



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

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**Everyone is welcome - without exception**

## Palm Sunday - Year B 24th March 2024



2024			Corpus Christi		St. Peter's	
Sat	23rd March	Weekday of Lent	-	-	4.45pm 6.00pm	Exposition & confessions Deceased members of the Wil- kinson & Mahaffey Families
Sun	24th	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	9.15am	Open Intention	10.30am 11am	Exposition Brian Rutledge
Mon	25th	Monday in Ho- ly Week	9.30am 10am	Exposition Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Tues	26th	Tuesday in Ho- ly Week	9.30am 10am	Exposition Eucharistic Service		No Mass
Wed	27th	Wednesday in Holy Week	7.15pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	11.30am 12noon	Exposition Jack & Mary Molloy
Thurs	28th	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>			<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>EVENING MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER</b> Watching until 10pm - Night Prayer will conclude the evening
Fri	29th	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3pm	<b>PASSION of OUR LORD</b>	7.00pm	<b>PASSION of OUR LORD</b>
Sat	30th	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8.00pm	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>		
Sun	31st	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.15am	Open Intention	11am	Golden Wedding Lorraine & Jeff Cant

### 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 55 families/couples and 46 single people have attended the Food Co-op (146 adults and 102 children). Donations were received from a primary school, several local Catholic and Anglican churches, Saltwell Park runners and individual supporters. All were gratefully received and distributed on Tuesday to our members.

Today we celebrated with one of our longstanding volunteers to mark a milestone birthday. Volunteers, past and present, were all invited to attend before the session to mark the occasion with cake and sandwiches. The amazing turnout demonstrated just how valued she is. It was lovely for the community to catch up with the volunteers who have now moved on to various occupations and further education. The present volunteers were able to speak to those who have had similar journeys and who are now settled with accommodation, families, and their own transport.

Next week is the last session before Easter. We are planning on giving various supplementary items including oil, eggs, chocolate eggs and soap powder to all members. Many thanks for donations of oil and chocolate eggs that have already been received. The soap powder and real eggs are being purchased from monetary donations.

With Thanks for your continued support, Kath.

## Joe's Place

### 20 March

**This week at Joe's Place the menu was sausage, beans, egg and chips, toasties, cake and custard. We served 91 portions of the main course, 100 toasties with a variety of fillings and 53 portions of cake and custard**

### We used

**180 sausages, 18 tins of baked beans, 12 kg chips, 60 eggs, 4 tins of corned beef, 4 tins of ham, 3 tins of tuna, 50 cheese slices, 15 tins/packets of custard, 8 cakes, plus oranges, bananas, butter and salad**

### We regularly need gifts of -

**Corned beef, ham, pork, tinned potatoes, mince, stewed steak, peas, carrots, dumpling mix, crumble mix, cakes and custard**

***Please leave donations in the church porch or in the box provided***

**\*\*\* Volunteers for our kitchen are always welcome \*\*\***

### 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)**

### 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

### 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)**

## **Easter Triduum**

This week we will mark the most important days in the Liturgical Year. We begin today with Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where the people welcomed him shouting 'Hosanna'. Then, beginning on Maundy Thursday, we remember how this same group of people turned on Jesus and were soon heard shouting 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him'.

The Easter Triduum is one service, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening and finishing with the Easter Vigil on Easter Saturday evening. We begin Mass on Thursday evening in the traditional way, with the Sign of the Cross however there is no formal end to the Mass, as we then move into spending time 'watching with Our Lord' and where we leave in silence.

The Good Friday Service begins in silence and we are asked to remain silent from the moment we enter the church; when the procession at the beginning enters we do so in silence and the priest and deacon then prostrate before the altar. At the end of the service, we are again asked to leave in silence to remember and mark the significance of the day.

The Easter Vigil begins outside with the blessing of the fire, before the procession is lead into the Church by the Paschal Candle, the sign of Christ Risen from the Dead.

Please can we be extra vigilant during the Triduum to mark the silence and reverence as this helps all of us to remain attentive to others.

Thank you in advance

## **Stations of the Cross**

When I was at Seminary Stations of the Cross was held once during the Lenten Season on an evening, after which we had a festive meal.

### **Corpus Christ on Wednesday 27th March at 7.15pm**

This is 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



## **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
27th March	St Peter's School Mass 10am	St Peter's Church
Lent	Sycamore - Online Sessions for Lent - How we can live out our 'Ministry of Love?'	Diocesan website or call 0191 243 3316
2nd April	<b>No Food Coop this week</b>	Corpus Christi
19th March		

### PEACE PILGRIMAGE FOR PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

In response to the tragic events in Gaza, the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council is organising a pilgrimage for Peace in Gaza on **Holy Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>**. This is part of an international event consisting of walks in different parts of the world to pray for:

1. Enduring and sustained ceasefire.
2. Immediate flow of life saving food, water, aid, fuel and humanitarian assistance.
3. Release of all hostages – both the Israeli hostages held by Hamas – and the Palestinian hostages held in the Israeli prison system.
4. End of occupation and blockade, so a just peace can begin.

The route chosen is part of the Way of the Light trail and walkers are invited to meet at All Saints Catholic Church in Lanchester at 11.00am and end in Durham about 3.30pm. Further details from the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/justice-peace-co-ordinating-council-update-march-2024/>

### 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.**

### 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!



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### EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Maundy Thursday

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Peter's 7.30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3pm Corpus Christi

7pm St Peter's

EASTER VIGIL MASS 8pm Corpus Christi

EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Corpus Christi

11am St Peter's

### 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>.