

Holy Family

Roman Catholic Parish

St Mary's, St John Vianney's, St Patrick's and St Joseph's Churches

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle



Parish Diary — Week beginning 27th November 2022

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 26th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass Dave Tilley (A)			6.00pm Mass Mary Gobbi
Sunday 27th November	1st Sunday of Advent	*10.00am Mass George Hoey Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Jean Smith Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Kenny Coull Coffee after Mass	
Monday 28th November		6.30pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			10.00am Mass Audrey McDonald
Tuesday 29th November		10.00am Funeral Service Pauline Fidgeon 12.05pm Mass Monica Lithgo	10.15am/10.30am Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass Eric Noble		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 30th November	St Andrew	10.00am Funeral Service George Lancaster 6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition/Confessions 6.30pm Mass Eileen Knight		9.00am Mass November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 1st December			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School William, Margaret & Ron Shepherd, Jack Thompson	11.00am Funeral Service William Cox	6.15pm Novena to Our Lady 6.30pm Mass No Intention
Friday 2nd December		10.00am Funeral Service Carole Elizabeth Amerigo 12.05pm Mass Rachel Turnege			
Saturday 3rd December	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Advent	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass Joe Cleary			6.00pm Mass The Potts Family
Sunday 4th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	*10.00am Mass Grace Walker (Birth) Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass In Thanksgiving (TC) Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Doreen Magee, Mary Jukes Coffee after Mass	

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY MASS TIMES - From this weekend, our mass times will change slightly as follows. Saturdays: 4.00pm Mass at St Joseph's, 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's. Sundays: 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's, 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's, and 11.00am Mass at St John Vianney's.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - will be as follows:-
Saturday 24th December 2022 – Christmas Vigil Masses
4pm Saint Joseph's
4pm Saint John Vianney's
6pm Saint Mary's
6pm Saint Patrick's
Sunday 25th December 2022 – Christmas Day Masses
9am Saint Patrick's
10am Saint Joseph's
11am Saint John Vianney's

BAPTISM APPLICATIONS - Application forms for infant baptism are available at the back of each church and from the parish office. Please return completed forms to the parish office. The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th December.

SCHOOL SERVICES - On Wednesday 30th November, a Mass will be said at EMS at 12.30pm. On Thursday 1st December, a Mass will be said at Sacred Heart at 9.30am. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - An Information Meeting for those wishing to find out more will be on Tuesday 29th November, 7.30pm in St Patrick's Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARISH SOCIAL - Food, fun and entertainment provided, bring your own drinks. Saturday 3rd December in St Patrick's Hall. If you want tickets please see list at back of Church. Tickets at £6, sold on first come basis.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - Please save the date: Wednesday 14th December. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than a service of lessons and Carols for families of all ages? Our parish primary schools will be joining together at St Joseph's Church for a service of lessons and carols led by our pupils. The service will begin at 5pm and last just under an hour. Further Details to follow.

WARM SPACE - We're considering opening St. Joseph's hall as a Warm Space to help people cope with the cost of living. But for this to work, we need volunteers to set up, serve food and steward. This is likely to take place on Tuesdays after the midday Mass. If you think you can help, please sign the list at the back of church and we'll be in touch. Thank you.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENING - The next Discernment evening will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 6th December at 6.00pm. Bishop Robert will be our guest for the evening and this is the last evening before the

Christmas holiday. If you would like to come along, or for more information, please contact Father Shaun Purdy, by Monday 28th November, so catering arrangements can be made. Please either call 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk The evening will finish at 8.00pm.

SACRISTANS FOR ST JOSEPH'S - There is an urgent need for reliable people to act as Sacristans at St Joseph's so every Mass is covered. To be a Sacristan involves preparing the altar for Mass and clearing up afterwards. If you feel that you would like to explore this possibility, please speak to Canon Paul.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Tickets will be on sale from 4th December in church. Various gift vouchers and prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 18th December in the annexe after Mass.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS - The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

ST PATRICK'S RAFFLE & BONUS BALL - The list of Raffle winners are displayed in St Patrick's Church Hall, and Bonus Ball winner will be announced next week. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for raffle and taking part in Bonus Ball. £100 has been raised for SVP, and £125 for our parish. Thanks again for your generosity.

ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you into school on Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am to enjoy our Christingle service with us. We will be lighting our Christingles and reflecting on the presence of Christ in our lives during the special season of Advent. All are very welcome.

LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEES - Further to Canon Paul's previous note regarding the establishment of Local Church Committees for each church of the parish, he would like to hear (ppholyfamilyhartlpeol@gmail.com) from those who would wish to be considered for membership on the LCC of St Joseph's, St Mary's and St Patrick's churches. St John Vianney already has an established LCC following its reopening earlier this year.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS - A big thank you to all who have helped prepare our Young People for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Special thanks to Ric and the team of Catechists. Thank you also to the parents and guardians of those who were confirmed for enabling and guiding them to this important stage in their journey of faith.

PARISH DONATIONS - Anyone wishing to provide regular giving, you can instruct your bank to set up a standing order using these details:
Beneficiary: DHN The Holy Family Account Number: 11173928 Sort Code: 40-34-45 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's Kingdom

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is near

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

As Advent begins, the dark nights deepen, the days grow colder, the mornings frosty, we struggle to rise each morning and tiredness, lethargy, drags at our feet and our minds. We begin to shut down, to cabin up for winter and everything seems such an effort. There seems to be nothing to look forward to, just another winter to blight our lives. But, somewhere, a flame is lit, a candle burns, and hope rises in our hearts.
Advent is a time of hope, of waiting, a time to prepare, to look forward to the coming feast of Christmas but to the people of Israel, five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, every day was a time of struggle, survival was all that was on the people's minds. So, today, we have the vision of Isaiah, a call to the people of God to shake off their lethargy, to look forward to the days to come when "the Temple of the Lord will tower above the mountains". Isaiah speaks of an oracle who will take authority over all nations, a time when war will be no more, when peace will descend on the land and all peoples will "walk in the light of the Lord".

About fifty years after the birth of Jesus Paul writes to the people of Rome. He has seen the light walking the land and calls on those enlightened by that light to remain steadfast, true to all they believe, for "the night is almost over, it will be daylight soon". He sees that the people of the Way are tired of waiting, they are in their advent of despair, and he calls on them to "arm themselves" to live decently and put on the armour of the Lord. Jesus is preparing His disciples for the coming persecution of the people of God which will begin after His death on the cross. He speaks to them of the great flood of Noah's day, when all was washed away and only the faithful Noah and his family survived. He warns them to stay awake for they will not know the hour when all this will occur. The Gospels were written almost two thousand years ago, and countless generations have flourished and died but still the love of God continues to bless our lives. We do not know the hour when God calls us to His side, we only know that by keeping His Word we can be among those He has chosen for eternal life.

David Frankle

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Hilary Bradbury, Dennis Bratt, Margaret Burke, Kay Burns, John Cann, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Lottie Docherty, James Doherty, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Emily Flannery, Alison Foster, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Christine Hansell, Mary Harper, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Etty Jordan, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Ken Knight, Frank Kozorowski, Marie Lydon, Maureen Maguire, Vera Marriott, James Marshall, Mary Mason, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Notrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Eddie Pearson, Colin Price, Christine Priestly, Damian Rafferty, Jean Richardson, Pam Robertson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Corazon Simpson, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Jonathon Vokes, Kay Wallace, James Walsh, Anthony Weegram.
Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.

Recently Deceased: George Lancaster, Pauline Fidgeon, Michael Knight, William Cox, Carole Elizabeth Amerigo, Paul McCraith. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Christopher Horseman, David Tilley, Enid Robinson, Kenneth Dowson, Leo Bianco, John Charles Reid, Joan Hall, Catherine Collingwood, Derek Connolly, Walter Newson, Patricia Reynolds, Audrey Kester, Dorothy Mincher, Merlin Allen, Jean McGregor, Mary Waller, Kevin Hennessy, Jean Smith, Teresa Sullivan, Colin Henderson, Peter Keegans, Mary Cornforth, Patrick Walsh, Shirley Hogg, Arthur Smith, Eric Noble, Albert Howe, Nora Ridden, Stanley Butterfield, Rosella Thompson, Denise Breward, John Mahony, Alice Garvin, Clare Shaw, Teresa Sullivan, Kenneth Coull, Anne Marie Noble, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

Kids Corner:

It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



Answer to puzzle on front page: armor of light

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
 November 27th, 2022

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Romans 13:11-14			
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In today's second reading
 Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the works of darkness and put on the

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