



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

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Everyone is welcome - without exception

First Sunday of Lent - Year B 18th February 2024

Sunday Readings

First Reading:- Genesis - 9:8-15

**Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant**

Second Reading:- First letter of Peter - 3:18-22

Gospel:- Mark 1:12-15

Preface - Lent I Eucharist Prayer: Reconciliation I



2024			Corpus Christi		St. Peter's	
Sat	17th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions VIGIL MASS
Sun	18th	1st Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Peter Hamill	10.30am 11am	Exposition Open Intention
Mon	19th	Weekday of Lent	11.45am	Funeral Service —Ernie & Pat Johnston	9.30am 10am	Exposition Open Intention
Tues	20th	Weekday of Lent	6.30pm 7pm	Exposition MASS - Open Intention	-	-
Wed	21st	Weekday of Lent	-	-	9.30am 10am	Exposition People of the Parish
Thurs	22nd	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Exposition Open Intention	-	-
Fri	23rd	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Stations of the Cross Eucharistic Service	11.45am	Funeral- Tommy Baldwin
Sat	24th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions VIGIL MASS - David Ormond
Sun	25th	2nd Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Austin Rooney	10.30am 11am	Exposition Aurelia Pascu

FOOD CO-OP

Donations can be brought to Corpus Christi Church Monday 2pm and Tuesday before 10.30am or St Peter's at the back of church or in the container provided.. Items needed: **Fresh fruit and vegetables, long life milk, biscuits, tins of chick peas, pasta sauce.**

JOE'S PLACE

Donations can be brought to church at the weekend or placed in the container provided near St Peter's hall door.

Items needed: **Chocolate Biscuits (individually wrapped), Tins of ham and stewing steak; tins of potatoes.**

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

COMMUNITY SUPPORT - FOOD COOP

'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8)

This week 64 families/couples and 41 single people accessed the Food Co-op (156 adults and 101 children). It was another busy week. Donations were received from several local churches, a primary school, and individual supporters. Many thanks for all the items that were received and to those who delivered them to Corpus Christi Church. These donations were most welcome, especially with the numbers of recipients remaining high.

We welcomed many children who were on their half term break, with the volunteers sourcing treats for all. Adults and children alike were appreciative of these treats. The tea, coffee, soup area was well visited with many members stopping and having a chat to friends.

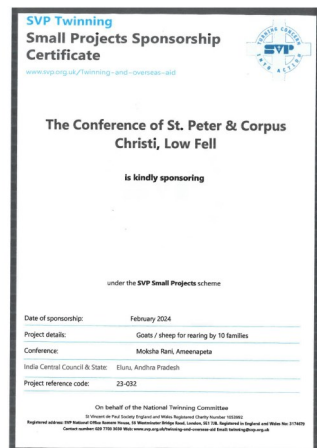
Many thanks for your commitment to and support of the Food Coop especially in these challenging times.

Please note: Next week, we are preparing for the session on Monday 19th February after 2.00pm and not in the morning. Kind regards, Kath

St Vincent de Paul Society-SVP

St Peter's Monthly Draw- The lucky winners in February are: Anita Blackburn £20 Ian Birkbeck £20 Les Lawson £20

Thanks to your weekly donations and various fund raising events, a contribution from the Outreach group and a private donation, the SVP have sponsored a project in India to help 10 families.



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

NEW MASS CARDS

Mass cards are now available in the sacristy
£1 per card

PARISH OFFICE

From January 2024, Claire will be in the office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am-5pm. Please call the presbytery on 0191 4876505 if you need help with anything, Thank you!

Read Easy Read Easy is looking for volunteers to help run a group in your area. This is a chance to work with a small group of like-minded people to offer life-changing opportunities to local people who cannot read. To find out more please contact:
gstpioneer@readeasy.org.uk

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](#).

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

Lent and the Year of Prayer

Prayer is an amazing gift, one that we can give others without them even knowing. This Lent, I encourage you all to pray for someone that perhaps you wouldn't normally or that you may not find easy to pray for. We will be having Exposition for each mass during Lent. I encourage everyone to spend some time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, even if that is only once during the season of Lent.

The dates for the Days of Reflection on 'The Prodigal Son' are

Saturday 2nd March 2024 at Corpus Christi

and

Saturday 16 March 2024 at St. Peter's

both will begin at 10am with Mass and the day will finish at 2pm.

Please sign up for either of the Saturdays, and everyone is welcome on either date. Please only sign up for one of the days. The **Lectio Divina** will begin on **Wednesday 21 February in the Meeting Room in the House**. It will begin at 7.30pm for the first session, but at 7pm for the following sessions. It will run every Wednesday evening throughout Lent. You don't need to attend them all, but please bring a bible and a pencil with you if you come along. I look forward to welcoming you.

Icon

This weekend we have the Icon of Christ the High Priest with us. It will remain with us throughout the weekend and will be present at all our weekend Masses.

We will be remembering those who are currently in formation for priesthood as well as praying for all vocations.

This Sunday, 18th February, from 1pm—2pm we will have **Exposition** during which time prayers will be offered for our intentions.

This will be drawn to a close with Benediction at 1.45pm

It would be good to see as many of you there as possible.

Exposition

Throughout Lent we will have Exposition before each Mass. This is an opportunity for us to spend some silent time before Our Lord. I do ask that we all remember to come into the Church as quietly as possible. I would also ask that if you would like to have a conversation with someone that you do it in the porch or the hall; this allows those who wish to spend time in silence praying to do so without distraction.

The parish has a great sense of community and I know that people find Sundays a very special time to catch up with others. This is only a 6 week period where I am asking for us all to do things slightly different. When we do things differently we are provided with new opportunities for God to speak to us in different ways. Please do try to mark this short period of our year differently. It will be Easter before we know it and this year's opportunity will then have passed.

Thank you so much

Combined Liturgy Group

For quite a long time now I have been thinking of establishing a Liturgy Group for three parishes.

I would like this to be a group of people who are enthusiastic about Liturgy or perhaps would like to know more about what liturgy is and be open to learn and contribute as a member of a group.

I would like us to look at the liturgical year in advance, examining what needs to be planned and organised for each liturgical season, as well as looking at other opportunities to worship and praise God outside of the traditional Mass setting.

If you are interested, please speak to me and I will gather names together.

**IN THIS HOUSE
WE LOVE***

***without the fine print**

@nakedpastor

Whilst this week it is not a cartoon, I think this beautifully sums up exactly what Jesus meant when he said 'Love your neighbour as yourself' There is not small/fine print. It says exactly what it means. I pray that in this house we can Love without exception

LOUDfence events.

A LOUDfence involves tying LOUD (brightly coloured) ribbons and messages of support in public places. The aim is to give survivors a voice, create and raise awareness in the community and work to end abuse. This will be a joint event between the two Cathedrals running from Sunday 3rd March 2024 to Wednesday 6th March 2024. There will be an opening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 3rd March at 11.30 am presided by Bishop Stephen and a closing service at St Nicholas Cathedral on 6th March 2024 at 7pm.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Information
Lent	'Lectio Divina' each Monday evening at St. Peter's presbytery, 7pm. An opportunity to look at the scripture readings for the following Sunday	St Peter's 7pm
Lent	Sycamore - Online Sessions for Lent - How we can live out our 'Ministry of Love'.	Diocesan website or call 0191 243 3316
24th & 25th Feb	Special Collection for Racial Justice at the weekend Masses	Special Collection
21 Feb	Partnership meeting at St. Joseph's. 6.30pm	
1 Mar	World Day of Prayer – St. Albans, Windy Nook. 10am,	Poster at back of church

Mile in Their Shoes

14 February – 28 March 2024

"At our drop in, one of the hardest parts is watching them walk out of the door and not knowing where they will sleep and if they will be ok!" Dave Cawley, project lead Sunderland Basis

Every day people experiencing homelessness walk miles. Walking to access support, to stay warm or simply keep safe. We are determined to be that place of safety, and support, they need. We're determined to help them find home. We're asking you to walk so they don't have to – a mile a day, or more, during Lent to bring the hope they deserve.

Walk – or run, cycle, wheel or skip – covering 40 miles in 40 days, to raise money and awareness for all those walking daily on the streets in search of hope. Each day you'll receive a bible verse, reflections or information about homelessness to help you connect and grow.

Sign up here > <https://www.oasiscommunityhousing.org/mile-in-their-shoes/>

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seek out and help those in need in the community. It would like to recruit an MSO for the Hexham and Newcastle diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office.

This is a part time, home-based role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It would suit someone comfortable giving presentations to large audiences as well as working on a personal level with individuals and small groups.

It requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Sunday 7th April.

PROUD CATHOLICS-Sharing our stories with Bishop Stephen

*Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th February, at 7.30pm**. We welcome **Bishop Stephen**, who invites us to pray with him and share our experiences as LGBTQ+ Catholics in our parish and as members of Proud Catholics. There will be an opportunity for reflection on the future of LGBTQ+ ministry in the Diocese, as well as our usual social time and shared refreshments. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested.*

For more info, phone Isabel on **07858 934457**, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com

Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklets

As promised, the Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which will be available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website, using this weblink: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>.

NEW GIFT AID BOXES for 2024-2025

New gift aid and non-gift aid boxes of envelopes will be available at weekend Masses of the 2nd and 3rd of March.

The diocese have sent us individual statement letters for each gift aider for last year's total donations made under gift aid to your parish for the financial year 2022-23. If you would like a copy of this statement for your records please contact Claire at the presbytery.

If you would like to join the scheme there will be a form available to complete on the above weekend.