



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

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Everyone is welcome - without exception

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year B 26th May 2024

2024	St Anne's	Corpus Christi	St. Peter's
Sat 25th May St Bede the Venerable	5.15pm Vigil Mass Open Intention		6.15 pm Vigil Mass Harvey Anderson
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		9am Mass First Holy Communions Wladyslaw Ostrzyzek	10.30am Mass Sheila Heslop
Mon 27th St Augustine of Canterbury		10am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass
Tues 28th Weekday		7pm Mass	
Wed 29th Weekday	12pm Mass		10am Mass
Thurs 30th Weekday		10am Mass Molly & Monica Clark	
Fri 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10am Eucharistic Service	
Sat 1st June St Justin	Exposition/Confession 4.45pm 5.45pm Vigil Mass Open Intention		
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST		9am Mass First Holy Communions	10.30 am Mass Sheila Heslop

Sunday Mass - Readings, etc...

First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34 - 29-40	
Response to the Psalm	Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own	(Psalm 32 (33))
Second Reading	Romans 8: 14-17	
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20	

Preface for the Solemnity
Eucharistic Prayer I for Various Needs

OUTREACH HOUSING UPDATE

Outreach Housing, which came out of our Outreach Group, runs a Supported Accommodation house in Bensham for 'new' refugees, at risk of homelessness. Last month we received our first Inspection from SHIP (Supported Housing Improvement Programme). We are pleased to share that the Inspection Report was very good. We passed all 34 standards, with 16 of these being awarded 'B' Good and 6 'A' Excellent.

MOVING ON: More good news is that one of our residents has been offered a property from Gateshead Council and will be moving soon. We will do all we can to support this young man as he moves on to an independent life and will use the Outreach Housing funds to assist him, e.g. with floor coverings and curtains. We would also welcome additional contributions from anyone who would like to help. Please put cash donations in an envelope marked 'Outreach Housing' and post through the presbytery door; Bank transfer to **DHN Outreach Housing Gateshead**, Account No: **54630076** Sort Code: **40-34-18** Reference '**Moving On**'; or use the Donate Button on the Diocesan website which gives an option to donate and Gift Aid to Outreach Housing.

We hope that our other residents will also be moving on soon and that we will be able to welcome three more refugees. If you would like further information about working with our project, please contact maryhughes5622@gmail.com or john.carpenter2094@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Concert at St Peter's Church

Corpus Christi Choir, St Peter's Choir & The Holy Island Ladies Choir

Sunday 23rd June 4pm

Free admission

Donations for the Outreach Fund will be

gratefully received

Refreshments available during the interval

All are welcome!



FUNERALS



I am pleased that two people have shown a great interest in becoming involved in parish work and life by volunteering their time to visit families to help plan funeral arrangements for loved ones.

It is always a great honour to journey with families as they prepare to celebrate the life of the person they have lost. It is a time when we all struggle and can often feel lost, especially if our loved ones haven't spoken about their wishes in advance

I would be grateful if you could think and pray as to whether you think you could be called to help in this way too.. A team of four would be great support for one another but also extra hands are extremely welcome. I would like to spend some time with those who have (and hopefully will in the future) volunteered and to look at what would be involved more closely.

I will look at a suitable date very soon.

Thank you!

Paul

NEW WEBSITE

Now that we are a family of parishes: St Annes's, Corpus Christi & St Peter's, it would seem to be a good time to start a combined website for all parishes.

We are looking for someone who would be able to design and maintain a new website.

If anyone is interested please speak with Fr Paul or Claire.



JOE'S PLACE

At Joe's Place this week the menu was: scrambled eggs on toast, fish, chips and mushy peas, toasties with a variety of fillings, apple crumble or cake with custard.

We served 30 scrambled eggs, 75 fish, chips and peas, 107 toasties and 74 desserts.

We used 60 eggs, 75 frozen fish fillets, 10kgs of chips and 5 bags of frozen mushy peas, 14 loaves of bread, 3 tins of ham, 3 tins of corned beef, 2 tins of tuna, 3 packets of frozen apples, 6 packets of crumble mix, 4 large cakes and 12 tins /packets of custard as well as salad, milk, butter, oranges and bananas.

We are always grateful for donations, especially of tins of mince and stewed steak, corned beef, ham, potatoes and custard. Cakes and wrapped biscuits are also appreciated.

Please leave donations in the church porch or in the box provided
****volunteers for our kitchen are always welcome****

FOOD CO-OP

Dear Supporters, this week at the Food Co-op 48 families/couples and 48 single people collected food (149 adults and 101 children). Donations were received from several local churches, a primary school, Gateshead Food Bank, a small independent food bank provision with a surplus, a housing scheme with an unexpected surplus and individual supporters. All were gratefully received and distributed during the session. The allocation from Fare Share included raspberries, mushrooms, fresh fruit salad pots and cartons of tomato passata. This ensured that everyone left with a varied selection of tinned, dried and fresh food.

Last week the Food Coop was inspected by the Environmental Health team at Gateshead Council. We received a top rating of 5 - very good. All the volunteers contributed to ensuring the trollies, surfaces and floors had a Spring Clean. We were given advice on maintaining this standard and this is being shared with the volunteers.

Thank you for your continued commitment and for your response to last week's appeal. As you can imagine, the process of keeping the stocks up is like painting the Tyne Bridge! Kind Regards Kath

Dear Sisters & Brothers

In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website. With assurances and prayers + Stephen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

St. Peter's



Many congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates and their families and carers. It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by our parish community. Sincere thanks to the children for their participation and to our FHC Catechists.

Our children and their parents would like to thank Phil Harvey. Ellen McConnell and Danielle Murphy for all the time they gave so willingly to prepare the children and Maria Elliot for the Parent session she provided; the parish thanks you too!

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

As I announced about both of the Saturday evening Masses last week, Bishop Stephen has suggested that a longer period of consultation should take place in relation to our Saturday evening Vigil Masses.

I advised that for the month of May, we would continue to have Vigil Masses in both parishes, but that was not sustainable long term, especially at the times we have had. This Saturday will be the last Saturday we have the Mass at 5.15pm at St. Anne's and at 6.15pm at St. Peter's.

In June and July there will be one Vigil Mass only

In **June**, the **Vigil Mass will be at St. Anne's at 5.45pm**, with **no Saturday evening Mass in St. Peter's**

In **July**, the **Vigil Mass will be at St. Peter's at 5.45pm**, with **no Saturday evening Mass in St. Anne's**.

I know that I originally said these Masses would be the other way around, however St. Anne's First Communion Mass is set to take place on the 8th June. It is only right and just that this goes ahead on the planned date, hence the change.

For June and July the weekday Masses will be as follows:

- Monday 10am - St Peter's
- Tuesday 7pm - Corpus Christi
- Wednesday 10am - St. Peter's
- Wednesday 12noon - St. Anne's
- Thursday 10am - Corpus Christi

Please note that it is hoped that Mass will be offered each day each week as stated. However, this may not always be possible. Your understanding is appreciated.

During June and July, after the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays at St. Anne's I would like to invite all those who come to gather in the hall for tea, coffee and cake afterwards. This is an opportunity for us to gather and relax as a faith community and get to know one another outside of the Mass setting.

HANDCRAFTED APPEAL

The coloured plastic bottles & bottle tops that were previously being collected for handcrafted are no longer required. Sincere thanks for everything you brought along to church. Handcrafted were extremely grateful for your donations.

MEETING FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH COUNTERS

There will be a meeting after Mass on Sunday 2nd June for approximately 30 minutes to discuss counting & banking procedures. We would be really grateful if all counters could attend.

Many Thanks,
Laurie & Trish

Corpus Christi Nursery Admissions 2024

We currently have spaces in our Nursery for September 2024.

We can offer the following:

- A newly refurbished and well-equipped Early Years Unit
- Flexible provision to suit your needs – 15 or 30 hours.
- Recently graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted (November 2023)
- A caring and supportive environment with an engaging curriculum and skilled staff team.

Contact 0191 4772175 to arrange a visit.





Would you walk over Lego for someone?

If you have never stood on Lego either as a child or an adult, then I can assure you, it can bring tears to your eyes. You certainly learn fast to avoid standing on it in the future.

As Christian we understand and celebrate that Jesus gave his life for each one of us. That his love for us is so great that he allowed himself to be nailed and hung on a tree for us... We can never truly know what that would have felt like.

Even in our imagination, most of us would struggle to get anywhere near what that would be like. Pain is relative. Our brains have an amazing way of adjusting so that on the whole we forget any pain we have experienced in the past.

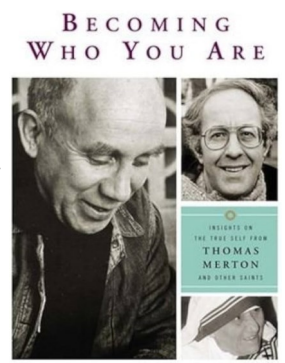
As Christians we are called to follow Jesus. To go that extra mile for others. To help those who are struggling, to visit those in prison or in hospital. We may not be crucified, but sometimes the things we do, because we know they are right, are like walking across miles of Lego; not just one or two bricks. This poster hangs in my upstairs sitting room. It is there as a reminder that to show Jesus' love to others might feel like walking across Lego bricks, but if you love someone, then the pain is forgotten in the Love that we share...

"Becoming Who You Are"

by James Martin SJ.

This is one of those books that I have read and re-read many times. It is a book that was written to help us look at who we really are; the person that God created us to be, as opposed to the one that we can often portray to the world and those we come into contact with. It is about removing the masks that we create over time and allowing our true selves to shine through. This can and is a very daunting thought for many people. We often wear different masks as part of who we have created; the teacher mask, the mum mask, etc. To remove them and allow people in to see who we really are, means that we must allow ourselves to be vulnerable, to be fully open and to be extremely honest with ourselves first...for to begin we must first explore ourselves in order to discover who we are...

A book I highly recommend for everyone... we are never too old to set out on a journey of discovery; especially when that journey of discovery is about finding out who I really am!



JAMES MARTIN, SJ

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29th June** from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP

Our parish is part of the John Ingram Partnership. Regular meetings are held with clergy and lay representatives to look at ways that the Catholic Community in our local area can work together and support each other.

At the May meeting we thanked Canon Patterson for his many years of service in the Partnership and wished him a long and happy retirement. We look forward to welcoming his successor. In this time of change for many of our parishes we encourage patience and understanding. Let us continue to support our priests and pray for them; and work hard to encourage and develop our faith communities.

There are many amazing projects helping others in our parishes. Our Partnership supports a project known as Joe's Place, which is currently in its 10th year. There are volunteers from nearly all of our parishes, and donations of food and other items are generously donated too. The Bishop will be visiting the project to mark its anniversary.

The Partnership Group will meet again in September. We hope to encourage more people to become active in their Parishes and to take an interest in developing our local community in the Gateshead area through the John Ingram Partnership.

The Annual John Ingram Walk from Newcastle to Gateshead takes place on the Sunday nearest to 26th July. Details will be in Parish newsletters for those interested in taking part.

Bernie Hirst Lay Partnership Chair

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

St Anne's - Brian Conder

Corpus Christi- Mary Robson

St Peter's - Laurie Hurst, Carmel Hatton & Claire Lowery

Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 on safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk “

Alcoholics Anonymous

There is a meeting of AA every week in the Parish Hall.
This is on Thursdays evenings and all are welcome