



KEEP CALM

AND HAVE A

JOYFUL LAETARE SUNDAY

The Parish Family of St. Gabriel & Corpus Christi 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B Laetare Sunday - Mothering Sunday

God So Loved The World



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Gospel Readings: This Sunday's passage from John 3:14-21 God loved the world so much. Next Sunday John 12:20-33 I will draw all people to myself

Other Events and Meetings: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Baptisms, Marriages, RCIA meetings, Hall Bookings, The Catholic Women's League, Church Cleaning, Centering Prayer Group. 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: Joan Edwards RIP. Mary Ward RIP. Bernie Gray & Louise Croce RIP. Christine Robinson (anniv). Birthday Mass Intentions. Tommy O'Brien RIP.

God bless you and yours,

Handwritten signature of Canon John

Sunday Collections St Gabriel's: Envelopes £469.15 Loose £251.41 Total £720.56 Plus Direct Debits of £31 per week Cafod Collection: £650.69

Corpus Christi Total £ 121.70 2nd Collection for Retired Priests: £70.72 Thank you for your generosity

SVP Meeting Tuesday 13th March in the small Chapel. New members are most welcome. Please contact Michelle Martin on 01642 317991 if you would like more information.

Mission Boxes - Corpus Christi Please bring in your boxes for emptying by the end of the month. Thank you. Mission Boxes - St Gabriel's Total from last collection was £472.85. Many thanks for all your donations. Could you please your Mission boxes in to be emptied by Sunday 25 March, Thank you.

Lent

This Sunday next Sunday 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.

Please do remember the Easter Vigil is at 8pm on Saturday 31st March in St Gabriel's – the most holy of nights, the most sacred of feasts at which our Catechumens and Candidates will receive the life-giving sacraments. Do make every effort to there.

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".

In Corpus Christi

This 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) .

In 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).**

Parish Cream Tea

The next Parish Cream Tea will be a week early – Tuesday 20th March from 1pm

(the usual last week of Tuesday would be in Holy Week and we are all encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass in the cathedral that day – we even cancel Mass in parishes when the Chrism Mass is taking place).

If you bought tickets in advance for the last Cream Tea which was cancelled due to the snow – they will of course be honoured. Proceeds go to our fund for new windows in the big hall.

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.

Fellowship Mass in St Gabriel's – next Sunday

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

If you can donate cakes, sandwiches, snacks etc, that would be much appreciated. They can be dropped off at church on Sunday morning or the hall which will be open from early afternoon.

RCIA

This week's session (Tuesday at 7pm) we look at the Sacraments of Healing – mainly the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) but also if we have time the Anointing of the Sick.

Again, it is a really important session as our candidates are expected to celebrate this Sacrament before the Easter Vigil.

Please note we have a parish Reconciliation service on Wednesday 21st at 6pm.

Day by Day Prayer Books for Easter are available in the porch - £1.

First Confessions

Please pray for our First Holy communion children from both parishes who make their First confessions this Wednesday at 6pm in St Gabriel's.

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.

St Vincent's Shop

Volunteers needed to help at the SVP Community Chop 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.

Mothering Sunday – Laetare Sunday

Today – the Fourth Sunday of Lent – is Mothering Sunday – when we pray for and give God thanks for our mams (and nannas) and for all who exercise a mothering role in our lives.

The Traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, the Church takes a bit of breather from Lenten practice and opens Mass with the Entrance Antiphon, "**Rejoice**, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" – taken from Isaiah chapter 66. Laetare means "Rejoice" .

Today we look forward with joyful expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By our anticipation of the joy of Easter today, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal (Easter) Feast.

The colour rose is used today as a sign of the joy which characterizes this Sunday. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this day. There was also a medieval tradition of visiting one's "mother church" (the church where one was baptized) on this day.

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