

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 13th April 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 12th April	(Vigil) Palm Sunday	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Vera Flanagan (Portugal)		6.00pm Mass Ernie Watson	
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass Alan Willgress	9.00am Mass Terry Jeffries		
Monday 14th April		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Bernadette Jackson			
Tuesday 15th April		10.00am Funeral Service Derek Hubbert 12.05pm Mass Margaret Weighill			
Wednesday 16th April					
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday	6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Cath Butler (B/Day A)			
Friday 18th April	Good Friday	3.00pm Solemn Passion of the Lord			
Saturday 19th April	(Vigil) Easter Sunday	6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Bob Storer			
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday	10.00am Mass Margaret & Gary Gollaglee	8.30am Mass Rose Caffrey	11.30am Mass Kath Gray	



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.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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Churches

St Joseph's

St Paul's Road
TS26 9EY

St Patrick's

Owton Manor Lane
TS25 3QG

St John Vianney's

King Oswy Drive
West View Estate
TS24 9LX

St Mary's

Durham Street
TS24 0HD

Weekly Groups

Sun: After 9am Mass
Coffee Morning @ St Patrick's Hall

Sun: After 10.30am Mass
Coffee Morning @ Parish Centre Hall

Mon: 11am-12pm
Praise & Worship Prayer Group
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

Restarts 29th April
Lunch Club @ Parish Centre Hall

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club @ St Patrick's Hall

Sat: As Announced
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK - Last year, with the exception of the Easter Vigil, we celebrated the Sacred Triduum together as a Parish at St Joseph's Church. St Joseph's was chosen because of its centrality in the town and also because of its capacity. This year, at the Easter Vigil, we will welcome a number of new members into our community of faith. For this reason, it will not be possible to celebrate two Easter Vigils. So that each Church of our Parish can have a Mass on Easter Sunday, the times of the regular Sunday Masses will be adjusted slightly for Easter Sunday only.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - As a parish we will gather at the Parish Centre / St Joseph's Hall on Friday 18th April, at 10.15am, and walk to Victory Square for a short service of witness at 10.30am. After the service, we will return to the Parish Centre for hot cross buns and hot drinks.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE - In preparation for Holy Week, there will be a practice for all servers who will be assisting at the ceremonies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. The practice will take place on Tuesday 15th April at 4pm in St Joseph's Church.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES - As there is only one Sacred Triduum in our Parish this year there will be an opportunity for volunteers from across the parish to participate in the various ministries. In each church there will be a list of required duties - please be generous in volunteering.

JUBILEE 2025 - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:
Monday: 6pm – 7pm
Tuesday: 11am – 1pm

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 a Preparation Meeting to secure your booking. The next Preparation Meeting is on Wed 7th May at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - If you have not collected your envelopes for 2025–26, they are available at the back of the church you regularly attend. If you wish to join the scheme please contact Laura in the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme, there is no cost to parishioners as the diocese claims the tax paid by Gift Aid members on their offertory donations from the government. If you are a tax payer please consider joining the scheme.

We are now at the end of the tax year and we will be making a return to the Diocese on Gift Aid contributions. If you are a member of the scheme and have not paid tax this year you must inform the Parish Office.

HYMN BOOK AMNESTY - If you have inadvertently taken a Hymn Book home on leaving church, could you please return it as the number of hymn books we have at St Joseph's and St John Vianney have diminished.

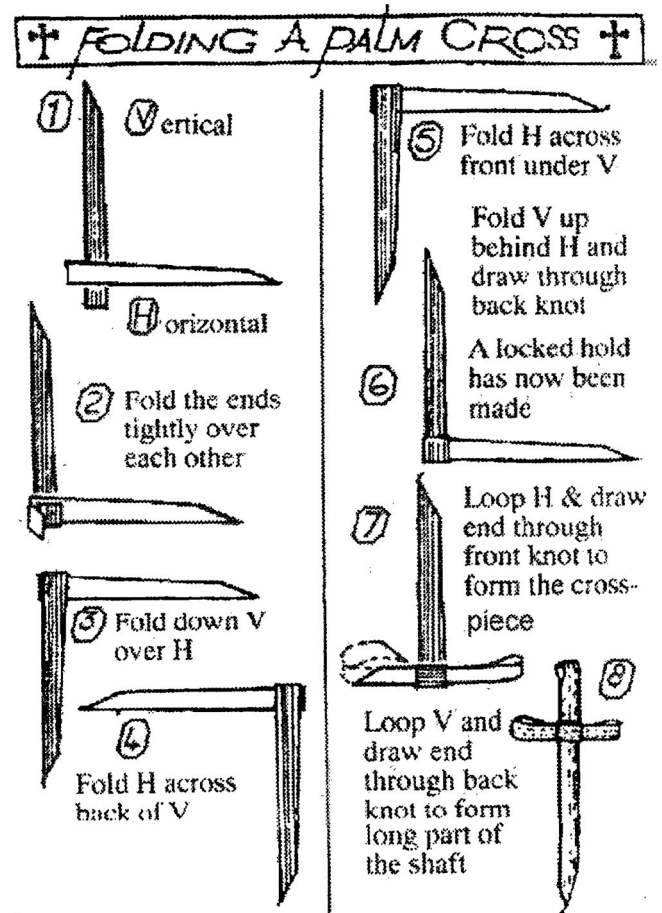
PARISH KEY AMNESTY - If you were issued a key for any of the Churches or Presbyteries of the Parish (past and present) and you no longer require it, could you please return it to the Parish Office. The keys are light gold in colour and have a distinctive shape.



HOLY PLACES - A collection will be taken on Good Friday for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

PRAYER INTENTIONS - English Martyrs School will be traveling to Lourdes this Easter with HCPT. If you would like any Prayer intentions taking to the Grotto, please complete the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iL3Xbe7igX>

NBF - The collection for our sick and retired priests is still open. Baskets are available at the back of church.



Mass of Christ the Saviour

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 Holy Family Hartlepool
 Account Number: 11173928
 Sort Code: 40-34-45



We are also able to take contactless donations. Please scan the QR code to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Thank you.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

At that time: Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives — the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

REFLECTION

We are all called to be disciples of God's love. The word discipleship is one that we tend to shy away from. We are comfortable in our spiritual lives, just go to church, say your prayers and behave yourself and everything will be fine. But Jesus calls us to be greater than "just fine", he wants us to make a difference in this world. He calls us to be disciples.

The new translation of the Word of God can be confusing, familiar lines are missing now, and their replacement can be difficult to understand. Today's reading from Isaiah begins "The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught". How do we understand what is being said in this passage? In my humble opinion we must go back over what we have heard previously, Isaiah used to refer to a "disciple's tongue". This indicates that the passage is talking about how a disciple should behave and now becomes much clearer.

The call to the disciples was to people who had very little learning, they were working people, drawn to Christ by His words and actions. Jesus, throughout his ministry, taught His disciples by opening the scriptures to them and giving them fresh insights into what was being said. They did not always follow his reasoning, they made blunders, refusing to believe that all this was to end in the death of the man they loved. However, if we go beyond the events of Holy Week and venture into the days of the Acts of the Apostles we see, emerging, the fruits of listening. It was the Apostles and Disciples who carried the work of evangelisation to the very ends of the earth.

Each of us is called to discipleship, the call may be faint, the response slow, but we must learn to listen and grow in our faith so that, in God's time, we can emerge as His disciples and then by our words and actions we can help each other along the path to God's love. There is no doubt that our saviour died for us. The week that starts today and ends in his glorious resurrection reminds us, every year, of the price that love has paid for our freedom. The cross is not a tragic event. It is a symbol of God's love for us and if we show that love to all we meet then Jesus did not die in vain.

David Frank

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEneaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Bob Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Damian Rafferty, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Tony Wilkinson, Derek Hubbert, Terence O'Connor, Hilda Johnson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Laura Metcalfe, Louisa Ford, Maureen Eyre, Joan Cosgove, Harold Smalley, James Lynch, Beatrice Breward, Maureen Neesam, Alison Mullins, Mary Treveil, Julie Robertson, Mary McGurran, "Kath" Catherine Mary Monaghan, Frank Rowson, Maria Lynne Burdiss, Pauline Mahoney, Catherine Monaghan, Mary Standen, Richard Arkwright, Kathleen Flounders, Thomas Chapman, Clarice McCloskey, George Brown, Audrey Pyitt, John Readman, Maureen Ann Slimmings, Yvonne Parks, Christine Veronica Gardner, Margaret Walsh, Robert James Webster, 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:

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

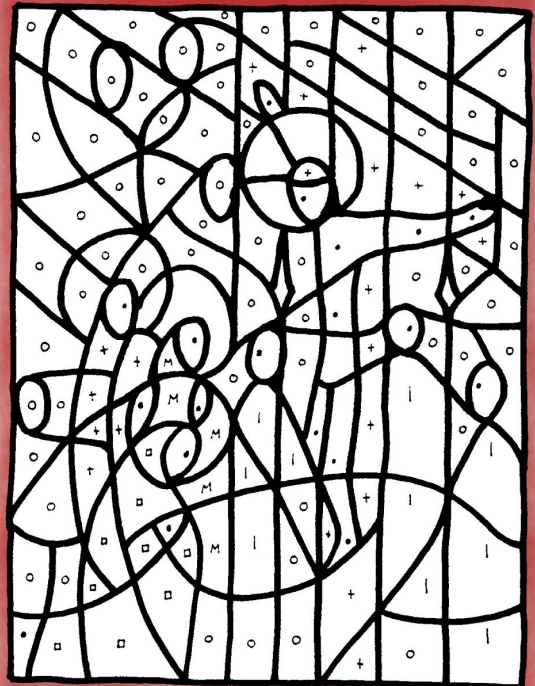
Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



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The Kids' Bulletin

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13th, 2025



What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

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