



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

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**Everyone is welcome - without exception**

## 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year B 11th February 2024

Saturday 10th February	10am	Holy Rosary	Communion Service/Mass
<i>St Scholastica</i>	4.45pm	St Peter's	Exposition & Confession
	6pm	St Peter's	<b>Mass - Open Intention</b>
Sunday 11th February	9.15am	Corpus Christi	<b>Mass - Ellen &amp; Paddy Killen</b>
Day of Special Prayer for the	11am	St Peter's	<b>Mass - Meg (Margaret) Jackson</b>
Monday 12th February	10am	Corpus Christi	Communion Service
<i>Weekday</i>	<b>10am</b>	St Peter's	<b>Mass -</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	St. Peter's	<b>Funeral Service for Joan Vanner</b>
Tuesday 13th February	<b>7pm</b>	Corpus Christi	<b>Mass - Stan Laidler</b>
<i>Weekday</i>			
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>Mass - Ellen &amp; Matty Rowell</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Mass- Open Intention</b>
			Each Mass will have the distribution of Ashes. This will take the same format as last year, with the ashes being sprinkled onto the head of those who wish.
Thursday 15th February	<b>10am</b>	Corpus Christi	<b>Mass- Obiora &amp; Chikaodili Obi ( 10 yr. ann. Married)</b>
<i>Weekday of Lent</i>			
Friday 16th February	10am	Corpus Christi	Communion Service
Saturday 17th February	10am	Holy Rosary	Communion Service /Mass
<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	4.45pm	St Peter's	Exposition & Confession
	<b>6pm</b>	St Peter's	<b>Mass - Open Intention</b>
Sunday 18th February	<b>9.15am</b>	Corpus Christi	<b>Mass – Peter Hamill</b>
	<b>11am</b>	St Peter's	<b>Mass – Open Intention</b>
	<b>1pm</b>	St Peter's	Exposition - with prayers for Vocations finishing with Benediction

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading:-** Book of Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

**Responsorial Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**Second Reading:-** First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1

**Gospel:-** Mark 1:40-45

**Preface/Eucharist Prayer:- Eucharistic Prayer III for Special Needs including its Preface**

### Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

On behalf of the Catechists, your sponsors, all of the parish and Fr. David, Deacons Tom and Malcolm, and me, 'Congratulations to our young people who were Confirmed on Thursday evening at Corpus Christi by Bishop Stephen. It was a great celebration for our young people; Elisha, Sebastian, Ava, Chloe, Lucy, Darcey, Keira, Sammy, Olivier, Jaleel, Harry, Sophie, Bernard, Natalie, Katy and Katelyn. Please do continue to pray for them. May they continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and grow in their faith so that they will become cornerstones in the future of our Church.

**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 at the back of church or 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**

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, potatoes, peas and carrots.**

**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

**Lent and the Year of Prayer**

Lent this year is so early, with Easter being as early as it possibly can be. During Lent, we are traditionally asked to examine three areas of our lives; to look at fasting, to spend time in prayer and reflect on the areas of our lives that we need God's grace to grow and to give any money that we may save through our fasting to those who are less fortunate than ourselves (Lenten Alms). These three aspects of Lent have served many for centuries, yet there are many who find some areas less helpful and sometimes even a barrier to developing their spiritual lives. I encourage each person to engage in those things that help them to grow spiritually and to take up other things to help with this growth. I would like to encourage everyone to spend some time in prayer each day; there are as many ways of praying as there are people in our world; when it comes to personal prayer I encourage you to use whatever works for you.

I would also like to encourage each of us to spend some time each week with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Exposition before every Mass during Lent. This will be for 30 minutes each day that there is Mass, with the Saturday evening Exposition remaining at an hour with confessions offered at the same time.

Next Sunday dates and information will be provided for the Days of Reflection on 'The Prodigal Son' as well as the Lectio Divina sessions will be held and where. Please do watch out for these and sign up for them if you are able to.

**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](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)

**Icon**

There is an Icon of Christ the High Priest that has been touring the diocese now for months. It will be joining us here at Corpus Christi and St. Peter's next weekend. It will remain with us throughout the weekend and will be present at all our weekend Masses.

The reason behind it being handed from Parish to Parish is to encourage us all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to hold those who are currently in seminary especially in our prayers.

When I was on my Pastoral Placement as a Deacon I spent my time in Great Yarmouth and Gorleston. The first Saturday I was there I was in the sacristy at the church in Gorleston and a lady struck up a conversation with me. After a few minutes she told me that when the group of new seminarians for the diocese that year headed off to their respective seminaries, parishioners in Gorleston who wished to pray for one of us specifically where given a name. This lady had been praying for me each day for over 3 years. I was so touched that I was left speechless (now that doesn't happen very often). I know that she has continued to pray for me everyday since and it still moves me deeply. Prayer is a powerful gift that we can give to others, even when they don't know we are praying for them. On Sunday next week, 18th February, from 1pm–2pm we will have Exposition and Benediction, with prayers especially for all vocations, with a specific prayer for those who are currently in formation for priesthood. with Benediction. I know this is early and right on some people's lunch time, but it means that it will still be light for those who worry about coming out in the dark.

**CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY (CAP)**

**SUNDAY February 11th 3.30pm**  
**Theme—Dreamers Who Do**

**ALCOHOLICIS ANONYMOUS (AA)**

Do you have a problem with alcohol?  
Call free on 08009177650 or [help@aamail.org](mailto:help@aamail.org)  
Locally, you can contact the following in confidence: Paul 07554665116 or Ryan 07745273686

**COFFEE ROTA** New Rota to be collected from church hall notice board please. A big thanks to you all! Mandy x

**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!

**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](#).

**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](mailto:gstpioneer@readeasy.org.uk)

**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:**  
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**Deacon Tom Rooke 0191 477 1428 or email [corpous1936@gmail.com](mailto:corpous1936@gmail.com)**