

# 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 8th January 2023

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 7th January	(Vigil) The Baptism of The Lord	3.00pm - 3.30pm Exposition/Confessions  4.00pm Mass Ronald, Leo & Elizabeth Flounders			6.00pm Mass Kilvington Mass Fund
Sunday 8th January	The Baptism of The Lord	*10.00am Mass Maxina Caffrey  Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Peter Lynch -B/Day Remembrance  Coffee after Mass	11.00am Mass Kath Coomb & Family  Coffee after Mass	
Monday 9th January		6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving (St Joseph Cupertino)	11.00am Requiem Mass James O'Connor		10.00am Mass Michael Linighan
Tuesday 10th January		12.05pm Mass James and Molly Marshall	10.15am/10.30am Exposition/Rosary  6.30pm Mass Margaret Huntley		2.00pm Rosary
Wednesday 11th January		2.00pm Funeral Service Harry Gordon  6.00pm - 6.25pm Exposition/Confessions  6.30pm Mass Lewis Boyd-Hill		9.00am Mass Private Intention	
Thursday 12th January		1.00pm Funeral Service John Cann	9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Eddie and Kath Duffy		6.15pm Novena to Our Lady  6.30pm Mass Betty Parker
Friday 13th January		12.05pm Mass Audrey McDonald			
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	

### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

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**Opening Hours**  
10am - 2pm  
Tuesday to Friday

Parish Centre  
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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 Bega's**  
Mon 9th Jan - 9.15am Mass

**English Martyrs**  
Wed 11th Jan - 12.30pm Mass

**Saint Teresa's**  
Thurs 12th Jan - 9.30am Mass

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**SVP** -The next SVP Conference is on Friday 13th January 2023, after the Mid-day Mass in the Parish Hall at Saint Joseph's Church.

**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.

**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.

**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 HUB** - Thank you for those who have already indicated their willing 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 skills to consider this please do let Canon Paul know.

**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 42:1-4,6-7**

**Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,

and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

**God had anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved'**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

## REFLECTION

On the threshold of a New Year, we begin again the Gospel stories of the Ministry of Our Lord. We look back over two thousand years to the beginning of the Good News, and in our scriptures, we go back even further to the creation stories and the words of the Prophets. When we do this, it is so important not to lose sight of what is to come; we can be so immersed in the past that we fail to understand that we live in the present day and that what we are to be is more important than what we are today.

Isaiah, in our first reading, is looking forward to the coming of the Servant of the Lord. He paints a portrait of a humble man, filled with the Spirit of God, who will act with integrity and justice. This is not the figure of a king or a warrior but of a man who cares for his people. One who will bring true justice into the lives of all the people and who seeks to free those who are blind, those who are in prison, those who live in darkness and bring them back into God's light.

Peter has seen God's light, he has followed Him through the Holy Land, sat with him at table, and listened to His word. Now enlightened by that light he realises that the mission of Jesus was not to the Jews alone but to all the peoples of the world. Led by the spirit he comes to the house of Cornelius, a pagan, a Roman, one who in the eyes of the Law was unclean. He sits at table with him, shares in his meal and speaks to him and his household about the Lord. He has come to realise that God does not have favourites; after the meal he baptises all who have found faith in Jesus Christ.

John begins the preparations for the coming of Christ; he leads the ordinary people to a baptism of repentance through washing away their sins in the waters of the Jordan. Now Jesus comes to him, He requires no distinction between Himself and the people gathered in this place. He is content to share in this baptism. We are all equal in the eyes of God and, as we enter this new year, the regrets of the past can be put aside if we seek forgiveness and can look forward to working for God's Kingdom and a new life in Christ.

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 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 McEaney, 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:** John Cann, James O'Connor, June Longmoor, Aria Esposito, Eleanor Weatherill, Janet Arnell, Harry Gordon, Bill Parry, Thelma Strickland, ETTY Jordan. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Sheila Clarke, Agnes Skinner, Margaret Lennard, Kevin Coniff, William Broom, Joan Hamblett, Michael Reddick, Veronica Timlin, Brian Gill, Jean Clarke, Kenneth Williams, Elizabeth Gil, Lillian Sedgwick and Norah Hastings, Alfredo Di Pasquale, Timothy Cook, Bridget Gough, Daniel Coggin, Claire Tierney, Patrick Gallagher, Jean Taylorson, Enderlino Recinto, Norah Crossling, Betty McCluskey, Shiela Allison, Constance Fraser, Herbert Healey, Kenneth Beattie, Joseph Stevenson, Nancy Young, Florence Bates, Margaret Smalley, Veronica Timlin, Ken Stothart, Allen Thomson, Christiania Andrews, Lillan Ayre, Hilda Murry, Harry Rawson, Kitty Towell, Steve Gowler, Mary Ellen Nealon, Alan Risebury, Eddie Duffy, John Garvin, Thelma Mathieson, Ellen Watt, Harry Bentham, Esther Margaret King, Mary Sullivan, Peter Jukes, Celine Everett, Joan Bage, Constantino Decosemo, Robbie Ryder, Ernie Hornby, Sheila McKenzie, Dot Gibbon, Rosa Decosemo, Tom Popplewell, 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 EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF JESUS

This week we celebrate both the Epiphany of our Lord and His baptism in the Jordan river. Today (Sunday) is the Epiphany, which is the day that we remember the wise men from far away in the East coming to worship the newborn baby Jesus. God let them know that His Son was coming and gave them a special star in the sky to follow to find Him. When they found Jesus with His mother Mary they knelt down and gave Him their precious treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Tomorrow (Monday) we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river. Jesus went to Saint John the Baptist, who was baptizing people and helping them repent from their sins. John knew that Jesus hadn't sinned but Jesus asked him to baptize Him anyway. This was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Until this time He had been living a life hidden from the rest of the world.



Like the wise men, we can give Jesus our best treasure: ourselves! If we decide to live our lives for Jesus then we will show the love of Jesus by our love for others.

Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.false 3.true 4.true 5.true 6.true 7.false

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## The Kids' Bulletin

*Epiphany Sunday January 8th, 2023  
Baptism of the Lord January 9th, 2023*



*What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God? Connect the dots to find out!*