



Corpus Christi, St. Peter's and Holy Rosary Parishes

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Everyone is welcome - without exception

2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year B 14th January 2024

Monday 15th January	10am	Corpus Christi	Communion Service
<i>Weekday</i>	10am	St Peter's	Mass - Open Intention
Tuesday 16th January	10am	Corpus Christi	Mass - Jackie Devlin
<i>Weekday</i>			
Wednesday 17th January	10am	Corpus Christi	Communion Service
<i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	11am	St. Peter's	Funeral Service - Craig Richard Gibson +
	7pm	St Peter's	Mass - Open Intention
Thursday 18th January	10am	Corpus Christi	Mass—Des Costelloe
<i>Weekday</i>			
Friday 19th January	10am	Corpus Christi	Communion Service
<i>Weekday</i>			
Saturday 20th January	10am	Holy Rosary	Communion Service /Mass
<i>St Sebastian M</i>	4.45pm	St Peter's	Exposition & Confession
	6pm	St Peter's	Mass - Gerard Fagan
Sunday 21st January	9.15am	Corpus Christi	Mass- Margaret Sherry
	11am	St Peter's	Mass- David Ormond

Sunday Readings

First Reading:- Book of Samuel 3:3-10.19

Response:- to the Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will

Second Reading:- First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

Gospel:- John 1:35-42



Fiducia Supplicans - Pope Francis' letter on Blessings

Just weeks before Christmas, Pope Francis published a declaration on the pastoral meaning of blessings. In it, for the first time, Pope Francis said that same sex couples could approach their priest and ask for a blessing to help and sustain them on their journey of faith. This is not a blessing of their relationship, but them asking God to help them in their daily lives. For centuries the Church has blessed so many things; from our homes and our cars, to our pets, to guns and even nuclear weapons. Yet the same Church that blessed guns and nuclear weapons, refused to give any blessing to a person that identified as LGBTQ+. Pope Francis' pastoral care of every person is central to his papacy and this has been central from the beginning. This document, for the first time, shows how he has extended the love of Christ to everyone, as it should be. At the end of the document, Pope Francis writes, **“every sister and brother will be able to feel that, in the Church, they are always pilgrims, always beggars, always loved, and despite everything, always blessed”**. What a beautiful thing to read and hear; Jesus loves everyone...without exception.

There is an excellent article, written by Francis Debernardo, published in NCR (National Catholic Register), <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/vatican-document-represents-pope-francis-pastoral-revolution-gay-catholics> which is an extremely well written and I would highly recommend people to read it.

FOOD CO-OP

Donations can be brought to Corpus Christi Church Monday 9.30am -12.00pm and Tuesday before 10.30am or St Peter's in the container provided near the hall door. Food will be collected from St Peter's on Monday and Tuesday at 8.30am. Items needed: **Fresh fruit and vegetables, long life milk and eggs**

JOE'S PLACE

Joe's Place is appealing for the following items: **Tins of stewing steak, mince, potatoes, peas and carrots.** Sleeping bags are also needed as the weather turns colder and an increasing number of people are finding themselves homeless.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME FOR THE FOOD COOP & JOE'S PLACE In these challenging times, the number of people coming along is increasing. Food donations are needed more than ever & are gratefully received.

FOOD COOP Account Name: Soul Food Spaces
Sort Code: 08-92-99
Account Number: 65851838

JOE'S PLACE Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Joe's Place
Sort Code: 40-34-45
Account Number: 41153080

Corpus Christi and St Peter's Outreach Group

The next meeting of the Outreach Group takes place on **Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm** in St Peter's Hall.

This will be an opportunity to evaluate our Christmas Project and to look ahead into 2024 to plan how to develop our outreach to those in need.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference Saturday 3rd February

All who are concerned about young people – parents, youth ministers, catechists, teachers, clergy - are invited to a conference at Cardinal Hume School on Saturday 3rd February 10.00am – 4.00pm. This is YMT's first conference since the pandemic and it promises to be a practical and encouraging day. The theme is 'Invest in the Fearlessness of Youth', inspired by the words of Pope Francis. Keynote speaker is Rev. Professor David Wilkinson, who will explore how we can engage young people with the Gospel when we live in a world of science. David Wells, a renowned and engaging international speaker, will offer reflection on the theme and there will be a range of workshops including ways to pray with young people, dealing with mental health, using social media and music. Cost of ticket £12. Email nsalkeld@ymt.org for more details or to book a place.

PARISH OFFICE

From January 2024 Claire will be in the office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am-5pm. Please call the above numbers if you need help with anything,
Thank you!

Proud Catholics - Inclusive Churches: An Ecumenical Exchange

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St.

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 16th January, at 7.30pm.** Just before the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will welcome representatives from a number of LGBTQ+ inclusive churches in Newcastle, to share our experiences of this ministry as lay and ordained Christians. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:
HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January
HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January
Cleaner, St Anne, Darlington – part-time. Closing date 11 January
Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date 18 January
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

COFFEE ROTA New Rota to be made; please contact Mandy to join Rota on Sunday mornings! Or if you wish to stop!
Tel: 07751986851.

Peace Sunday

This Sunday, January 14th is Peace Sunday. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read a full copy of his message for the World Day of Peace here: [Pope Francis Message for World Day of Peace 2024](#)
For further information on Peace Sunday including resources for prayer and reflection see the [Pax Christi website](#).

ALCOHOLICIS ANONYMOUS (AA)

Do you have a problem with alcohol?

Call free on 08009177650 or help@aamail.org

Locally, you can contact the following in confidence: Paul 07554665116 or Ryan 07745273686

PASTORAL CARE

As our bills continue to increase, money is becoming tighter for many. If you are struggling financially, please be assured that we will help where possible. The Emergency Fund is there to help parishioners in need. All enquiries will be treated with the utmost confidence. Please do not struggle alone or think there is no help available.

If you have any worries or concerns or if you are struggling financially, please don't hesitate to contact:

**Fr Paul 0191 487 6505 or email saintpeterscatholicparish@gmail.com
Deacon Tom Rooke 0191 477 1428 or email corpus1936@gmail.com**