



The Parish Family of
**St. Gabriel &
 Corpus Christi**

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B
 Gaudete Sunday



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17th December 2017 (Registered Charity Number 233748)

Times of Liturgy

Saturday	<i>St Gabriel's</i>	5.30pm	Mary Jones, Jim & Kitty Hasson
Sunday	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	<i>St Gabriel's</i>	11.00am	Mary & Billy Robinson
	Carol Service	5.00pm	with mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards
Monday	Mass	9.00am	Leonard Hemblade, & Vincent & Hannah Hemblade
Tuesday	Mass	9.00am	Babs Hyland RD
Wednesday	Mass	9.15am	Tommy O'Brien (b'day anniv)
Thursday	Mass	9.00am	Michael Jackson RD
Friday	Mass	9.00am	Ernest Fenwick RIP

Masses next weekend (4th Sunday of Advent)

Saturday (23rd)	<i>St Gabriel's</i>	5.30pm	All our Deceased Relatives – for Christmas
Sunday (24th)	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	Joseph Murphy RIP
	<i>St Gabriel's</i>	11.00am	People of the Parish



CHRISTMAS

Sunday (24th)	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	5.00pm	Children's Nativity scene with carols
		5.30pm	First Mass of Christmas
	<i>St Gabriel's</i>	6.30pm	Children's Nativity scene with carols
		7.00pm	Christmas Mass - People of the Parish
Christmas Day (25th)		10.00am	Mass of Christmas Morning at <i>St Gabriel's</i> (Sp Intention)
Tuesday 26 th	Mass	10.00am	Fr Michael Lambe RIP St Stephen's Day
Wednesday 27 th	Mass	10.00am	Jimmy May St John the Apostle
Thursday 28 th	Mass	10.00am	Jas McParland The Holy Innocents
Friday 29 th	No Mass		

WELCOME – especially to anyone visitors. If you are new to the parish, or returning to the parish, please do make yourself known to Canon John.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Josie Hemblade, Anthony Loughrim, Maureen Pounder, Luke Mason, Colin Newcombe, Connie Connor, Bella Gollogly, Colin McNally, Bruce Irwin, Danny Mullins, Catherine Donnelly, Irene Norman, Catherine Aspin (Adlington), Ellen Daniels, and all the sick & housebound of our parish, and all who care for them. We remember also those in hospital and awaiting or recovering from operations.

We pray for our deceased, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember too all those mourning a loved one.

God bless you
 and yours,

Mass Intentions received this week:

Tommy O'Brien RIP (b'day anniv). Mary Jones, Jim & Kitty Hasson. Jimmy May. Mary & Billy Robinson. Harry Grace (anniv). Bernadette Atkinson. Alison J McGuire. Sarah Claire Webster.
 (Just to say that we have a huge backlog of Masses (e.g. all those received during November; and many people have asked for special Masses over the Christmas period. We try our best to meet people's requests - but any Masses not celebrated here are sent out to other priests in the diocese and elsewhere, including our own Fr Paul in Spain. Thank you for your understanding).

St Gabriel's

Envelopes £432.70 Loose £272.18 **Total £704.88**
 Plus Direct Debits of £31 per week

Corpus Christi Total £ 142.71

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers: **62.53**

Thank you for your generosity

Christmas Bits and Bobs

Have you seen our illuminated nativity scene?!

Christmas Collection

Just the usual notice at this time of year for the sake of transparency!

Traditionally the Christmas collection is the parish's gift to the parish priest. Thank you.

Parish Christmas Raffle

There is no parish cream tea in December. Instead our ladies have organised a Christmas Raffle – tickets can be bought in the porch this weekend and next. Proceeds go towards parish funds (we're planning on replacing the rest of the windows in the big hall in the coming year). The draw will be made in the hall after the Carol Service this Sunday. Thank you.

Carol Service with Mulled Wine

this Sunday 17th December at 5pm in St Gabriel's church (and then wine in the hall).

This was a huge success last year, really enjoyable a great preparation for Christmas. Who doesn't love singing carols?! We're going to try having candlelight for some of the service this year.

Invitations are available – please take a handful to share with your family, friends and neighbours – especially perhaps those who do not normally come to church – Catholic or not.

Nativity Scenes for Christmas Eve Masses

St Gabriel's Church

*We are once again asking for children to volunteer to read or act during our Christmas Eve nativity. The nativity will be at 6.30pm in St Gabriel's (Mass starts at 7pm) and it would be helpful if your child could be at Mass **this Sunday (17th December) to have a brief practice after Mass.** Where possible costumes will be provided. If you think your child will be interested, please see Anna Readman or add your full name to the list in the porch.*

Corpus Christi Church

*The nativity will be at 5.00pm in Corpus Christi (Mass starts at 5.30pm). Names of any volunteers to Sylvia Mackin or Shauneay Dalton. **There will be a rehearsal this Sunday after the Mass.***

Reconciliation Service at St Gabriel's

We will be having our usual – and really popular – reconciliation service for Advent **this Wednesday 20th December at 7pm**. Invite your friends and family members to come along with you – especially if they find coming to confession difficult or if it's a long time since they have been!

Corpus Christi Red Mission Boxes: £155.00

St Gabriel's Parish Tote – new backers still needed!

Confirmations in 2018 – Very Last Final Call !

Are you in Year 8 or above? Would you like to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a powerful new way through the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Bishop Terry will be confirming the young people of our diocese some time in May/June 2018.

If any of our young people age 12 and above would like to be confirmed, **could they please contact Canon John this weekend.**

Sick and Housebound

Fr John is visiting the care homes of the parish in the run up to Christmas. If any of our other housebound parishioners would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please let contact Fr John or let your eucharistic minister know.

RCIA

The next session for anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith will be Tuesday 9th January. This is an important meeting for those wishing to receive the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil as you will need to complete and sign the necessary forms which will be sent in to the diocese to ask the Bishop for permission to admit you into full communion with the Catholic Church. for 12th December at 7pm.

LGBT+ Ministry in Middlesbrough Diocese

The first Mass to inaugurate this new service which gives and an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families & friends was last Sunday at the Bar Convent in York (17, Blossom Street, YO24 1AQ).

It is intended that this will be a monthly event – on the second Sunday of each month. The next Mass will be on **Sunday 13th January at 3pm**. If you have family members or friends who might be interested, including those who have lost contact with the Church, please do let them know of this initiative. See poster.

For more information contact Fr. Tony Lester at: frtony@lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk Also visit: www.lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk.

What about Next Sunday?!

As you know, Christmas this year is on a Monday. That means the two Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve are on Sunday evening (5.30pm in Corpus Christi and 7pm in St Gabriel's). People have already started asking me if those Masses will cover them for next Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Advent). The answer is NO! You are still expected to come to the usual Sunday Mass – whatever Christmas Mass you intend to come to. (But I can promise you that the Saturday night/Sunday morning Masses next weekend will be briefer than normal!).