

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 4th December 2022

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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	
Monday 5th December		9.30am Advent Service with Sacred Heart School 6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving			10.00am Mass No Intention
Tuesday 6th December		12.05pm Mass Vivian Pinto (Special Intention)	10.15am/10.30am Exposition/Rosary 6.30pm Mass Father Dermot Donnelly		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 7th December	St Ambrose	6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition/Confessions 6.30pm Mass Deceased Members of the Atkinson Family		9.00am Mass William (Lol) Cox	
Thursday 8th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Harry McIntyre		6.15pm Novena to Our Lady 6.30pm Mass No Intention
Friday 9th December		12.05pm Mass Steve Caffrey			10.00am Requiem Mass Paul McCraith
Saturday 10th December	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Advent	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions 4.00pm Mass George Hoey			6.00pm Mass David Crisp
Sunday 11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	*10.00am Mass Barry Hogan Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Paul & Matthew Lennard Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass The Deceased Garraghan & Davison Families Coffee after Mass	

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St Patrick's
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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY MASS TIMES - From last weekend, our mass times have changed 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

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 7th December.

SCHOOL SERVICES - On Monday 5th December, an Advent Service will be held at St Joseph's Church with Sacred Heart School. On Tuesday 6th December, a Mass will be said at St Joseph's School at 9am. On Wednesday 7th December, a Mass will be said at EMS at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

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.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - 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 on Wednesday 14th December and last just under an hour. It will also be live streamed for those unable to join us.

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.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION - Join us at Mass on Sunday at St Patrick's, where our Confirmation candidates will be presented gifts in a parish celebration. Refreshments will be available, all are welcome.

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.

200 CLUB - Draw for November 1st Prize £150 No 14 Agnes Doherty, 2nd Prize £75 No 167 Father Jim Angus, 3rd Prize £25 No 95 Pauline McCluskie. Congratulations to our winners. December draw on Sunday December 18th.

SJV 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.

SJV CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - All donations gladly received. Please place in the box at the back of church, or see Barbara Corney. Thank you.

ST PATRICK'S RAFFLE & BONUS BALL - All Raffle Prizes have now been claimed, Winners list available in Church Hall. The winner of the Bonus Ball on Saturday 26th November was no.11 - Holly McGarry. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support.

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.

ELWICK GRANGE CAROLS - Volunteers are needed to sing carols at Elwick Grange on Friday 9th Dec, or Tuesday 20th Dec. Please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 with your availability for those dates.

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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Response: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Christ is the saviour of all men

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Baptism is a sign of new life; when the sacrament is given to a baby or young child the parents take on the responsibility of making the sacred vows on the child's behalf but when a grown up is Baptised, they speak for themselves. The choice is not easily made; it may seem straight forward for a child but for an adult there has been a long period of contemplation, sometimes painful, sometimes with joy, before a decision is made. It is not made lightly, sacrifices are made, ties are sometimes cut, there are tears of joy and sorrow shed. Baptism washes us with a flood of cleansing water, we die with Christ, we rise with him.

Imagine the scene on the river Jordan, a man came, his name was John, he speaks to the people with great conviction, his words capture the spirit of the times, and many are called to a baptism of repentance. John's call to the people to be reconciled to God is echoed in the Sacrament of Confession. We seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Advent Season so that we can receive the child with a pure heart just as those men and women gathered on the banks of the river Jordan were opening their hearts, cleansing themselves of their sins and turning back to their loving God.

Isaiah speaks of a shoot springing from the stock of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David from whose line we trace Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Jesus is the one on whom the Spirit of the Lord rests. The gifts of the Spirit are set on his shoulders; through the Gospel of Matthew, we will follow in His footsteps over the coming months, He will bring peace and harmony into the world and "stand as a signal to the peoples".

When we hear the Word, we are following in the footsteps of those who have gone before us. The Word brings us hope, the promises made to the patriarchs are fulfilled in Christ. We need to take the gifts of the Spirit, given to us through Christ, and share them with everyone we meet. In this way all humanity will give praise to God and our world can be "united in mind and voice".

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, 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: Jim O'Connor, Paul McCraith, Elizabeth Parker. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Jane Wilkinson, Gladys Bird, Anne Hansen, The Mitchell Family, Ronald Dring, G Robertson, Pauline Beha, Mike Griffin, Patrick Walsh, Irene Aistrup, Rachel Judge, Sheila Dowson, Dorothy Mason, Ian Jackson, Delia Margaret Ingledew, Gordon Thomas Larkin, Harold Coates, Patricia Lawson, Kenneth Day, Catherine Pennick, Rita Elsdon, Ann Foster, Andrew Daley, Alan Ferguson, Mary Gooding, John Joy, Sheila Breward, 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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4th, 2022

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.



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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

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Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom.
 Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?
 Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the _____, and the _____ shall lie down with the kid; the _____ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the _____ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the _____ shall eat hay like the ox. The _____ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby leopard
 calf bear
 lamb lion

