

# 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 29th January 2023

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| Date                   | Feast                        | Saint Joseph's  | Saint Patrick's  | Saint John Vianney's  | Saint Mary's  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Saturday 28th January  | (Vigil) 4th Sunday of OT     | 3.00pm - 3.30pm<br>Exposition/Confessions<br><br>4.00pm Mass<br>Special Intention<br>(Grandsons)                                |  |   | 6.00pm Mass<br>Megraw Mass<br>Fund                              |
| Sunday 29th January    | 4th Sunday of OT             | *10.00am Mass<br>James Lynch (A)<br><br>Coffee after Mass   | 9.00am Mass<br>Geraldine Douglas<br>& John Murphy<br>Coffee after Mass | 11.00am Mass<br>Charles Archbold<br><br>Coffee after Mass         |   |
| Monday 30th January    |                              | 6.30pm Mass<br>Wellbeing of<br>Elizabeth Hewitt   |  | 12.00pm Requiem<br>Mass<br>Brian Donnelly                         | 10.00am Mass<br>John Cann                                       |
| Tuesday 31st January   | St John Bosco                | 12.05pm Mass<br>Sofronio Andine   | 6.30pm Mass<br>Peggy & Elgar<br>Forster                                |   | 2.00pm<br>Rosary  |
| Wednesday 1st February |                              | 10.30am Requiem Mass<br>Bernadette Bryan<br><br>6.00pm - 6.25pm<br>Exposition/Confessions<br><br>6.30pm Mass<br>Graces Received |  | 9.00am Mass<br>Ralph & Mary<br>Cawley                             |   |
| Thursday 2nd February  | The Presentation of The Lord |   | 9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School<br>No Intention                      |   | 6.15pm Novena<br>to Our Lady<br><br>6.30pm Mass<br>No Intention |
| Friday 3rd February    |                              | 12.05pm Mass<br>Nora Butler   |  |   |   |
| Saturday 4th February  | (Vigil) 5th Sunday of OT     | 3.00pm - 3.30pm<br>Exposition/Confessions<br><br>4.00pm Mass<br>Michael, Ethel &<br>Forbes Jacques                              |  |   | 6.00pm Mass<br>No Intention                                     |
| Sunday 5th February    | 5th Sunday of OT             | *10.00am Mass<br>Billy Gasgarth<br><br>Coffee after Mass  | 9.00am Mass<br>The Spindloe<br>Family<br><br>Coffee after Mass         | 11.00am Mass<br>David & Maureen<br>Crowe<br><br>Coffee after Mass |   |

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### Churches

**St Joseph's**  
St Paul's Road  
TS26 9EY

**St Mary's**  
Durham Street  
TS24 0HD

**St John Vianney's**  
King Oswy Drive  
West View Estate  
TS24 9LX

**St Patrick's**  
Owton Manor Lane  
TS25 3QG

### School Masses

(All Welcome)

**St Cuthbert's**  
Mon 30th Jan - 10.00am Mass

**St Joseph's**  
Tues 31st Jan - 9.00am Mass

**English Martyrs**  
Mass Cancelled

**Sacred Heart**  
Thurs 2nd Feb - 9.15am Mass

**St Teresa's**  
Thurs 2nd Feb - 9.30am Mass

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** - On 11th February, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. As it falls on a Saturday, there will be an additional Mass at 11am at St Joseph's for the Feast, which will include the sacrament of the sick. Please be mindful of those who may wish to attend this Mass, and if you are able to offer transport.

**SPARE SEAT?** - Some people find it difficult to get to Sunday Mass due to distance or public transport. At the same time, some parishioners may be coming to Church with spare seats in their cars, which could be offered to those having difficulty. If you have spare seats in your car, would you be prepared to offer them? Your help would be much appreciated. If you wish to assist others, please inform the parish office.

**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.

**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 Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm. 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 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 of 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.

**HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB** - There are currently 38 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: 07754568530 / 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.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS** - These are now available to purchase at the back of each church of the parish for £3.00.

**HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB** - Our usual Christmas Savings Club has already started. We raised a total of £1115 last year. For every £1 saved, 5p will go to the parish. If you would like to join, please contact Mary Storer on 07938438235. The more members we have, the more money we raise for the parish! Monies can be paid in at each of the Churches of our parish by simply placing them in an envelope with your details on and putting them into the collection basket.

**WARM HUB VOLUNTEERS** - Thank you to those who have already indicated their willing to volunteer. A further meeting is scheduled for Monday 30th January, at 7pm, in the Parish Centre Hall after mass at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend. We hope to decide a start date from this meeting.

**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 leave your kind donations in the bin/basket as you enter our Churches.

**CANDLEMAS BBQ** - This years Candlemas BBQ will be taking place on Sunday 12th February at 5pm. Arts, crafts, food and fire! Check out next weeks bulletin for more details. All are welcome!

**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: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13**

**In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people**

Seek the Lord,  
 all you, the humble of the earth,  
 who obey his commands.  
 Seek integrity,  
 seek humility:  
 you may perhaps find shelter  
 on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
 In your midst I will leave  
 a humble and lowly people,  
 and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.  
 They will do no wrong,  
 will tell no lies;  
 and the perjured tongue will no longer  
 be found in their mouths.  
 But they will be able to graze and rest  
 with no one to disturb them.

**Response: How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise**

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father,  
 Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
 to mere children.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12a**

**How happy are the poor in spirit**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
 Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Have you a dream that is still waiting to be realised; is there something in your life which was once a path to your future which has now become a cul-de-sac, a road which you have never travelled. We all begin life with dreams and aspirations; sometimes they are impossible to achieve, often they are put to one side because the time is not quite right, if we are fortunate, we can live our dreams. Today's readings speak to us of an old dream which is made new because a light has been shone upon it. Perhaps that same light will grow strong and illuminate the path to your dream.

The prophet Zephaniah is writing 600 years before the birth of Christ; he recognises a condition which we may be familiar with. The poor, the humble, are ignored by the rich and powerful; they feel they have no power in a land where power is everything. Their hopes are founded on the Lord; they seek Him with integrity and humility, only God can save them from the hands of wicked men. They pray for justice and a refuge in the Lord.

Paul's dream is of a people who will come and worship God through His Son Jesus Christ. He recognises that those who follow Christ are not the rich and powerful, the worldly wise, but those who simply believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We are not wise by human reckoning, we have faith, a belief which may seem foolish by those who think that they are wise, but our faith makes us part of God's kingdom and so He has become our wisdom.

In Matthew's Gospel, we begin a revelation, through Jesus, of the Kingdom of God. We hear the beatitudes, a series of blessings which give honour to the lowliest and not the mighty. We sometimes speak of Jesus "turning the world upside down"; this passage is the beginning of that upheaval; the transfer of power from the powerful to the humble. Each line resonates with our own time. Because today's world is so small we are aware of the suffering of many, an awareness which was not known to past generations. Today we cannot ignore poverty, it is all around us, we cannot ignore injustice, war, persecution because we see it, in real time, on our television screens. Now is the time, armed with the righteousness of God, to speak out against the unjust world we live in and seek to change it. In our small way, we can begin to fulfil the beatitudes, all we need to do is to have the courage and, through our actions, place our dream of a better world into God's hands.

*David Franke*

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, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Lottie Docherty, James Doherty, Natalie Eglington, 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, Sylvie 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 Bryan, Teresa Ruth Lewis, Arthur Brian Donnelly, Daniel Phillip Madge. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Olga Caden, Evelyn Stewart, Laurence William Lynch, Margaret Rose Murphy, Dora Wilkinson, Ethal Duffy, Anne Thompson, Sally Burnett, Edward Yarrow, Millie Pearce, George Pearce, Edward Garthwaite, John Atkinson, James Lynch, Stuart Simpson, James Wilson, Frederick Donnelly, Margaret Barnfather, Gareth Bryant, John Bourne, Michael Hanson, Hannah Walsh, William Stabler, 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:

### How to be Happy!

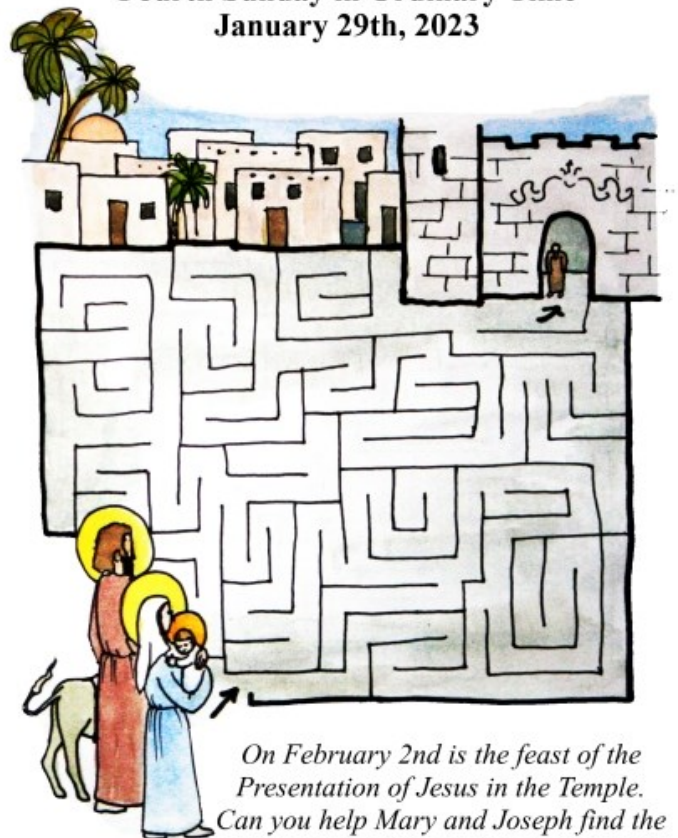
*In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.  
Beatitude means happiness.  
Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:*

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against Him.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



## The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29th, 2023



*On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?*

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