



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

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**Everyone is welcome - without exception**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday - Year B 10th March 2024

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** Second book of Chronicles - 36:14-16. 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

**Second Reading:** First letter of St Paul to the Ephesians - 2:4-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

**Preface for Sunday of Lent/Eucharist Prayer I for Reconciliation**

2024			Corpus Christi		St. Peter's	
Sat	9th March	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 Gillian
Mon	11th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Exposition Eucharistic Service		<b>No Mass</b>
Tues	12th	Weekday of Lent	10am	Eucharistic Service		<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	13th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	9.30am 10am	Exposition People of the Parish
Thurs	14th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Exposition Open Intention	-	-
Fri	15th	Weekday of Lent	9.30am 10am	Stations of the Cross  Eucharistic Service		
Sat	16th	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions Richard & Hannah Ma- haffey
Sun	17th	5th Sunday of Lent	9.15am	Joseph & Anastasia Hearne	10.30am 11am	Exposition Mike Hunter

### 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, 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; cake to go with custard (e.g. syrup, ginger, madeira, sultana)**

**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 53 families/couples and 44 single people collected food from the Food Co-op (145 adults and 95 children). Donations were received from several local churches, a primary school, Fairshare, alternative food providers in the local community and individual supporters. Occasionally people get in touch with offers of food. This week we gladly accepted a 25kg bag of oats that we bagged into 500g bags to distribute. Once again, thanks to all supporters who think of the Food Co-op when they hear of opportunities like this and get in touch.

The Migrant Health Nurse attended today and spoke with many of the members. By attending frequently, she is getting to know the volunteers and members. There was also a member of staff from Citizens Advice present. This was a planned session supporting energy needs, he brought leaflets, sat in the refreshment area and talked to members. He listened to queries. For any queries not energy related, he took information to pass on to the most appropriate staff member.

Thanks to all who continue to donate and those who ensure items are delivered in good time to Corpus Christi church. With kind regards,  
Kath

***A reminder – modest Easter eggs and oil (vegetable, sunflower or olive) would be most welcome to be distributed at Easter. Thank you.***

### **Job Vacancies**

**The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:**

**HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28 March**  
**Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham, 10 hours a week. Closing date: 15 March**

**Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.**

### **NEW MASS CARDS**

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

### **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)**

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WE LOVE\***

**\*without the fine print**

@nakedpastor

### **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

### **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](mailto:saintpeterscatholicparish@gmail.com)**

**Deacon Tom Rooke 0191 477 1428 or email [corpus1936@gmail.com](mailto:corpus1936@gmail.com)**

### **Laetare Sunday - Mother's Day**

Today we Celebrate Laetare Sunday. It is the one of the two Sundays a year where the Church uses the colour rose. The purple of Lent is mixed with the white of Easter, so the colour becomes much lighter and brighter, turning into the rose colour that we use. Today also marks Mother's Day. It always seems strange to me that there is a specific day for Mothers as there is for Fathers in June; as well as a whole host of others scattered throughout the secular year. We should be loving and generous in all ways to our parent everyday of the year, so that they know what they mean to us; not just on a given day.

I wish all the ladies of our parish a very happy Sunday and for those who are mothers, Happy Mother's Day.

### **Stations of the Cross**

As a parish there have been no Stations of the Cross so far this Lent. When I was at Seminary it was held once during the Lenten Season on an evening, after which we had a festive meal.

I would like to have a Parish Stations of the Cross on  
**Thursday 21 March at 7pm.**

This is an opportunity for us to gather and pray these significant points leading to Jesus to his death and burial.

I will be using a version of the Stations of the Cross that many may not have seen before. It is called, 'Bread Broken'.

They are beautifully written and illustrated.

Unlike most Stations of the Cross, we will remain in our seats as I will not only have the images around the Church but will also have copies in a small booklet for those who come along.

Throughout the service we will have short opportunities for silence and personal prayer.



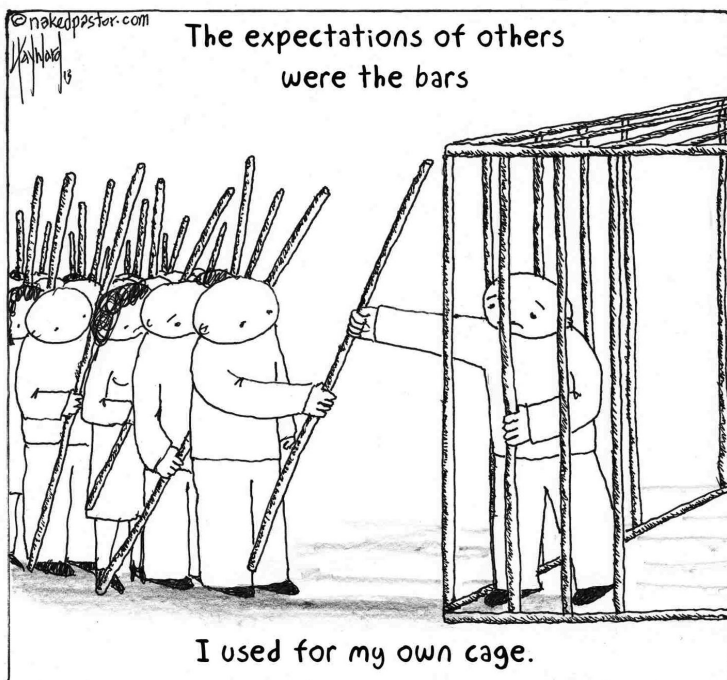
### **Exposition**

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 over half way through.



### **Combined Liturgy Group**

I would like to thank the people that have already spoken to me about being part of this combined Liturgy group. I would like to have 6 to 8 people altogether. If you have thought about speaking to me about it, please do.

I encourage every member of our community to be involved in as much as possible and this is one of the many ways you can help.

I would like the group to meet after Easter for the first time, so that we can begin to look at the year ahead.

Please do speak to me after Mass, or drop me an email if you are interested.

## 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
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 packed lunch.	St Peter's
16/17th March	Special Collection for Missionary Orders (Mandatory collection)	All parishes
19th March	First Confessions	Corpus Christi 6.30pm
27th March	St Peter's School Mass	St Peter's Church

### **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.

### **ST PETER'S MONTHLY DRAW**

The winners in March are:

**Ann Bains    Joan Pringle    Emma Heslop**

### **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 9th and 10th 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.

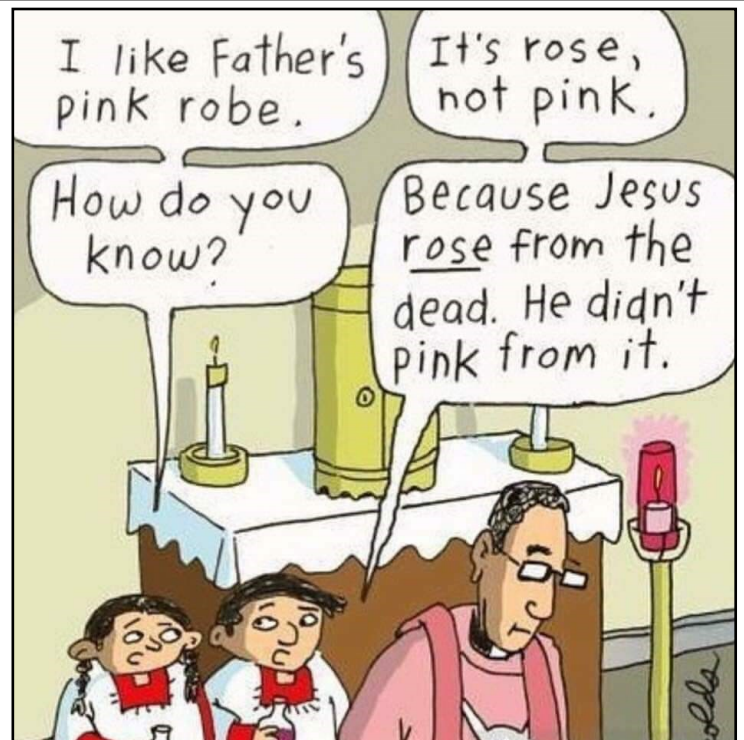
If you would like to join the scheme there will be a form available to complete on the above weekend.

### ***EASTER EGG APPEAL***

Easter is fast approaching so we would like to invite all parishioners and children to help us collect together enough Easter eggs to give to all of our friends at Joe's Place & the Food Co-op. We will need approximately 269 eggs.

Modest Easter eggs will be gratefully received.

Please bring your donations to church and place in the basket in the porch, thank you!



### **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>.