



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

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Everyone is welcome - without exception

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B 3rd March 2024

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Book of Exodus - 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians - 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



Preface for 3rd Sunday of Lent/Eucharist Prayer II for Reconciliation

2024			Corpus Christi		St. Peter's	
Sat	2nd March	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions Thanksgiving 90th Birthday Mass
Sun	3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Bill & Jean Adams Brian & Sheila Adams	10.30am 11am	Exposition Open Intention
Mon	4th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Exposition Eucharistic Service	9.30am 10am	No Mass
Tues	5th	Weekday of Lent	10am	Eucharistic Service	-	-
Wed	6th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	9.30am 10am	Exposition People of the Parish
Thurs	7th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Exposition Theo Crampsey 1 year anniversary	-	-
Fri	8th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Stations of the Cross Eucharistic Service		
Sat	9th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions Open Intention
Sun	10th	4th Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Cecilia Devlin	10.30am 11am	Exposition Mass Open Intention

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. Items needed: **Fresh fruit and vegetables, long life milk, biscuits, tins of chickpeas, pasta sauce, rice.**

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, mince and corned beef; tins of potatoes, peas and carrots; packets of crumble mix and dumpling mix.**

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

Dear Supporters,

This week 67 families/couples and 46 single people have accessed the Food Co-op (179 adults and 113 children). Donations were received from several local churches, individual supporters, a primary school, and other small food providers with a surplus of specific items. All donations were most welcome especially as the numbers remain high. Over the first 8 weeks of 2024, 836 food parcels have been collected by 491 families and 345 single people (1277 adults and 856 children).

For Easter, we aim to provide all members with a bottle of cooking oil, soap powder, fresh eggs and modest chocolate eggs for the children. Donations of oil and chocolate treats would be appreciated.

We welcomed the newly appointed Migrant Health Nurse at the QE Hospital who stayed and chatted to the volunteers and members. Her role is community based and she anticipates attending when she is free on a Tuesday.

It was a very busy session, with people keen to come in due to the cold wind. We were able to distribute several pairs of gloves and hats, fleece blankets and hot water bottles to those who needed them. Many people stayed and enjoyed the warm space, drinking tea, coffee and making the most of the delicious soup.

Thank you for your continued commitment that enables the Food Co-op to support our community.

Kind Regards, Kath.

JUST BUILDING BRIDGES

Photographs by sanctuary seekers—refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrants—are on exhibition in St Peter's Hall prior to exhibition at Hexham Abbey.

The photographs are on themes around 'Justice' including living together peacefully as well as environmental and economic justice. They can be viewed after the weekend Masses and from 6.30pm on Tuesday 5th March prior to the Outreach Meeting at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee provided.

OUTREACH MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 7.30pm

The first part of the meeting will be a presentation by Mick Quille and Lya Volerling reflecting on this Exhibition and on the recent Passion for Change Exhibition based on the themes of Laudato Si'. All are welcome from our three parishes as we continue to develop our outreach to those in need.

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

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

This Sunday 3rd March, 42 young people from Cardinal Hume School and Gateshead parishes will be receiving Awards from Bishop Stephen at the Hilton Hotel. We congratulate all of them and thank them for the service they have given to their parishes and to the wider community during their participation in the Award scheme.

Christmas Appeal

This kind gesture of gifts and a treat hamper really makes a difference to some families, who financially would not be able to afford these luxuries. A lot of our families would go without festive treats and gifts if it weren't for the kind gestures from people like yourselves. It may not seem like much, however, to these families it helps alleviate some of the financial stresses of the festive season.

Naomi Cairns Family Support Worker St Wilfrid's School

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

BISHOP STEPHEN'S RESPONSE TO THE LISTENING EXERCISES

Summaries from the various listening exercises that took place since last summer, the results of the Questionnaire and Bishop Stephen's Response can be found on the Diocesan website.

<https://diocesahn.org.uk/news/bishop-stephens-response-to-the-listening-exercises/>

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**

Why is there a difference?

One the day of my ordination I was given a gift from a friend. It was a notebook and on the front it says, 'Be careful what you say, I may use it in a homily'. There have been quite a few things written in it over the time since I was given it.

At the weekend I was noting something down and this little section came into my head.

On Sunday evening, a parishioner said that they had missed singing the Holy Holy during the Sunday morning Mass; this got me thinking about when was the last time that the Mass parts were said rather than sung; not specifically here, but in all the parishes across the country.

In our secular world we mark different times of the year with different symbols, colours, and events; the Trooping of the Colour for the King's birthday for example. In the Church, we mark the different liturgical seasons in very similar ways; using the colours green, red, purple, and white. But there are other changes that we make that are equally as significant. We don't sing or say the Gloria during Lent or Advent, we do not have flowers in the Church during Lent, we cover or remove statues and crucifixes from the Church on the 5th Sunday of Lent and we have a wreath lit each week during Advent.

These are to name but a few of the things we do.

However, we are also asked to mark the different seasons throughout the year by choosing to include or omit certain music or to reduce what music is used. During Lent, for example, the church is told not to have instrumental music (it may be used in some circumstances, though it must be limited), as Lent is a time of reflection, fasting and penance, music during the liturgies of the season is meant to be less celebrative. Whilst I would not want us to have hymns that are 'dirge' throughout Lent, it is an opportunity to say the Mass parts rather than sing them or to sing them with plain chant music.

Keeping things much simpler during such times as Lent, means that when we get to Easter, our celebrations will be even more beautiful as we hear and sing those things that we may have missed during the season that has passed.

Exposition

Exposition before each Mass continues as we progress through Lent. It is good to see so many taking up the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in this way.

It is also moving to see how prayerful the Church is before Mass. This is something that quite a few people have commented on and I feel it is important to pass that on.

It is so good to see so many people coming into the Church as quietly as possible. I encourage us all to be ever mindful, whilst Exposition continues before Mass, to keep this in mind.

Lent is only 6 weeks long, and we are already half way through. It is good to do things differently.

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**

@makeapastor

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 Wednesday 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
5th March	Outreach Meeting	St Peter's church hall 7.30
1st March	World Day of Prayer—St Albans, Windy Nook. 10am	Poster at back of church
2nd March	Mass 10am followed by Day of Reflection finishing 2pm. Bring a packed lunch.	Corpus Christi
10th March	Corpus Christi—FHC meeting after Mass	Corpus Christi
12th March	Corpus Christi—FHC meeting in church 6.30pm	Corpus Christi
16th March	Mass 10am followed by Day of Reflection finishing 2pm. Bring a packed lunch.	St Peter's

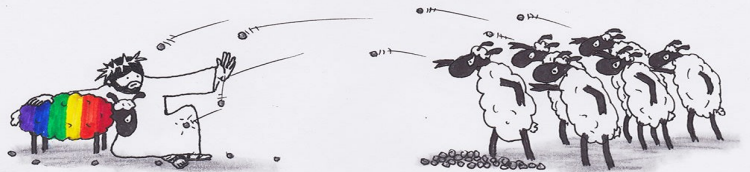
RED MISSION BOXES

We are collecting mission money during March. If you have a mission box please empty it, count the money and place it in an envelope with your name on it plus the amount and leave it in the sacristy or put through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you for your continued support.

READERS' ROTAS 11am ONLY

Please collect your new rotas from the back of the church as soon as possible. Thank you.

@nakedpastor.com




Lenten Day for Families

Catholic Mothers and the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Saturday 9th March, beginning with 10am Mass and followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email catholicmothersne@gmail.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.