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 15th January 2023 *Live stream: www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyHartlepool

Date	Feast	Saint	Saint	Saint John	Saint
		Joseph's	Patrick's	Vianney's	Mary's
Saturday 14th January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of OT	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass Sheila Dobin			6.00pm Mass Patricia Rose Ward
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday of OT	*10.00am Mass Mary Relton Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Ian Wakeling Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Ernie Watson Coffee after Mass	
Monday 16th January		6.30pm Mass Robert Tate	1.30pm Funeral Service Edward McCrossan		10.00am Mass Maureen Reilly & Pamela Bates
Tuesday 17th January	St Antony	12.05pm Mass Brannan Family	 10.30am Funeral Service William John Parry 6.30pm Mass No Intention 		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 18th January		6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition/Confessions 6.30pm Mass Swift & Moran Family		11.00am Requiem Mass Frances Thelma Strickland	
Thursday 19th January		11.00am Requiem Mass Ann Florence Draper	9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School John & Marie Port		6.15pm Novena to Our Lady 6.30pm Mass Kilvington Mass Fund
Friday 20th January		12.05pm Mass John Cann			
Saturday 21st January	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of OT	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass Peace			6.00pm Mass St Mary's Guild
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday of OT	*10.00am Mass Terry Collins Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass The Relton Family Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Deceased Kealy & Devenport families Coffee after Mass	



Parish Clergy



Sacred Heart Thurs 19th Jan - 9.15am Mass

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH WEBSITE - The official parish website is now live. Last Sunday there was some confusion over the times of Masses as incorrect information had been placed on the internet, resulting in people arriving for Mass at the wrong time. Please be advised that the authoritative modes of internet communication for the parish can be found at the bottom of this bulletin. Other websites and pages posted on the internet containing information about the parish are not regulated or administered by our office, and therefore cannot be deemed a reliable source of information.

YOUTH MINISTRY - There will be a meeting for the Youth Ministry volunteers of the parish, and those interested in volunteering, in the Parish Centre at St Joseph's on Monday 23rd January at 7pm.

GIFT AID - If any returning parishioners wish to restart their Gift Aid donations, please contact the Parish Office with your name and address and we will be happy to provide you with envelopes or a Banker's Order form. If you are a taxpayer and wish to join the scheme, we will provide you with an application form. Remember we can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation as a tax free benefit to the parish; a welcome bonus in the present climate of inflation!

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 1st February, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

SACRISTANS FOR ST JOSEPH'S - There is an urgent need for reliable people to act at 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.

WARM HUB - Thank you for those who have already indicated their wiling to volunteer. There will be a meeting held for those who have indicated that they wish to volunteer, and any further volunteers, on Monday 16th January, 7pm in the Parish Hall, after the evening Mass at St Joseph's Church.

SCHOOL MASSES - Please see the coloured box at the bottom of the front page of the bulletin for the times of School Masses this week. All are welcome to attend the School Masses.

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office is now open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 2pm. It is hoped that this will soon be extended to include a Monday also. To cover absences of leave and sickness, it would be advantageous if some volunteers were briefed and able to keep the office open. If you feel that you have the computer/IT skills to consider this please do let Canon Paul know.

SANTO NIÑO NOVENA - The 9 day Novena to Santo Niño via Zoom will start on January 19th, till January 27th at 6.30-7pm everyday. All are welcome to join. The Zoom Meeting ID is 304 779 1898, and Passcode is 1234.

SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION - The feast day celebration will be held after the 10am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church on January 29th. At the end of the Mass, there will be a short worship dance presentation with music. Followed by a procession in the church leading to the parish hall for a little fiesta celebration. Please note, there will be no coffee morning on this day as we will serve food and coffee, and some soft drinks. We will be in the parish hall until the afternoon for the celebration maybe up to about 5pm.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - This takes place this week. Please join a shared service at 12 noon (1pm on Tuesday*) each day followed by a soup lunch. These are open services and all are welcome to attend. Hartlepool Churches Together have organised the following programme: Monday 16th - Oxford Road Baptist Church Tuesday 17th - St Joseph's at 1pm* Wednesday 18th - St Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road Thursday 19th - St George's URC Friday 20th - Church of the Nazarene Sunday 22nd - United service at 4.00pm at St Joseph's. On Tuesday (Jan 17) it's our turn to lead the praying over a soup lunch in the parish centre at St Joseph's (1pm start, after 12.05pm Mass). We have also been asked to round off the week with a unity service at 4pm in St Joseph's Church on

Sunday, Jan 22. We hope to see you at as many soup lunches as you can manage.

HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB - There are currently 80 numbers available. Payment for each number is £25 per year, £12.50 half yearly or £6.25 per quarter. The draw takes place at St Patrick's coffee morning the last Sunday of each month with prize money of (1st) £150, (2nd) £75 and (3rd) £25. Anyone wishing to purchase a number, please contact Clare Ferguson on 07754568530 or cferguson52@outlook.com.

CHURCH CLEANING - This takes place in each of the churches of our parish weekly. Many hands make light work. If you can spare the time to help in keeping our churches clean, please do come along.

St Joseph's - Fridays 10am

St John Vianney's - Wednesdays, after morning Mass St Mary's - Please contact Susan Atkinson for details. St Patrick's - Please contact Jane Barker for details.

This Sundays Readings

REFLECTION

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

'Look: there is the Lamb of God'

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of John is different from the synoptic Gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke, they have many stories in common and, in part, are written from other peoples memories of Our Lord, John however is a witness, he writes from what he has seen and understood. He walked the dusty roads, was part of the group who received further teaching and explanation from Our Lord, he speaks for those close to Jesus. It is a gospel of signs, of signposts on the road to faith in Jesus Christ.

Today's readings are about signs, they point us towards our pathway to faith. The first reading from Isaiah is about service but more particularly about servants. We all know there is service to do but do we always understand that each of us has been chosen as servants. that each must do their part in building the kingdom of God. Isaiah speaks of honour and of strength: to be a servant is not an easy task, it can take you in all different directions, lead you down different paths but ultimately the choice is yours. We can serve in many unseen ways, working away in our own communities, giving service, but asking no reward or we can be like Paul working to bring light to the nations. The psalm, today, is a reminder that the call to serve is often hidden and only revealed to us when circumstances allow. Many people serve without realising that they are being called by God to do something. It may be just listening, it may be in conversation with others, often it is found in a compassionate response or in a gentle gesture of support. We must always be open to the sweet, silent prompting of the Spirit.

Paul responded to his call through his missionary journeys and his letters to the communities he formed and nurtured. He always mentions others who serve with him but are often unnoticed by the world. He mentions Sosthenes, a brother in Christ, one who shares his work and the dangers of his calling. He recognises the prayers of all the saints, everywhere, who work for the kingdom.

John the Baptist was a great servant of God, it was to him that the call came to begin the work of Christ by calling the people to a baptism of reconciliation. Now, seeing Jesus, he realises that his work is done, that he must decrease as the ministry of Jesus begins. He points us towards our saviour "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world".

Davíd Frank



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Hilary Bradbury, Dennis Bratt, Margaret Burke, Kay Burns, 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, 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 McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Paul Moore, Veronica Morrell, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Notrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, 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: Bernadette O'Brien, Edward McCrossan, Ann Draper, June Longmoor, Aria Esposito, Eleanor Weatherill, Janet Arnell, Bill Parry, Thelma Strickland, Etty Jordan, John Grocott, Winifred Davison. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Norman Heslop, Stephen Kelly, John Port, Pat Dobson, Bob Bew, Michael Devine, Thomas Bone, Nora Metcalfe, Nancy Snowdon, Mary Elizabeth Walker, John Young, Thomas Wilkinson., Win Flanagan, Michael Eccles, Ann Grieves, Michael Stokes, Terence Peat, Malcolm O'Keefe, Sharon Callaghan, Gladys Bulmer, Sandra Marie Twidale, Arthur Bleasby, Hilda Hamilton, Robert Wallace Reed, Stephen Kelly, Christine Nora Moore, Anne Patricia Dobson, Kathleen Woodhall, Emily Adams, Julian Joseph Gallen, Tom Gallen, James Herron, Ada Chapman, Thomas Mason, Charlotte Elwood, Matthew Clifford, Doreen Newson, Joan Thorburn, Majorie Smith, 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 Corper:

John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the

Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his

job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving



God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God. Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus? Use the code to figure it out!

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