

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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## SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & DEVOTIONS



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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>10:30</b> | Our Parish Family         |
| Monday        |              | NO MASS                   |
| Tuesday       | 09:00        | Welfare of Mimmo & Renata |
| Wednesday     | 09:00        | Mary Ennis RIP            |
| Thursday      | 09:00        | Welfare of Toni Suffolk   |
| Friday        | 09:00        | Welfare of Mark & Anne    |
| Saturday      | 09:00        | Irma Gomez                |

\*Free Mass intention

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| <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):           | Tuesday - Thursday 08:00 - 08:50                 |
| Rosary (online):              | Tuesday - Thursday 08:30 - 08:50                 |
| Stations (online):            | Click <a href="#">here</a> for Daily Meditations |
| Divine Mercy:                 | Suspended until further notice                   |

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| <b>Parochial Administrator</b><br>Also Resident | Fr Matthew O’Gorman<br>Fr Gerard Balinnya<br>Rev. Dermott O’Gorman | matthewogorman@rcaos.org.uk<br>gerardbalinnya@rcaos.org.uk<br>[in temporary residence] |  |
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| <b>Office Hours</b>                             | Currently Closed                                                   | <b>Hall Bookings:</b> conor@lowcosthalls.co.uk                                         |                                                                                       |
| <b>Parish Safeguarding Rep.</b>                 | Mrs Yogi Sutton                                                    | 07891039861      Diocese:      020 7261 1606                                           |                                                                                       |

**We pray especially for Deirdre McGowan who was laid to rest last Friday, for Margaret Boyle and Rita Nunan who died recently.** We pray for Maria Grant, Vera Sommerville, Luigia Beschizza, Ernest Henry, Maria Reygarca 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 working to prepare their workplaces and schools to comply with social distancing requirements so that staff and students can return to work and education in the coming weeks. We ask God to help those who are struggling to find, purchase and receive much-needed equipment and who are burdened by anxiety in light of their efforts to help others.



My brother keeps nagging me to go running with him. I’ve been twice. It’s not the greatest record considering there’ve been far more than two days of lockdown! My excuse is that I’m forever running up and down the stairs and I go out walking sometimes; I’m sure that does me good. Erm... not good enough! For each of us there’ll be things we avoid and lack the motivation to accomplish; it may be the ironing or the tax return or giving up a bad habit: we’ll produce excuses (like mine) for not doing what we need to do and what will help us. Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus speak about physical exercise; He’d undoubtedly be keen that we look after the gift of our bodily health but the topics He persistently addressed concerned the cultivation and nourishment of our *spiritual* life (the life of prayer) and we see this in today’s, yesterday’s and tomorrow’s Gospel passages at Mass; each record Him speaking to the Father; *the* model (in their communication) of perfect prayer. In speaking to (and listening to) the Father He shows us how we are to live our lives. The life of prayer isn’t easy but it’s essential for we who believe. It’s also not only for professionals: Jesus was most critical of those who thought they’d mastered it! It simply involves giving our time to Him. I found an encouraging video on the topic [here](#). Let’s pray each of us may be given the grace to pray! **Father Matthew**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Offertory</b></p> <p>NatWest Business:    <u>RCAS Brixton Hill</u>    <i>giftaid it</i><br/> Sort Code:                <u>600336</u><br/> A/C Number:            <u>17403014 or.....</u><br/> <b>to donate quickly online (&amp; Gift-Aid it) click <a href="#">here</a>.</b></p>  |  | <p><b>Next Sunday’s Readings: Pentecost Sunday</b></p> <p>First:                    Acts 2:1-11<br/> Psalm:                  Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34<br/> Second:                1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13<br/> Gospel:                  John 20:19-23</p>  |  |
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## PARISH NEWS

**Fr Matthew writes...** I met with our parish Finance and Buildings committee last week and will meet the Parish Council this coming week as we ready ourselves to (please God) open up soon. It is important that we are prepared and I'm very grateful for your offers of help to prepare and maintain an open Church when we are able to do so. Many of those who come to Church on a daily basis are unable to use the internet or do not possess an i-pad or computer and so the challenge has been to include them: while children help in many cases this is not the case for all who are housebound. There are technical challenges which I'm seeking to overcome in enabling them to phone-in for Mass but (as we've overcome the challenge of including pre-recorded audio) I'm confident we'll be able to offer this service soon! Our mid-week Holy Hour and Mass will now be at the earlier times of 8am and 9am. The Rosary (to be led by our Franciscan Sisters) will begin at 8:30am. We at the Priests' House are praying with you and for you. Please keep praying for us!

**How we can grow:** Our growth in prayer is the source of our growth as a parish and I am looking forward to how we develop our spiritual life upon the return to normal life we long for. I shared with the Parish Council at our last meeting my ambition that we cater for our young people. Our Practice and Pizza for the Altar Servers was a great event (the first of many!) and I'm working to establish two youth groups; for post-confirmation and for year 6s, 7s and 8s. Those who've lost loved ones need support and we (as a parish) can provide it: I'm looking to restore the bereavement group to this end amongst other things. Please think of how else we can grow and let me know your ideas!

**St Augustine of Canterbury** is one of the patrons of our Archdiocese and it is his feast day this coming Wednesday. In 2012 Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith consecrated the shrine to St Augustine which is in a former Abbey Church in Ramsgate (in our diocese). It was at Ramsgate that Augustine landed and eventually converted the King and great swathes of our land to Christianity. As part of the dedication of the shrine a Visitors' Centre was built. Drawing one's attention to it at this time adds to our frustration (we can't go there), however, it's possible [via their website](#) to take a virtual tour of the Abbey Church built by Augustus Welby Pugin. When we're back together it'll be a contender for one of our parish pilgrimages I'm looking forward to arranging with you!

[The London Learning Consortium](#) receives funding for adults who are unemployed or on low salaries (19+ YOA) to do online courses. There are four coming up which provide tutor support:

- Homework helpers programme (ideally for any parent supporting someone with Maths)
- ESOL programmes - for anyone who has English as a second Language
- Maths programme (Entry levels 2, Entry 3 and Level 1 )
- English programme (Entry levels 2, Entry 3 and Level 1 )

If you are interested please contact Maria Roye (07943442702 / [m.roye@londonlc.org.uk](mailto:m.roye@londonlc.org.uk)) to book.

**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 have been calling 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](#).

**CAFOD** are appealing for us to support them in helping developing countries respond to the Coronavirus via improved logistics, hygiene and communications. You can get more info [here](#).