

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 24th November 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 23rd November	(Vigil) Christ the King	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary Ward (A)		6.00pm Mass Lenny Boagey	
Sunday 24th November	Christ the King	10.30am Mass Sarah Cain	9.00am Mass Tony Cawley		
Monday 25th November		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Norman & Leathy Judge			
Tuesday 26th November		10.00am Funeral Service at Stranton Chapel Thomas Jackson 12.05pm Mass Jane McEaney 1.00pm Requiem Mass Terry King			
Wednesday 27th November		6.30pm Mass of Confirmation James Gibson			
Thursday 28th November			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School November Mass for the Deceased 11.00am Requiem Mass Rose Caffrey		
Friday 29th November		12.05pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			
Saturday 30th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Dave Tilley		6.00pm Mass Special Intention For Sick Friends	
Sunday 1st December	1st Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		

SCHOOL MASSES

English Martyrs

Wednesday 27th November - 12.20pm November Mass for the Deceased

St Teresa

Thursday 28th November - 9.30am Mass

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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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
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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

Tues: 12.30pm-2.30pm
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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Bishop Stephen will join us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 27th November at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church. Please come along to support the young people of our parish and welcome the Bishop.

ALTAR SERVERS - Servers from all of the churches of our parish are welcome to serve at the Mass of Confirmation on Wednesday 27th November. If you intend to do so, could you arrive no later than 6pm so that there can be a short practice before the Mass.

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 11th December at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Pope Francis has announced that next years Jubilee will have the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Similar to the last Holy year, he has also enabled Bishops throughout the world to open Holy Doors in their own dioceses so that all of the faithful can participate. Bishop Stephen has asked our parish to welcome pilgrims during this Year of Jubilee and that a Holy Door be opened at St Joseph's Church.

Further to our meeting in which we discussed the practicalities as a parish of hosting the Holy Door, we have established a team of volunteers for each day who will be able to act as welcomers. The welcomers will open the church, prepare for Mass and simply be a presence in the church whilst it is open. There is still need for further volunteers to join the teams, if you are able to help with this, please contact Laura in the office. In addition to our own volunteers, Bishop Stephen has requested for priests and laity from around the diocese to support us in welcoming pilgrims. Initially it is thought that the Holy Door will be open every day, Monday to Friday 11am-2.30pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm, and Sunday 9.30am-Noon.

AN ADVENT HAPPENING - Join us in St Patrick's Hall on Friday 29th November 2024 from 7.30pm for a Pie and Peas Supper, tea and coffee, with a quiz, bingo, raffle and good company! Bring own drinks. Tickets available from this weekend at £5 each. Please advise ticket seller of any dietary needs.

PIETY STALLS - We now have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of our churches. We also have Catholic Diaries for 2025. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL - The CTS New Sunday Missal for 2025 is now available. It presents the revised texts of the Lectionary, along with the Order of Mass, starting from the first Sunday of Advent. It is priced at £19.95, with a red hardback cover. Please let the office know if you would like to place an order.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST PATRICKS - Due to retirements, we need more volunteers to help with keeping our church clean and tidy. Teams of two clean for about 2 hours in a four-weekly rota. Cleaning times are flexible and coordinated by Jane Barker. If you can help please contact Jane or see Dave Frank at Sunday Mass. Grateful thanks to those who have retired from cleaning after many years of great service.

EMS LIVE - Join us at English Martyrs on Thursday 28th November for this event in aid of CAFOD, commencing at 6pm. Doors open at 5.30pm. Tickets are free and can be collected at main reception. Donations welcome for CAFOD.

YOUTH SUNDAY - This Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Youth. A collection will be taken for the work of Catholic Youth. Please see a letter from Bishop Stephen on our noticeboards.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you to everyone who supported the Savings Club this year. We raised a total of £1709 for Holy Family Parish. It would be great if we could get some new members and beat this total next year! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our Church. You do not have to save the same amount each week. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and amount on. In each Church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Vigil Mass: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray

The Club will restart on Sunday 5th January 2025. Many thanks.

CAROL SINGERS - Anyone available to sing Carols on Wed 11th December at Elwick Grange Nursing Home at 2pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 before 5th December.

MASS CANCELLATION - Unfortunately there will be no morning Mass on Wednesday at St John Vianney's due to the dismantling of the scaffolding that day. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass of Christ the Saviour

*Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a king

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

"Who do people say I am?" This question about the identity of Jesus runs as an undercurrent throughout the Gospels. If the Gospel were a book of fiction, a "who done it", you may have puzzled over the identity of Jesus throughout the book and, even at the climax, you would still be struggling for an answer. It is as if Jesus is challenging us every step of the way to try and identify him, to believe in him, to follow him.

"Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate is struggling with the identity of Jesus. He senses there is more to this man than he has been told. His wife has begged him "Have nothing to do with this man" but Pilate is intrigued; he senses something about this man, but he cannot explain what. Pilate is a man of authority and power, yet he treats Jesus as an equal. Jesus is a Jew, condemned by his own people as a blasphemer and one who deserves to die; he is not a man to attract the attention of the leader of Roman rule in a small Middle East province, yet he stands before him and debates with him.

"Yes, I am a King"; Jesus reveals His identity; He is King, but not of this world. The Kingdom of Jesus is far greater than the Roman Empire; He is the King who reigns in human hearts, the King of Love. Jesus then reveals His purpose to Pilate. He has chosen death so that all might live. For this He was born of the Virgin Mary. He has come so that truth may be seen and all who believe in Him will be witnesses to the truth that He is the Son of God.

Today's readings, on this the last Sunday of the Year, fill us with hope in the Risen Christ. He is the son of man described in the vision of Daniel, but He is also the Son of God from the Book of the Apocalypse, the one who, by His death and resurrection, has purchased for us eternal life. The answer to the question "Who do people say I am?" is answered in the Book of the Apocalypse.; **"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth; the one who loves us and who has washed away our sins with his blood and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father."**

Amen.

David Franke

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, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mgehee, 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, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, 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: Cliff Ferness, Jimmy Gibson, Thomas Jackson, Rose Caffrey, Terry King, Christine Priestley, Teresa Dodds, Winnie Oliver. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Philip Gofton, John Joseph Hanna, Kathleen Watt, Anne Browell, Michael Jardine, Patricia Ann Connor, Alice Galvin, Theresa Usher, Francis Owen Richmond, Christopher Horseman, Clare Shaw, Shirley Hogg, David Tilley, Teresa Sullivan, Kenneth Coull, Anne Marie Noble, Arthur Smith, Eric Noble, Simon Troy, Joseph Varvill, Colin Henderson, Albert Howe, Enid Robinson, Catherine Collingwood, Derek Connolly, Walter Newson, Patricia Reynolds, Audrey Kester, Dorothy Mincher, Merlin Allen, Jean McGregor, Mary Waller, Kevin Hennessy, Jean Smith, Kenneth Dowson, Leo Bianco, Nora Ridden, Stanley Butterfield, Jean Smith, Jim O'Connor, Elizabeth Parker, 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:

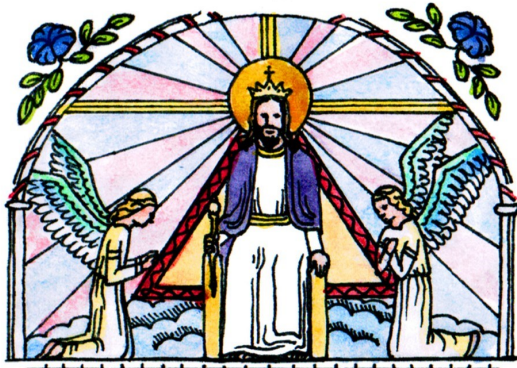
Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

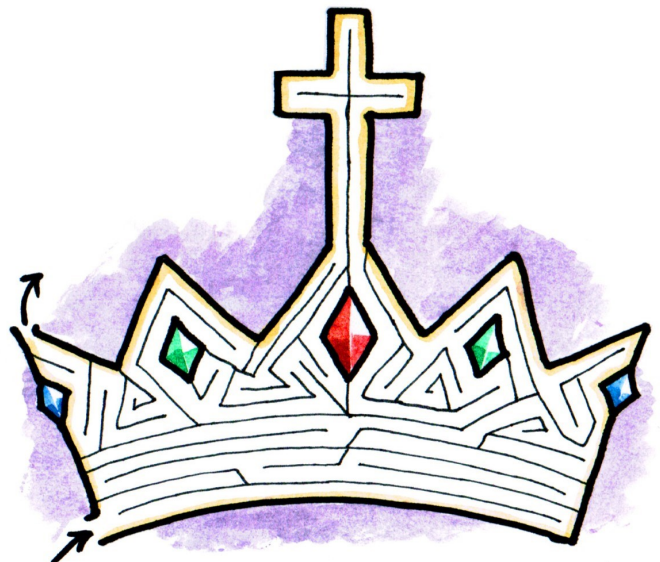
What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 24th, 2024*



Jesus is Our King!

Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord and King of Heaven and earth.

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.

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