

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



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Monday to Friday

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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)

Sacred Heart

Tues 12th March - 9.30am Mass

English Martyrs

Wed 13th March - 12.20pm Mass

Parish Diary — Week beginning 10th March 2024

*Live stream: www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 9th March	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Holy Souls	1.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass Ken Bulley	
Sunday 10th March	4th Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobing	9.00am Mass Marie Cholmondeley (A)		
Monday 11th March		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass The Brannan Family			
Tuesday 12th March		12.05pm Mass John Cann & Granddaughter's B/Day	6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		
Wednesday 13th March		6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village The Holy Souls	
Thursday 14th March			9.30am Mass Doris & Ted Reddington		
Friday 15th March		12.00pm Requiem Mass Margaret Palmer			
Saturday 16th March	(Vigil) 5th Sunday of Lent	12.00pm - 1.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Don O'Donnell	2.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass Hannah & Arthur Huntley & Family	
Sunday 17th March	5th Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Stephen Herring (B/Day A)	9.00am Mass Arthur Vokes		

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY GROUPS

Mon: 11am-12pm Praise & Worship Prayer Group Nazareth Room, Parish Centre	Tues: 12.30pm-2.30pm Lunch Club Parish Centre Hall	Tues: 1pm-3pm Over 60s Club St Patrick's Hall	Sun: After 9am Mass Coffee Morning St Patrick's Hall	Sun: After 10.30am Mass Coffee Morning Parish Centre Hall
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Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, in Baptism You called us by name and made us members of Your family, the Church. Help all people to know their vocation in life and to respond by living a life of holiness. For Your greater glory and for the service of Your people, raise up dedicated and generous men who will serve as priests for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle. Send Your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities, our seminarians and all who are discerning their vocation. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SUMMARY OF LISTENING EXERCISES, RESULT OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND BISHOP STEPHEN'S RESPONSE - On our diocesan website you will find all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. He reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is available on <https://diocesehn.org.uk> as it is too lengthy for a pastoral letter.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Application forms for infant Baptism are available at the back of each Church. Please return completed forms to the parish office and come along to the next Preparation Meeting on Wednesday 3rd April, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP - Please join our new prayer group in the Nazareth Room of the Parish Centre, on Mondays at 11am. Entry to the Nazareth Room is via the parish office, parking available at the rear of the presbytery. Any enquires please contact Mary Duncan on 07817136092.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - This Lenten course provides an opportunity to deepen our faith as we journey towards Easter. We will walk with John's Gospel by looking at key passages to help our understanding of who the person of Jesus is. The sessions will take place on a Wednesday 7-8pm in the Day Chapel after the Stations of the Cross and Benediction. All are welcome.

March 13th: The Supper / Vine and Branches
 March 20th: The Dying
 March 27th: The Rising

ST JOHN VIANNEY WEEKEND CAR PARKING - Could we respectfully ask those who are able to please utilise the spaces available in the school car park across the road, using the top gate. This will leave sufficient space for those who require accessible parking. Please refrain from parking on the grass. Thanks.

MISSIO MISSION BOXES - Thank you to all the people who returned their Red Mission Boxes. We have collected nearly £2000 over the last 18 months. If you would like to have a Mission Box, they will be available at the back of the churches for the next few weeks at the follow Masses:
 Saturday - 4pm St Joseph's, 6pm St John Vianney's,
 Sunday - 10.30am St Joseph's.

200 CLUB - Annual Subscriptions of £25 are due in March. Half yearly (£12.50) and Quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are also due. Please see Clare Ferguson or pop your payment in an envelope with your name on and bring it to the Parish Office. Cheques to be made out to "Holy Family Parish". There are still vacant numbers so if you wish to join the 200 Club, please let us know.

HOLY WEEK - Please save these dates for your diary.

Date	Service	Church	Time
Maundy Thursday 28/03	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Joseph's	7.00pm
Good Friday 29/03	Solemn Passion of the Lord	St Joseph's	3.00pm
	Preached Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross	St JV's St Patrick's	6.00pm 6.00pm
Holy Saturday 30/03	Easter Vigil Mass	St JV's	6.00pm
	Easter Vigil Mass	St Joseph's	8.00pm
Easter Sunday 31/03	Easter Sunday Mass	St Patrick's	9.00am
	Easter Sunday Mass	St Joseph's	10.30am

GIFT AID - Dave Frank will be visiting the Saturday and Sunday Masses over the coming weeks to deliver the envelope boxes for the coming year starting in April. If you wish to change to Bankers Order he will have forms for you to take to your bank. If you wish to change, please do so before April begins as the administration of the scheme would then be much easier! If you wish to join the scheme, please let Dave know. There will be an annual appeal at all masses during March. Thank you to all who contribute through the scheme it is of great value to our parish.

PIETY STALL - Easter cards are now available at the piety stall, at the back of the church. We also have a range of cards and gifts for births, Baptism, Mother's Day, birthdays and bereavement. You are welcome to view and purchase before or after Mass.

CANON KNIGHT - This weekend, to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Canon William Knight, first parish priest of Hartlepool, prayers will be/were offered on March 9th at 10am, at his grave in Spion Kop Cemetery.

IFTAR & DIVERISTY DINNER - Join us for dinner, prayer and entertainment in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's on Saturday 16th March from 4.45pm, in partnership with the Hartlepool Community Dialogue Society.
 RSVP: north-east@dialoguesociety.org

RIP - Two retired priests of our diocese have died in this past week, please keep them in your prayers - Fr Patrick Kennedy, and Fr John McElhone.

Mass Setting

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
 Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes, who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The image of Jesus that we see in today's Gospel can only be truly seen through the eyes of faith. When Nicodemus came to Jesus, he was looking for answers to the many questions Jesus was raising and which seemed to contradict his own beliefs. Nicodemus was a student of the scriptures, well versed in the Torah, the Law of God, yet here was a man, Jesus, who seemed to draw new meanings from the scriptures and through his miracles and his teaching was bringing new light into the darkness.

As they talked Jesus began to reveal to Nicodemus the real meaning of the Messiah; this was not the mighty king who would win freedom for Israel but a king who would rule in the hearts of the people. A king who would change the people of God into a spirit filled community who would show, by their actions, the love of God dwelling within them. Jesus reveals the Son of Man must be lifted up before the people, a direct indication of his death on the cross, and, through this lifting up, the people would come to believe in him. He speaks of a God who so loves the world that he willingly sacrifices his Son for them; a God who promises eternal life to all who believe in him.

Jesus is the Light of the World; now we no longer live in darkness but in his light. In darkness we find sin for sin cannot live in the light. Jesus shines to dispel the darkness and bring all who believe in him into God's clear light. We too must live as the man described in John's Gospel as "the man who lives by the truth". If we can do that then our light will shine and people will see that what we do is done in the name of God.

David Frank

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

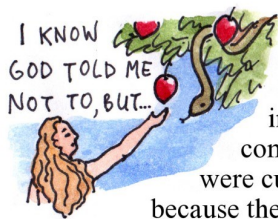
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Cliff Ferness, Emily Flannery, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, May Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Joan Malone, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lillian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mgehe, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Niotrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Christine Priestly, Damian Rafferty, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Honor Snowdon, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Kay Wallace, James Walsh, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Margaret Palmer, Reg Smith, Lottie Docherty, Oliver Gerard Clearly, Ann Simon, Judith Bentham, Elsie Bell. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Richard Ian Wilkinson, Austin Flanagan, Beresford Brown, Alfred McKenzie, Ron Harrison, Franko Fiorini, Kenneth Bulley, Michael Kirby, Edna Wilson, Agnes Glover, Ada Mary Webster, Sydney Barker Gooding, Joe Breheny, Mary Maude Curren (Nee Williamson), Mary Elizabeth McCarthy, Clifford Stubbs, Michael Frain, William Kennedy, Susan Magennis, Paul Wilkinson, Doris Mary Reddington, Sideny Alan Baker, Lillian Slack, Josephine Bailey, Connie Johns, Marie Bernadette Kirby, Shelagh Hannon, Hilda McLoughlin, Winifred Bain, James Smith, George Ingledew, Erick Dotchan, Anthony Salvin, Dennis Woodhall, Frederick Rigby, Norma Bigwood, Jane Hay, James Lahney, Maria Ferguson, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

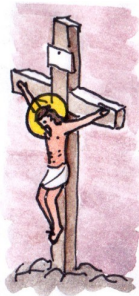
Kids Corner:

For God so Loved the World



When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

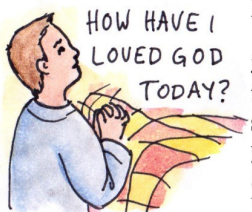
But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

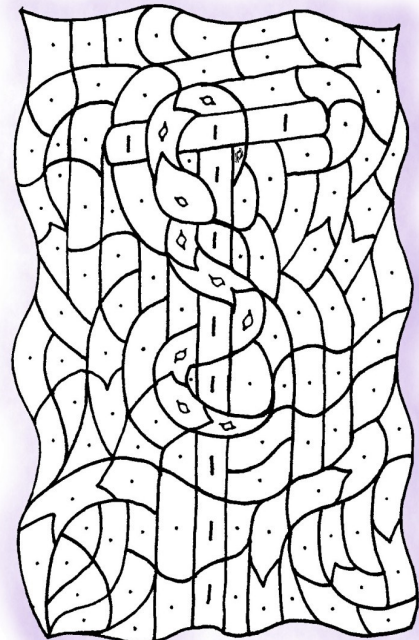
Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

- 1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.**
- 2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?**
- 3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.**



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10th, 2024



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

• blue | brown ◊ green