

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 18th December 2022

*Live stream: www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyHartlepool

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 17th December	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Advent	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass Brigid Carroll			6.00pm Mass Ian Liddle, Ray & Mark Crawford
Sunday 18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	*10.00am Mass Annie & Peter Allen Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Kenny Coull Coffee after Mass	
Monday 19th December		6.00pm Christmas Liturgy With English Martyrs School			10.00am Mass Deceased Members of the Boyd & Turnbull Families
Tuesday 20th December		12.05pm Mass Kenny Malpass	10.15am/10.30am Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass Pat Boagey		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 21st December		11.00am Funeral Service Greta Healey 6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition/Confessions 6.30pm Mass Regan, Roche & Dumville Families		9.00am Mass Private Intention	
Thursday 22nd December			9.30am Mass Terry Jeffries		6.15pm Novena to Our Lady 6.30pm Mass Jimmy & Ethel Duffy, William August Thygesen
Friday 23rd December		12.05pm Mass Mr & Mrs Devine			
Saturday 24th December	(Vigil) The Nativity of the Lord	3.30pm Carols 4.00pm First Mass of Christmas Nancy & Harry Wilkinson	5.30pm Carols 6.00pm First Mass of Christmas People of the Parish	3.30pm Carols 4.00pm First Mass of Christmas Michael Linighan	5.30pm Carols 6.00pm First Mass of Christmas Eileen & George Weatherill
Sunday 25th December	The Nativity of the Lord	*10.00am Mass Gillian Robins Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass People of the Parish Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Fr Ronald Prince Coffee after Mass	

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

BISHOP ROBERT - It was announced on Monday that Bishop Robert has petitioned the Holy Father so that he may retire earlier. A letter from Bishop Robert to the people of the diocese will be read at the masses this week.

ADVENT ALMS - There is a tradition of not giving Christmas Cards to fellow Parishioners and in lieu giving to charity. This year's Advent Alms, which will go to St Cuthbert's Care, will be the 'Offerings for the Crib'. Please put your offerings in the boxes at the Cribs in each church of the Parish.

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

CAROL SERVICES - Prior to our Vigil Masses on 24th December, each Church will have a Carol Service -
3.30pm Saint Joseph's and Saint John Vianney's,
5.30pm Saint Mary's and Saint Patrick's

YOUTH MINISTRY - Ric, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, will be leaving us in January to take up a new Chaplaincy role. We wish him well for his future ministry, and thank him for his service in our parish. 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 Baptism meeting is on Wednesday 4th January, at 6pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre Hall.

SCHOOL SERVICES - On Monday 19th December, a Mass will be said at St Bega's at 9am. On Tuesday 20th December, St Joseph's School will have a Mass at 9am. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY - Join us at St Joseph's on Monday 19th December, at 6pm, for the EMS Christmas Liturgy.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS - Traditionally, a mass is celebrated on the Feast of Saint Stephen, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. As this follows immediately after the Christmas festivities, instead we will have an Altar Servers Mass on Friday 30th December at 1205pm at St Joseph's Church. This will be a celebration for all of the servers of the parish, an opportunity to invest new servers into the Guild of Saint Stephen and to thank our servers for their faithful service at the altar. Please do join us for this celebration.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE INTENTIONS - Each of the Churches of our Parish will be illuminated over the Christmas period with Candles representing the intentions of our parish community. The Candle Intentions will be received at the back of each Church of our Parish until the 21st December inclusive. A suggested donation of at least £3 to cover the cost of the candle is suggested.

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.

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 reflections for the third and fourth weeks of Advent can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook.

PARISH BOUNDARIES - Following a review of parish boundaries, a diocesan decree has been issued finalising the boundaries of the parish. These can be found at the back of each church.

NEW GATES - The rear compound at St Joseph's has had new gates installed. If you should need access to that area outside of parish office opening hours, please speak to Canon Paul.

WARM SPACE - Thank you for those who have already indicated their willing to volunteer. Having received guidance from the diocese, we will need additional volunteers before this project can commence. Please if you are able to volunteer on a Tuesday in the Parish Centre at St Joseph's after midday Mass, sign the sheets which are available at the back of all of our churches.

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 7:10-14

The maiden is with child

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

REFLECTION

As we come to the last week of Advent our thoughts turn, inevitably, to the coming feast of Christmas but the church, in its wisdom, has one more week of preparation before event. The attention now falls on the human family which is going to be affected by the coming birth, a young family, thrown into uproar, by the unexpected events and struggling to come to terms with what is happening to them.

Isaiah speaks of a sign of God's relationship with His people. He speaks of the patience of God, beset by the cries of a people, living in hope yet impatient for a sign that will show them the extent of God's love for them. Perhaps they were hoping for a message of glory and power, an intervention in their lives that would raise them above all other nations, but instead God's promise is the opposite of their hopes, He promises a child, born of a maiden, a son who is to be called Emmanuel, a sign that God is with us.

Paul was a great believer in people, throughout his ministry he calls on a great number of individuals, male and female, to join him in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. Today we have the beginning of perhaps his greatest epistle, the Letter to the Romans; the stage now moves to the centre of the first century world, to Rome, and the diversity of cultures and beliefs that exist in the city. There are many Christian converts in Rome, drawn from places throughout the empire, divided by their nationality and language but united in their faith in Christ. Paul seeks to unite the people of God so that they can be a sign to the pagans that the love of God is for all people. He calls on them to be saints, united with him in service to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Matthew's account of the happenings to the families of Mary and Joseph is centered on Joseph, a man of honour, who wants to do what is best in a very awkward situation. He is in a dilemma, he cannot understand what is happening to his beloved Mary, he seeks a way that will do least harm. We know very little about Joseph, but from the scraps of information in the gospels, we can be assured that he was a very devout man, well versed in scripture, ready to do God's will. He sleeps, and, in his dreams, he is visited by an angel of God. This encounter assures him that all that Mary and the scriptures say has come to pass, Mary will have a son, and he will be called Jesus, for he comes, to save his people.

David Frank

Daily Readings



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, 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, 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.*

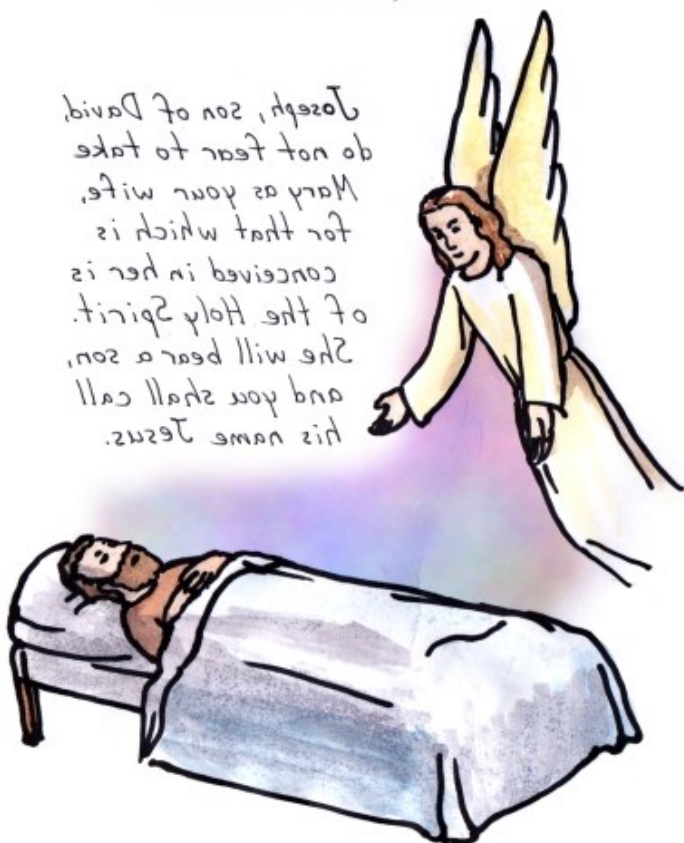
Recently Deceased: Greta Healey, Margaret Huntley. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Pat Watson, Joan Hall, Louis Martin, George Dickson, John Malone, Sylvia Wilkinson, Raymond Watson, John Boyd, Elise Morrison, Evelyn Ryan, George Dickson, Peter McPartlin, Danny McHugh, Claire Michael, Jimmy Cockerill, Pat Boagey, David S Murray, Bill Spalding, Robert Burton, Peggy Mordaunt, Dorothy Cooke, John Doving, Kathleen Pickering, Josephine Ibbitson, Peter Measor, Marlene Muers, Audrey Weegram, Elizabeth Cooper, Mrs A Robertson, Joan Burke, Earnie Watson, 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: The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2022

Joseph, son of David,
do not fear to take
Mary as your wife,
for that which is
conceived in her is
of the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.

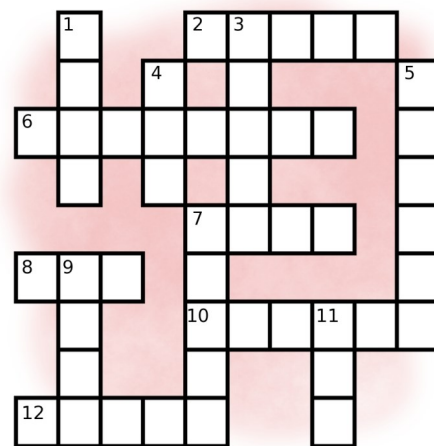


An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
VIRGIN
HIGH
SHEOL
CHILD
THE
DAVID
HEAVEN
NAME
DEEP
IMMANUEL
GOD
MAN



___ 8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your ___ 11D; let it be ___ 7A as ___ 2A or ___ 9D as ___ 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O ___ 3D of ___ 7D! Is it too little for you to weary ___ 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the ___ 10A shall be with ___ 12A, and bear a son, and shall ___ 1D him ___ 6A.

