

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020**

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT. VIGIL</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>Solemnity</i>	Teresa Chanje RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
		<b>12:00</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>Solemnity</i>	Hugo Nelson Velasquez Gomez RIP
MONDAY	24th	<b>NO MASS</b>			
TUESDAY	25th	09:30	St Louis	<i>Memorial</i>	Gustavo Gomez RIP
WEDNESDAY	26th	09:30	Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>Memorial</i>	
THURSDAY	27th	09:30	St Monica	<i>Memorial</i>	
FRIDAY	28th	09:30	St Augustine	<i>Memorial</i>	
SATURDAY	29th	09:30	The beheading of St JTB	<i>Memorial</i>	Angela Falle
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**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAYS 17:00 - 17:45 [HALL]

**CHURCH OPEN:** WEDS: 4-6, FRI: 2-4, SAT: 10-2.



**We pray especially for Agatha Samuels and William (Brendan) Kearney who died recently.** We pray for Phyllis Craig, Rosetto Jacobs, Mary McCaffery, Machilde Joseph and Julia Ryan 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 of those who will be returning from their holidays at this time; those who are travelling from abroad and those on the roads in the UK. We pray that all will return safely and refreshed from a time of relaxation and leisure that was enjoyable and provided an opportunity to grow in love for God and one another. We pray for all those helping make others’ journeys safe and for all in our emergency services.

“Father, I’m sad that my children don’t practice their faith anymore.” This is a comment I hear with relative frequency from parents who are understandably sad that their efforts to encourage and lead by example haven’t seemed to bear fruit. How Saint Monica (whose feast we will celebrate this coming week) would have empathised! If you find yourself expressing the same sorrow she can assist you with her prayers! Her son, St Augustine, was not practising the faith at all and had wandered far away in belief (he had bought into the popular but erroneous ways of Manichaeism which lauded individual insight above the eternal teaching of Jesus Christ the Son of God). He had also strayed in his personal life which he remembered with much regret in his account of his life (the famous *Confessions*). Monica persevered in prayer for him and never tired of asking God to help her son and in time these prayers were answered. Many of you at this point will still feel sad because the conversion St Monica lived to see herself you do not *yet* see; at this point there is no need to worry and over-scrutinise your role (the reasons why our young people are not going to Mass are many and complex) but instead know that St Monica can play a role in your life. As she helped her son to have faith on earth she can help your children from heaven and your believing this will not go unnoticed by them! **Fr M**

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### Next Sunday’s Readings: 22nd Sunday in OT

First: Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm: 62(63):2-6,8-9  
Second: Romans 12:1-2  
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



## PARISH NEWS

**FR GERARD IS MOVING ON!** Fr Gerard, who has been with us since September last year, is moving to pastures new. He has been asked by the Vicar General to move to the parish of St Elphege's, Wallington and provide assistance there. He will move during the week in which I return in the middle of September and so this is the last Sunday I will be with him. I want to thank Fr Gerard for his support, good humour and ministry to the housebound over the year he has been with us on Brixton Hill. This new chapter of his priestly ministry will begin in the parish where I was baptised (my mum will be one of his parishioners)! He goes with our prayers and best wishes and if any of you have cards or gifts for Fr Gerard please do drop them in at the Priests' House over the next few weeks; if you're late in doing so don't worry as I'll bring them to him when I visit mum.

**08:30 SUNDAY MASS:** Thank you to those who have kindly volunteered to be stewards! I'm happy to announce that we will introduce an **08:30 Sunday Mass from Sunday 20th September**. You'll have noticed a change to our Mass times in that two of them are now at an earlier time. I've been concerned about the overcrowding we experience at the end of our Solemn 10:30 Mass when others are arriving for the 12pm. We will give these new times a try and see how it goes!

**09:30 WEEKDAY MASS RETURNS** from Tuesday 25th August. There will be no Holy Hour until Tuesday 15th September which will begin at the later time of 08:30.

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** Fr Matthew will be away and the office will re-open on Tuesday 15th Sep.

**STREAMING OF MASS:** We're LIVE this Sunday but will be unable to stream Mass on 30/08, 06/08 & 13/08. We will **resume the stream from Sunday 20th September**. My trusty helper Niamh McGrath will no longer be available from September so if someone owns a Macbook, is tech-savvy and willing to assist in the role of Sunday Stream Manager ***please*** get in touch!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION LITURGIES [2019/2020 CANDIDATES]:** The Archdiocese provided clarification for larger parishes (like our own) at the end of July about how sacraments should be celebrated. Since then I have met with the coordinators of our programmes to plan how we can arrange them in the best way possible. The Bishops of England and Wales have declared that First Holy Communion and Confirmation liturgies qualify as "life-cycle ceremonies" which (as with Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings) are currently limited to 30 people only and, as we are preparing 70 candidates for First Holy Communion and 30 for Confirmation, this creates a particular challenge for us. We have been planning and will inform parents and carers of our plans once candidates have settled back into the new term in September. As certain restrictions continue to be relaxed we may face different circumstances in the weeks ahead and (if so) we will review our plans to ensure the liturgies are as worthy and welcoming as they can be.

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS (2021 ENTRY):** For all parents wishing to apply for a place for their child in a Catholic primary or secondary school (2021 entry) the information and resources you need are now available on our website: [WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS](http://WWW.CATHOLICBRIXTONHILL.ORG.UK/SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS)

**BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASS!** For the foreseeable future our Sunday Mass schedule will be 6pm Saturday, 10am and 12pm Sunday. Bookings open each Wednesday and you can book your place via our homepage: [www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk](http://www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk). Please spread the word and come along! There are a limited number of places available due to social distancing requirements.