



The Parish Family of
St. Gabriel & Corpus Christi
 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

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Times of Liturgy			Mass Intention	Gospel Readings
Saturday	St Gabriel's	5.30pm	Holy Souls	This Sunday's passage from John 2:13-25 Jesus cleanses the Temple
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.30am	People of the Parish	
	St Gabriel's	11.00am	Kenneth Widdowson (anniv)	<u>Next Sunday</u> John 3:14-21 God loved the world so much
Monday		No Mass		
Tuesday	Mass	9.00am	Connie Connor RIP	
	Funeral Service	1.45pm	Connie Connor RIP	
Wednesday	Mass	9.00am	Special Intention	
Thursday	Mass	9.00am	Tommy O'Brien RIP	
Friday		11.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	Mass	11.30am	Emily & Jordan (wedding today)	

Other Events and Meetings

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): St Gabriel's, Saturdays **4.45pm – 5.15pm** & on request
 Confessions at Corpus Christi: Sundays **9.00am – 9.15am** & on request

Baptisms are by appointment. Parents attend a 4 session preparation. Baptisms take place on the First Sunday of every other month, on completion of the preparation course.

Marriages: 6 months' notice is needed. Contact Canon John.

RCIA meetings: want to know more about the Catholic faith? Meets fortnightly.

Hall Bookings: Contact Paul Croce: (01642) 295112

The Catholic Women's League: meets monthly. **Parish SVP** every fortnight in the small chapel at 7pm.

Church Cleaning: Every Friday after Mass. New volunteers most welcome!

Centering Prayer Group meets 11.30am on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in the side chapel.

New members welcome to all parish groups

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:
 Carmel Myers, Anthony Loughrim, Luke Mason, Colin Newcombe, Colin McNally, Bruce Irwin, Danny Mullins, Catherine Donnelly, Ellen Daniels, all the sick & housebound of our parish, & all who care for them. We pray also those in hospital and awaiting or recovering from operations

We pray for our deceased, especially Connie Connor, & all whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray too for all those mourning a loved one.

Mass Intentions received:
 Connie Connor RD (3). Kenneth Widdowson (anniv). Special Intention. Tommy O'Brien RIP.

Connie Connor's funeral is this Tuesday at 1.45pm. Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace . Amen.

**God bless you
 and yours,**

Sunday Collections

St Gabriel's

Envelopes £415.75 Loose £273.85 **Total £689.60**

Plus Direct Debits of £31 per week

2nd Collection for Retired Priests: **£455.28**

Corpus Christi

Total £ 152.98

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Thank you for your generosity

The Catholic Voice is available (free) in the porch for March – please take one.

HM Prison Full Sutton are advertising for a new Roman Catholic Chaplain. The closing date for applications is the 2nd March and the minimum qualification is the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS). Please see link; <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/16469-16469-Band-5-Chaplain-Roman-Catholic-Priest-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-or-Lay-Person/en-GB>

This Sunday we take in the Cafod envelopes for **Friday Fast Day** (spare green envelopes available in the porch).

Lent

This Sunday and the next 2 Sundays our 2 catechumens (Beverley and Charlie-Grae who are preparing for baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) and our 9 Candidates preparing for Confirmation and the Eucharist will be called forward for special prayers and blessings on them as they enter the final phase of their preparation to receive the life-giving sacraments at Easter.

Each Friday we have Stations of the Cross at 11am, followed by Mass at 11.30am followed in the small hall, with our Lenten Soup Lunch (with donations for Cafod). Come along and bring a friend!

Prayer: "Light a Candle Say a Prayer".

It's a while since we had one of these days: we will have one in each church during Lent.

I am proposing the following dates for these events:

Corpus Christi: Wednesday 14th March 12.30 to 3.30pm. We need volunteers to sign up to be present in the church during these times please (for half hour slots).

St Gabriel's: Tuesday 20th March 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Again – volunteers please sign up to be present in the church (for half hour slots).

And please let people know about these events!

Confession: Our parish Reconciliation service in Advent and Lent are really popular and very well supported. This Lent, it will take place at **6pm on Wednesday 21st March (followed like last year by our Easter Egg tombola in the hall at 7pm – donations of Easter Eggs can be left at the back of church - thanks).**

Newman Circle Talk

Was cancelled due to the weather. It may be rescheduled.

Events in St Andrew's Hall

Marske Fishermen's Choir: Friday 16th March 7.30pm
Tickets £3 or pay at the day. Call 01642 270713 or 464340. See posters for more details.

John Paul II Pastoral Centre

There is a meeting of volunteers at JP2 Centre on Friday 2nd March at 1.30pm. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer, please come along to this meeting.

St Vincent's

Volunteers needed to help at the Community shop at Belle Vue, Marton Road. Please call Angela on 01642 821816. See poster.

Good quality donations of clothing, shoes, bags, toys, novels, SDs & DVDs etc also welcome.

Teesside Irish Festival.

Kelly's Heroes (from Nottingham). Saturday 10th March 2018. Doors 7:30pm. £12.50 plus Irish stew and soda bread. The Georgian Theatre in Green Dragon Yard, Stockton TS18 1AT
Tel: 674115 contact Joe 325607 / 07837982694.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday – also Laetare Sunday – when we "rejoice". The liturgical colour is "Rose" why not wear some pink to Mass to rejoice?!

In our Parish

Fellowship Mass in St Gabriel's

We'll be hosting the Catholic Fellowship Mass at 3pm on **Sunday 18th March** – and offering hospitality to our guests in the hall afterwards.

Irish Night in St Gabriel's

St Gabriel's Irish Night will be held on **Friday 9th March 7.30pm – 11.00pm** in the large hall. There will be entertainment from Janie St John, a tombola, raffle and bingo. Bring along your own refreshments. All proceeds going towards the Lourdes fund. Tickets are £5 and include a pie and pea supper. Tickets are on sale in the porch at St Gabriel's after Mass or call 01642 463181 or 07432662759. Tickets are selling fast! **We still need donations of tombola prizes and bottles!**

Parish Cream Tea was cancelled because of the weather.

Easter Egg Tombola

Wednesday 21st March at St Gabriel's Parish Hall 7.00pm. 50p a ticket with refreshments (tea, coffee, juice) included. Tombola and bingo with Easter egg prizes. Great for adults and children. Tickets available at the back of St Gabriel's church, call 01642 314551 / 07432662759 or simply turn up! Easter egg donations required. Please leave in the porch.

All proceeds to the parish Lourdes Fund.

Parish Accounts 2018

We have a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee this week and will produce statements of the parish accounts for 2018 shortly after that.

RCIA

This week's session (Tuesday at 7pm) we look at the Sacraments of Initiation – their history and meaning, how we celebrate them today and what it means for our celebration at the Easter Vigil. It is a really important session – would all candidates please make an extra effort to attend. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

This Wednesday at 6pm

Confirmation

Next session this Thursday at 6pm

National Eucharistic Congress 8th & 9th September in Liverpool

3 people in our parishes expressed an interest in attending this event. If you still wish to go to the Congress Day on the Saturday, the cost is £40 for the day – which the parish will pay. Please ask Fr John for the booking form you need to complete and return in the next couple of weeks.

If you wish to go to the Pilgrimage day and attend one of the Masses and the Procession, the ticket is free but you still need to complete a booking form as numbers are strictly limited (65 for the whole diocese). The parish will pay for your tickets, but would you please make your own arrangements for travel (and for accommodation in Liverpool if you decide to stay over).