

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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**SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020**

**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT. VIGIL	24th	18:00	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Louise Gavin
SUNDAY	25th	08:30	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Agneroh Nobel Fidel RIP
		10:00	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
		12:00	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	
MONDAY	26th	<u>NO MASS</u>			
TUESDAY	27th	09:30	Feria		Hermene
WEDNESDAY	28th	09:30	Saints Simon & Jude	<i>Feast</i>	Angele Falle
THURSDAY	29th	09:30	Feria		Teresa Chanje RIP
FRIDAY	30th	09:30	Feria		Ashley Rita
SATURDAY	31st	09:30	Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Memorial</i>	Pete Ridgeway RIP

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 17:00 - 17:45 [HALL]**

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.**



**We pray for Jesus Miguel Torre who died recently** and for Robert Reid, Niall Westwood, Mary Fisher and Francis Gilfoyle 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. As people start to switch their boilers on and the days get colder we pray for all those without a roof over their head: those who are homeless, those who have been recently evicted and those who live every day with the worry of not being able to afford their rent. We ask the Lord Jesus, who said the Son of Man had no place to lay his head, to be with those without a place to call home and to reassure them of his presence and his love as they struggle and have to endure the cold.

As I write this I'm feeling very excited about tomorrow when our catechumens (Agyekum, Rebecca, Jacqui, Rachel, Jennifer, Natalie, Shona) and our candidates (Pierluigi and Neil) will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church in our parish. It has been a privilege to accompany adults who have discerned through events and experiences the power of God in their lives and made the step to forge an eternal bond with Him in His Church. As they do this it always humbles me and makes me aware of how ungrateful I can be for the gift of faith. Seeing converts find the pearl of great price and exude joy and gratitude for the power of Jesus Christ in their lives is a reminder of how great a gift I have been given and the value of what I'm blessed to receive in our parish Church every day in the Mass: God Himself comes to be with me and He comes to be with all of us! I do not thank God enough for this truth and I take it for granted. At this time of greater restrictions this applies to the love of others too: the restrictions deny us their presence and make us aware of how much we need them; the real presence of someone else to make us happy. Encounter is our fulfilment and this is what draws our converts to the altar tomorrow: their belief that the greatest encounter awaits them there. May we grow more grateful for this encounter and learn (as they have) the truth St Robert Southwell taught so simply about Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: "First friend He was, best friend He is, all times will find Him true."

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### Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints

First: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14  
 Psalm: Psalm 23(24):1-6  
 Second: 1John 3:1-3  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



## PARISH NEWS

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!** This weekend we rejoice at the addition of new members to our family here at Corpus Christi as nine adults are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We baptise, confirm and give Holy Communion to nine adults for the first time who completed their preparation for the sacraments this month. Welcome Pierluigi Alifuoco, Agyekum Annor, Natalie Douglas, Rebecca Gordon, Jennifer Haden, Jacqueline Peebles, Rachel Ruzane, Neil Smith and Shona Zerafa. When we are rid of this virus I look forward to our celebrating with them socially and to all of you getting to know them. Pictures to follow...

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONS:** The work of the Missions abroad still continues and we take the annual Diocesan Collection for those working to bring Christ to those who are yet to encounter Him this weekend. The charity dedicated to this work is "Missio" and there will be a second bucket into which you can donate cash to them or you can donate online by clicking [HERE](#).

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONE'S WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:** As November is not too far away I would like to invite parishioners to submit the names of loved ones who have died which are being beautifully transcribed into our Remembrance Book. It is now possible to submit names quickly and easily via our online form by clicking [HERE](#). I shall display an open page each day in the Church alongside a lit candle next to the statue of St Patrick. It is traditional to have Masses said for the Holy Souls during this month and Mass intention envelopes are available from the porch. If you are isolating you can call or email us to book a Mass intention.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?:** Now is the time to apply to join our RCIA programme for those who wish to enter into full communion with the Lord Jesus in His Church (to become Catholic). If you are not baptised or if you have been baptised in another denomination please [fill in our online form](#). If you have been baptised a Catholic but not received Holy Communion or been Confirmed please [fill in our online form](#). All those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church at the next possible opportunity within our parish can fill out and submit the form available on our website. **Our deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday 28th October 2020.**

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE:** I would have loved for us to be able to do this together in person but that will have to wait. It is possible, however, to join others online and grow in your knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures. The seven session course will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm online ([HTTPS://COMEANDSEE.ORG](https://comeandsee.org)) and will be a great preparation for the Advent season in which we hear the development from Old Testament history and prophecy to the coming of Christ.

**ISOLATION AND TELEPHONE MINISTRY:** I want to thank our SVP and ministers of the Eucharist who offer companionship and support to the elderly and vulnerable within our community. Windmill Lodge, the nursing home within our parish that houses many who share our faith, is currently on lockdown because of a case of the virus and will be closed to visitors for at least 28 days: let us pray for all residents and carers ministering to them at this time. This is a reminder of how the virus can make many people isolated which can have a significant psychological impact upon them. [Please inform us](#) of anyone whom you know to be isolated and who would appreciate a telephone call or maybe some shopping done if they are trying to stay inside. We exist as a parish to help.

**SCHOOL FORMS:** all forms for Secondary School applications have been returned to parents and we are now receiving initial forms and priest's reference forms for primary schools. The deadline for receiving these will be announced in this Newsletter. Please see our website for the info you need!