

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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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
Tues 19th March - 9.30am Mass

St Teresa's
Thurs 21st March - 9.30am Mass

Parish Diary — Week beginning 17th March 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 18th March		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Special Intention - Carol & Mike			
Tuesday 19th March	St Joseph	12.05pm Mass Robert Storer	6.30pm Parish Lenten Service of Reconciliation		
Wednesday 20th March	St Cuthbert	6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		9.30am Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle 10.00am Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
Thursday 21st March			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Catherine Hadfield	11.30am Requiem Mass Ann Simon	
Friday 22nd March		12.05pm Mass Special Intention - Mark Pinto			
Saturday 23rd March	(Vigil) Palm Sunday	12.00pm - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Kitty Kelly	1.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan	
Sunday 24th March	Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Jimmy Docherty (A)		

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

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - There will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all of the parish at St Patrick's on Tuesday 19th March at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to renew ourselves through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in time for Easter.

HOLY WEEK - Please see the schedule of services across our parish during Holy Week:

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

As our Holy Week liturgies are centralised this year, we are looking for volunteers from across the parish to read, minister, and have their feet washed (Maundy Thursday). If you would like to volunteer in any of these capacities, please contact Laura in the office who will hold a centralised list.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - You are warmly invited to join us on Good Friday for our Walk of Witness. The departure time for each church is: 9.50am St Patrick, 10am St Mary & St John Vianney, 11am St Joseph. Those walking from St John Vianney will aim to pass St Thomas More at 10:30am and the group from St Patrick will be passing St Cuthbert around 10:40am, so if you are unable to walk the longer distances please join us at those points to walk the final stage. We will also endeavour to live stream the walk via The Holy Family Facebook page for those who are unable to join us in person so please tune in shortly before 10am on Good Friday to follow the walk digitally.

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.

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 20th: The Dying
 March 27th: The Rising

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.

COLLECTION - Baskets are at the back of Church this Sunday for a collection for the SVP.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - Holy Family will host a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday 10th April at 8.30am in the Parish Centre Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

STAINERS CRUCIFIXION - At 5pm on Palm Sunday, St Hilda's Church will be hosting a performance of The Crucifixion, by John Stainer. All are welcome, no admission charge.

HARTLEPOOL RELOVED CLOTHING - We're in desperate need of uniform donations to continue supporting our local children. Donations can be left at Hartlepool Reloved Clothing, GreenBank, Stranton, TS24 7QS, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am till 2pm. If you have any gently used school uniforms that your children have outgrown or are no longer in need of, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Thanks.

SVP - Our local SVP visit people in care homes who have no family or loved ones living locally. It is humbling to see how much people can benefit from just one visit a week and time for a one-to-one chat together. We are looking to expand the number of people who we can visit but we need more people to be able to achieve this aim. Spending time with a lonely person is a great gift to both visitor and visited. If you feel that you might be interested in helping us expand our visiting service, then please either come to our next SVP meeting on Friday 12th April after the midday Mass at St Joseph's in the Parish Hall or phone Geraldine Martin on 07776210099 and she will be happy to give you more information.

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

REFLECTION

There is much to be discovered by the careful reading of today’s passages from scripture. It is often the case that when the readings seem disjointed and difficult to read, they also become a source of great joy. Today we have a passage from Jeremiah which speaks of a new way to serve God and our neighbour, a psalm which reminds us of the cleansing power of God’s forgiveness, then a passage from Hebrews about obedience and finally the Gospel of John which contains the parable of the Grain of Wheat.

We frequently hear the word “covenant” in the scriptures. It can be understood as a solemn agreement between God and humankind which imposes duties on both sides. Recently we heard the passage from Genesis when God established a covenant with Noah after the flood; that covenant was broken many times by the people of God and so in Jeremiah’s time God speaks of a new covenant which will bring the people back to Him. On Holy Thursday we will hear Jesus, at the last supper, introduce this covenant to the world through the gift of the Eucharist.

Jeremiah also speaks of a God who will never call to mind the sins of those who listen to Him; the psalm echoes this gift of forgiveness which will create within us a pure heart through the joy of His help.

As we approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent take heart from this psalm which is so full of hope and consolation.

The letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel speak, in different ways, about the same subject; in Hebrews the sacrifice of Our Lord is described as a prayer of obedience to His heavenly Father; in John’s gospel Jesus uses the parable of the grain of wheat to show that through his sacrifice many will be saved. He speaks of a rich harvest coming from a single grain of wheat which dies so that new life can begin. John reminds us that when we follow Jesus, we are never alone, for wherever we go, Jesus will be there with us.

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, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Joan Malone, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvie Notrianni, 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: Reg Smith, Lottie Docherty, Oliver Gerard Clearly, Ann Simon, Judith Bentham, Elsie Bell, Julie Myers, May Hutchinson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Moira Balderson, Robert Malcolm, Margaret Emerson, Terry Naylor, Mark Butler, Alan Harvey, Florence McMorris, John Gallagher, Peter Morton, Francis Moore, Laurence Faulkner, Jean Newbury, Anne Emmerson, Maureen Hunt, Isla Brown, Frederick Gofton, Sheila Brogan, Patricia Snowdon, Bill Cox, David Reece, Francis Connor, Mary Fitzgerald, Stanley Cronin, John Watt, Monica Mary Wilson, Catherine Wallace, Donald O'Donnell, Patricia Rigg, Julia Raferty, Stella Marie College, Mary Hannah Watling, Sheila Dolan, Joseph Dennis Allan, Teresa Hill, Catherine Braithwaite, Jennie Robinson, John George Dennis, Linda Irene Lister, Ettie O'Hickey, John Thomas Hughes, 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:

*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*



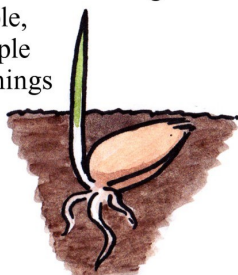
Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



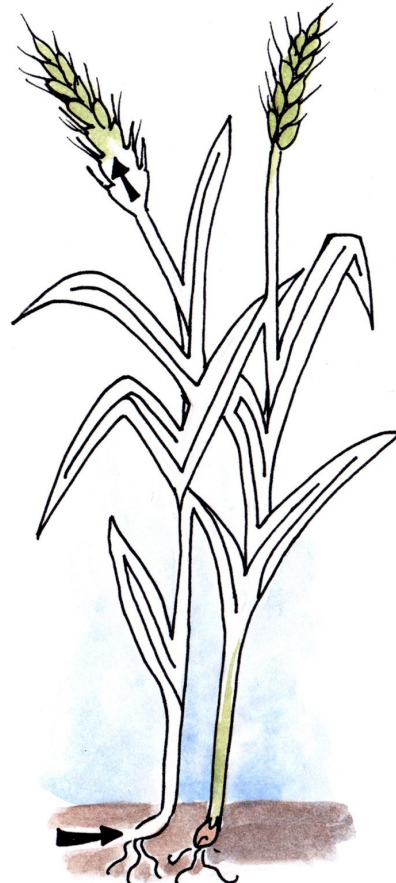
Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?



The Kids' Bulletin

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th, 2024**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?