McKay RIP** died on the 17th March, a loving, friendly and caring person. Unfortunately, in latter years she was housebound. Esme came into the church about twenty years ago. She has been a very faithful member of Corpus Christi joining and working particularly well in the Union of Catholic Mothers, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, London Citizens. A very prayerful lady, she never missed being involved with the weeks of guided prayer. She helped fully on the International stall at our Summer Fare every year. She was a very responsible extraordinary minister loving her duty. She will be sadly missed.

**New Initiatives:** We're hard at work on new ways of communicating the Gospel through text, audio and video using different social media platforms and will be in touch with you by email about this!

**Sunday Mass:** we may not be together but it is possible to watch Sunday Mass streamed live in the UK. Follow along with the attached Sunday Message which has the text of the prayers and the readings we use every Sunday here. Click [here](#) to watch Mass from St Mary's in West Croydon.

**If someone is admitted to hospital and is in need of the sacraments** please ask the nurse to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain to be seen by a priest. **If someone is in need of a priest** please contact the Parish Office on 020 8150 1150.

**Archbishop John Wilson** has written a pastoral letter to all Catholics in the Archdiocese which can be read by clicking [here](#). He has also filmed a video from his own private chapel which you can watch by clicking [here](#).

**Telephone Ministry:** We are steadily getting in touch with all of those who are elderly, vulnerable, lonely and unsupported of whom we know in the parish. Please get in touch with us by clicking [here](#) to inform us of anyone whom you know is in need of accompaniment, friendship and practical support (food shopping etc.) when having to self-isolate so that we can offer them this support.

**Staying in touch:** You are reading this because we have your email address. There are many who are disconnected from us because we do not have their contact details. Please ask those whom you know to get in touch with us via email by clicking [here](#) and request to receive our Newsletter via email. We will add them to our mailing list so we can all stay in touch.

**The Food Hub:** People have made enquiries about continuing to donate items to the Food Bank. The Food Bank is still open and receiving donations; visit the link by clicking [here](#) to know what is required. Donations of food can be left in the Church in the basket to the right of Our Lady's altar. *Others are in the Church please remember to observe social distancing; we are to be six feet apart to prevent the potential spread of infection. All those with serious medical conditions should be self-isolating. They (and all those self-isolating) can give financial support by clicking [here](#).*

**Welcome Deacon Dermott!** St John's Seminary in Womersley is where those who are training to become priests in our Archdiocese receive formation and instruction. In light of COVID19 the seminary has shut and all seminarians have been transferred to parishes to assist. Fr Gerard and I have therefore been joined by my brother Dermott who is a Deacon and able to assist with the initiatives we are getting off the ground to keep us in touch with God & one another. Welcome bro'!

**Funeral of Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark Peter Smith RIP:** Archbishop John Wilson writes: *"There will now be a private Reception of the Body and Funeral Liturgy, with burial in the Cathedral vault. At a later date, when the restrictions have been removed, a Mass in memoriam will be celebrated where we can all gather together. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul."*

**Our Church remains open** for private prayer daily from 08:30 - 6pm. All are welcome to find solace in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, to light a candle and say their prayers.