



# CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time (Of the Word of God)

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Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today, Our Lord is at the beginning of his public ministry and we are reminded that the Prophecy of Isiah is being fulfilled. Jesus is He says "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". The Church in our modern world continues to hold this beacon of light shining in the darkness and we are called as Catholics to conform to this light.

Do we allow this light to guide our lives, or do we expect the light to conform to our way of living? Within the teachings of the Church there will always be issues that we find difficult to conform too and so we tell ourselves "I don't agree with the Church", or "the Church should adapt to the modern world". Is this attitude conforming to the Light? In the life of Our Lord he said many things which pleased people and, on some occasions, angered them and yet he did not change his teaching in order to satisfy them. Christianity must challenge us, if it doesn't, then there is something wrong. If the Church were to bow to popular opinion and change her teaching on various issues, would she be a Light shining in the darkness? Christ did not conform and as a result was Crucified, he was not in the ministry of popularity.

In my own life, there are times when I find some of the teachings of the Church difficult, especially on Moral Theology. For instance, should I say something when I discover during a Baptism Preparation that a couple are living together and not married. It is far easier to say nothing but then would I be challenging them? Each and everyone of us are called daily to witness to the fact that we are Christians, and that is a challenge. It is far easier to say nothing and would certainly make us more popular. A small way to be a witness to Christ is to ensure that in our main Living Room to which family and friends come there is something like a Crucifix or a Statue to unashamedly tell visitors of our Faith in Christ.

Today the Lord asks us to be his Light Shining in our modern world and this is not easy, never be afraid to be a witness for our Saviour and his Church as he will always give us courage.

Pope Benedict said when he a young Bishop that the Church in the future would lose much of its popularity, many of its fine buildings would be closed however and she would lose much of the prestige she once had. However, he said, that the faithful who remain within the Church would be very fervent.

Next week I will take the remainder of my Christmas Holiday and I will be away from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and returning for the evening Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. God Bless Fr. Sean.

## Mass Intentions - January

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.00 pm	Nora Procter Int
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00 am 10.30 am	James Grealish Private Intention
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Mass	Fr. Sean is on holiday
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	
<u>Fr. Benedict will be saying this Mass.</u>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	Fr. Sean is on holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Jock Scotland Ann.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> R.I.P	5.00 pm	George & Georgina Butcher
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am 10.30 am	Maurice McGrath Anni Dudley Vincent Dec'd

## Sick List

### *The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -*

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Casstells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, John Tilcock, Michael Glencross, Nora Proctor and Mary Todd, Alice Perry, Paul Donnelly

Anniversaries We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know

## Free Mass Times: for Mass Intentions

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00 am  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00 am  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00 am  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00 am  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.00 pm

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Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.

Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: M Miles

Eucharistic Minister: G Booth

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Mass

9.00 am

Reader: G Maloney

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader:

Eucharistic Minister



Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please call the parish, e-mail, or see Annabelle. The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Many thanks.  
Mass envelopes are at the back of the church, please make sure your phone number is on the envelope. Many thanks.

Dates for Your Diary:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – The Presentation of The Lord – Candle Mass.

Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Mass Times:

10.00 am & 7.30 pm.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February Sausage Sunday

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March Sausage Sunday

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April Sausage Sunday

After the 9.00 am & 10.30 Mass

Lent Lunches:

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Hall.

Holocaust Memorial Day: will this year be on Friday 27th January.

The HMD Trust encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. 'We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against identity-based persecution, to shop responsibly.' Booklets about Holocaust Memorial Day are available in the narthex. Please take one.

Choir: The Meeting on Thursday evening at 7.00pm went very well with Tom our Organist. There were 4 women and 2 men a fantastic turn out. Tom was really impressed that 2 men turned up. Please think about joining, what a wonderful way to use your voice. It was decided to have rehearsals on Thursday evening at 6.30 pm in the Church.

Fr. Sean is delighted with our budding choir. He hopes that they will be singing Mozart's Coronations Mass in a month's time, as he had it for his Ordination 😊

The Presentation of The Lord: Candle Mass: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Mass 10.00 am Fr. Sean will bless candles that are brought in. The Christmas Tree and Crib will be taken down after this day. The Mass is for his mother: Pauline Thornton R.I.P.

Articles for the Newsletter - Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to [tring@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tring@rcdow.org.uk)

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