# Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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## First Sunday of advent - 29th November 2026

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| **Saturday** | **28th** | **18:00** | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **Solemnity** | PRO POPULO |
| **Sunday** | **29th** | **08:30** | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **Solemnity** | |
| **Sunday** | **29th** | **10:00** | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **Solemnity** | Jan Bryndza RIP |
| **Sunday** | **29th** | **12:00** | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **Solemnity** | Flabine Stephanie Yapi - for recovery |
| **Sunday** | **29th** | **18:00** | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **Solemnity** | Dec. members of Smith & Vigor families |
| Monday | 30th | 10:00 | St. Andrew | Memorial | Manuel Dos Santos RIP (birthday) |
| Tuesday | 1st | 10:00 | St. Edmund Campion | Memorial | Ruth Mifsud RIP |
| Wednesday | 2nd | 10:00 | | Feria | |
| Thursday | 3rd | 10:00 | St. Francis Xavier | Memorial | |
| Friday | 4th | 10:00 | St. John Damascene | Memorial | |
| Saturday | 5th | 10:00 | St. John Almond | Memorial | |

**Tea And Coffee**: Sunday after 10am & 12pm Mass

**Confessions**: Saturday Evening: 5pm - 5:40pm

We pray for those who have died recently including Etheldra Braithwaite, Yao Yoboue Pauline and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joseph Rider, John Barrett, William o"Brien, Patricia Ivory, Teresa Ryder and Robert Fleming. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Leo visited a parish in Rome this past week and - reflecting upon the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth - said these words: "Though she had her own concerns, she did not think of herself. She set out, went beyond herself, and visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was in greater need. This is an exceptional example for us, because through such a simple gesture we can change the life of another person, a city, a neighbourhood or a community. Rather than being consumed by concern for our own circumstances, we can reach out without abandoning anything - without leaving our family or all the other things that matter to us. We, too, can imitate Mary and repeat that same gesture, which reveals a love that is ultimately divine. She, who is truly the Mother of God, teaches us what it means to love. What is a parish? It is like a small part of a diocese, where people live out concretely what it means to be Christians and disciples of Jesus: people who, through faith, have come to experience the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives. But that very experience of knowing Jesus Christ also makes them feel called to be missionaries. This is very important for all the baptised. So even in a city, even in an area whose population may no longer be what it once was, where social realities are constantly changing, there is still this missionary vocation - this invitation to imitate Mary." With these words Pope Leo points us towards the endeavour that we share as parishioners within our own parish of Corpus Christi: it is the mission that we were given in Baptism and are reflecting upon in our Synodal meetings and which we are called to treasure more deeply as we begin our Church year together this Advent. How can I bring the love of Jesus into a world that needs it so much? How am I - like Mary - carrying Jesus to others as a witness to compassionate concern and to love of others before self. Before the lights, the events, the plans and the distractions overwhelm us let us ask for the grace to be still and ask Jesus to help us learn how to love in new ways as we receive Him this Sunday.

## Parish News

**New Parish Website:** I'm delighted to announce the launch of our new parish website! Please visit www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk and I hope that you like what you see. Thanks to all who have helped!

**Parish Christmas Party:** We will gather for live music, food and festive fun on Saturday 12th December from 7pm. Thank you to all who are planning and will work to help on the night. I'm very grateful to our musicians who will lead us in song. Most importantly… Save The Date and join us!

**The SVP:** are very grateful for your generous response to their appeal. On 5th / 6th December they will offer sponsorship of Vinnie Packs for the homeless with winter essentials for a £5 donation.

**Corpus Christi Carol Service:** I am delighted that we will host Matthew O'Keefe (of the Brixton Chamber Orchestra) conducting a choir of professional singers for readings and carols on **Thursday 17th December at 8pm**. The event will be advertised in the local area and is an opportunity for us to welcome newcomers and be inspired by sacred scripture and music. All are welcome!

**Volunteers Needed:** On Thursday 17th December we open our doors to the local community for our Carol Service to which all are welcome. We intend to offer refreshments afterwards in the Hall but need some help. If you're able to assist on the evening then please email the parish office.

**Beacon Health Team:** will visit us on Sunday 5th December offering the opportunity to see a doctor and have a free health check. They are here after the 10am and 12pm Masses.

**Sponsorship for young people:** I will be leading a group of our young adults to Stonyhurst College for the annual Faith Winter Conference in January. We have a number who cannot afford the total cost and I would be very grateful if you could help our young people attend with a donation. Please click or scan the QR and select "Youth Conference".

**World Youth Day Delegates:** We are supporting three of our young parishioners - Eileen Andino-Munoz, Sharon Amune and Rosemary Owusu-Ansah - to go on pilgrimage with Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea next Summer. They need to raise £770 each. You can click here or scan the QR and select "World Youth Day 2027" to sponsor them.

**Daily Reflection for Advent:** As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! Follow this link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv to sign up or see www.southwarkdsc.org.uk .

**Forthcoming Synod Meetings:** I am very grateful to Sisters Patricia and Ann for facilitating our Synod Meetings using A Feast For All Peoples There will be further meetings on Fridays 4th and 11th December from 7:30-9. These meetings explore themes within the final document of the Synod which is available to read online by clicking here. All are welcome to attend.

**Register as a Parishioner:** We have a new parishioner registration form that helps us stay in touch, provide pastoral care, and understand the gifts within our community; it takes 5 mins to complete. Thank you for helping us grow together as a parish. Please fill it out via this link or scan the QR code on the right. Paper copies are available in the porch.