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 September 2022 *Live stream: www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyHartlepool

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's	Deacon Jeff Parkes
Saturday 17th September	(Vigil) 25th Sunday O.T.	4.00pm - 4.30pm Exposition & Confessions				ideaconholyfamilyhartlepool @gmail.com
		5.00pm Mass Ted & Mary Hitchen				Parish Office
Sunday 18th September	25th Sunday O.T. Home Mission	*10.00am Mass Jimmy Dobing (A) Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Arthur Vokes Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Anne Cole Coffee after Mass	6.00pm Mass Mary & Family	Secretary Laura Coxon holyfamilyhartlepool
Monday 19th	Sunday					@gmail.com \$\comega 01429 866288 Opening Hours
September Tuesday 20th September	SS Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	12.05pm Mass Jean Tilley (A)	10.15am/10.30am Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass Mark Burnop		2.00pm Rosary	10am - 2pm 10am - 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Parish Centre Grosvenor Street Hartlepool TS26 8DP
Wednesday 21st September	St Matthew	6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Special Intention (Grandsons)		9.30am Mass The Deceased Members of the Cawley Family		Holy Family Youth Coordinator Ric Slatter
Thursday 22nd September			9.30am Mass Stan & Margaret Lythe		6.30pm Mass Sheila Gould	ric@holyfamilyyouth.co.uk07741162085
Friday 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina	12.05pm Mass Special Intention (Birthday)	10.00am Funeral Duncan Burdon			Churches St Joseph's St Paul's Road TS26 9EY
Saturday 24th September	(Vigil) 26th Sunday O.T. Our Lady of Walsingham	4.00pm - 4.30pm Exposition & Confessions 5.00pm Mass Peter R Wilson	10.00am Mass Walsingham Pilgrims, Past & Present Coffee after Mass			St Mary's Durham Street TS24 0HD St John Vianney's King Oswy Drive
Sunday 25th September	26th Sunday O.T.	*10.00am Mass Clare Caffrey Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Arthur Vokes Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Kathleen Laffin Coffee after Mass	6.00pm Mass Fernie & Fearon Families	West View Estate TS24 9LX St Patrick's Owton Manor Lane TS25 3QG





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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

HOME MISSION SUNDAY - This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, and a special collection will be taken. Thanks.

JOURNEY IN FAITH - A course for those wishing to explore becoming a Roman Catholic will begin in November. In preparation for this course, we would welcome current Catholics who are willing to help deliver the course and share their faith. If you would be interested in doing so please inform Laura in the Parish Office.

PARISH WEBSITE - Over the summer months work has been taking place on developing a new Parish Website. Whilst there is still some work to take place, this will be published shortly. Once it is available the social media accounts associated with the churches of the parish will be closed. Watch this space....

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & PARISH FINANCE

COMMITTEE - With the appointment of a new parish priest the existing PPC and Finance Committee cease to exist. It is Canon Paul's intention to renew the tenure of the Finance Committee for the moment as this body is a canonical requirement. Looking forward there will be established local church committees to oversee the day to day running of our four churches. In the autumn, the new Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council will consist of representatives from each of the four local church committees of the parish.

GIFT AID - If any returning parishioners wish to restart their Gift Aid donations, please contact Laura in the Parish Office (866288) 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, please contact Laura and 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 6th October, at 6.00pm, in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Wednesday 5th October. Anyone in Year 10, 11 or above interested in being confirmed should come to our initial meeting for parents and young people on Wednesday 28th September at 6.30pm in St Patrick's church hall. For further information please email ric@holyfamilyyouth.co.uk or speak to him in school next term.

ACCOMPANIERS FOR CONFIRMATION - We are seeking

parishioners from across our churches who can volunteer to help our confirmation candidates and their families to get involved and feel a part of the community at your regular Sunday Mass. If you would like to learn more, you can email or call Ric using the details on the front of the newsletter or catch him after Mass.

HOLY COMMUNION - The application forms for First Holy Communions are at the back of church. Please complete and return if you wish for your child to be included in this years programme. The initial meeting for parents will be on Thursday 29th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS - We are looking for parishioners to help with catechesis in our different churches. If you would like to volunteer or continue, please contact Sarah Boagey at fhc.holyfamilyhartlepool@gmail.com, or call her on 07921560989. There will be a meeting for catechists on Tuesday 27th September, at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

200 CLUB - August Draw: 1st Prize No. 103 Peter Horsley, 2nd Prize No.147 Mary Windram, 3rd Prize No. 18 Diane Gooding. Congratulations to our winners.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH FLOWERS - Thank you to all who supported the Garden Maintenance on such a cold and wet day.

ST PATRICK'S - There will be a meeting after mass on Tuesday evening 20th September, to discuss arrangements for the Feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham and to consider future fundraising events. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - There will be Mass to celebrate the Feast Day on Saturday 24th September in St Patrick's Church at 10am followed by Coffee Morning in the hall afterwards. All Welcome.

SVP- A collection for the SVP will take place next weekend. Please give generously if you can.

VINCENTIAN APPEAL - We also have a Missionary from the Vincentians visiting us next weekend to make an appeal.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Join us at St Joseph's Parish Hall on Saturday 1st October for a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan, from 11.30am till 2.00pm. There will be cakes, strawberry scones and handmade cards available.

SEAFARERS APPEAL - If anybody has any good, clean and warm clothing, washable coats, sweatshirts or hoodies, our seafarers would be more than grateful of any donations. Please contact Brenda Bland for more information.

This Sundays Readings 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

I will never forget your deeds, you who trample on the needy
Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be the slave of both God and money

Jesus said to his disciples:

Gospel Reading

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

REFLECTION

Something that always strikes me about the Sunday readings is how they seem to mirror life. In our second reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy, Paul calls on us to "offer prayers -petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving especially to kings and others in authority". There is no doubt we should follow Paul's advice as we recall the selfless devotion and example of our late Queen Elizabeth and we should also remember her son, King Charles, who seems to have taken on the mantle of kingship with great dignity and compassion. Over the coming days and years our prayers are needed to sustain and guide him, and all those in power and authority, through the current events that have so unsettled our turbulent world.

The pastoral letters from Paul to Timothy deserve our attention in so many ways. Timothy has been placed in authority over a group of communities. He is new to this demanding task and so his friend, Paul writes to him, giving advice over the many problems which will need wisdom and sensitivity if he is to build the church of Christ among the people.. His advice is wide ranging and many of the scenarios mentioned in this letter echo the problems and challenges of our present day. Nothing really changes, only times and seasons, human life still goes on.

The pursuit of wealth to the detriment of the poor in society is the theme picked up by the Old Testament and the Gospel readings. The prophet Amos is the voice for justice and peace in his world and echoes down the centuries to our own time. The poor are still with us, prices are rising at an alarming rate and speculators are still making insane profits. We are helpless in this situation and must rely, as always on Amos's appeal to God for justice. The steward in today's Gospel uses his position of authority to ensure that his comfortable world continues even if he loses his status. He does this by very devious methods but, instead of anger, he receives praise from his master. A salutary lesson in the way this world places the gathering of wealth far above the needs of the poor. We are reminded today that we cannot be the slave of two masters. It is how we share the gifts we are given that will be weighed in the scales of heaven, not the profits we have made.

David Frank



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Stephen Anderson, 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, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Emily Flannery, Alison Foster, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Peter Grieves, 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, Audrey McDonald, Owen McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Paul Mccraith, 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, Nora Trischler, 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: Duncan Burdon, Julie Talbot, Rosemary Tobin, Olive Merritt. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Olive Carter, Peter John Hughes, Jack Fitzgerald, Stevie Mullins, Edmund Smith, Ann Patricia Robinson, Stephen John McMorris, Stan Lythe, Audrey Crowther, John Bowran, Luis Ghaut, Brian Feeney, Fr Owen Murray, James William Lilley, Nora Dwyer, Kathleen Sylvia Green, Eric Lake, Ray Andrews, George Imray, Michael Cawley, Cristine Fiorini, Stephen Mullins, Mrs M E Willis, Beverley Jones, Ronald Slimmings, William Gallagher, Thomas Mulcahy, Carol McLean, Barbara Murphy, Daniel Cummins, Michael Mulcahy, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to Pauline Lynch who celebrates a 'Special Birthday' tomorrow 19th September. With love and best wishes from all your family and friends within the Holy Family Parish. God Bless.

