

# 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 28th April 2024

\*Live stream: [www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool](http://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool)

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 27th April	(Vigil) 5th Sunday of Easter	1.00pm Wedding 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Catherine Butler (8th A)		6.00pm Mass Healing of John Gordon Guest	
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Alan Parkes	9.00am Mass May Hutchinson		
Monday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass John Larkin			
Tuesday 30th April		12.05pm Mass Elsie Bell		10.00am Requiem Mass Margaret Lee	
Wednesday 1st May	St Joseph the Worker	10.30am School Mass Holy Souls		9.30am Mass Special Intention	
Thursday 2nd May	St Athanasius	3.00pm Funeral Service Joan Cosgrove	9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Mary Watson		
Friday 3rd May	SS Philip & James	12.05pm Mass Digby Howard			
Saturday 4th May	(Vigil) 6th Sunday of Easter	10.00am First Holy Communions 12.00pm First Holy Communions 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Special Intention (Sick Relative)	2.00pm First Holy Communions	6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan	
Sunday 5th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Ralph Kidson	9.00am Mass Veronica Readman		

### 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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### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

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

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Hartlepool  
TS26 8DP

### 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

### School Masses

(All Welcome)

#### St Bega's

Mon 29th Apr - 9.30am Mass

#### St Joseph's (at St Joseph's Church)

Wed 1st May - 10.30am Mass

#### St Teresa's

Thurs 2nd May - 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.

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**PARISH REVIEW** - The parish review meeting will take place on Sunday 28th April, at 2pm in St Joseph's Church. The meeting, open to all parishioners of the parish, will be facilitated and led by members of the Bishop's Episcopal Council and the Dean of our area.

**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 1st May, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**GIFT AID** - The new Tax year is upon us, and all envelopes have been distributed. If you have any problems or if you wish to join the scheme, please contact Laura in the Parish Office. If you require a 2022/23 acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office and one will be issued.

**NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND** - A special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund is open until the end of April. The fund provides for the needs of the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Grateful thanks for any donations.

**HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB** - Annual Subscriptions (£25), half yearly (£12.50) and quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are now due. Please see Clare Ferguson or place your payment in an envelope with your name on and give it to the Parish Office. Cheques should 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.

**ITALIAN EVENING** - A social evening is planned for Thursday 16th May in the Parish Centre Hall. There will be a choice of menu; either Pizza or Lasagne, and we need to know the preferences of those who want to attend. There are forms at the back of Church for you to register your interest. Please do so as quickly as possible so that arrangements can be made. Thank you for your support. See poster for more details.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. They are desperate for any tinned/packet/long life foods that can be stored in a cupboard at the moment. Any help would be massively appreciated.

**PIETY STALL** - Commemorative Holy Communion cards and gifts are 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, birthday and bereavement. You are welcome to view and purchase before or after Mass.

**LOST PROPERTY** - There are several umbrellas and pairs of spectacles which have been found at St Joseph's. Please check the lost property basket at the back of church just in case they are yours. Thanks.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** - Next weekend our children, who have been preparing, will celebrate their first Holy Communion. We congratulate our 80 young people as they reach the next stage in their faith journey. Please remember them in your prayers.

**MAY PROCESSION** - During the month of May, we celebrate in a special way Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too. As a parish community we will honour Mary with devotions and a procession. The procession to Our Lady's statue, led by those who celebrated their first Communion the previous weekend, will culminate with laying flowers before her image. Join us on Sunday 12th May at 4pm, in St Joseph's Church. After the procession there will be refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre Hall.

**VACANCIES** - The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:  
Parttime Cleaner: St Cuthbert, Chester le Street. Closes 1st May.  
Fulltime IT Field Engineer: Diocesan Offices, Newcastle. 9 month fixed term contract. Closes 6th May.  
Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**SURVIVORS MASS** - The Survivors Mass is being held at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 30th of April at 12.05pm which is the day nominated by Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as the National day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.

**NON CATHOLIC SPOUSES** - Canon Paul would like to extend an invitation to non catholic spouses who attend mass with their catholic spouse to consider reception into the Church. There will be an initial meeting for those who are interested on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm, after the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension at St Joseph's in the Board Room at the back of Church.

## 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 The Holy Family      Account Number: 11173928      Sort Code: 40-34-45      **Thank you.**

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31

#### **Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Response:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24

#### **The commandment of faith and love**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading** John 15:1-8

#### **I am the vine, you are the branches**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

*I enjoy gardening, it brings me close to nature and naturally to God. I often think of God as a gardener, sorting through His people, His seeds, deciding what to grow and then sowing, caring for the seedlings, and eventually planting them in the garden and watching for the results.*

*Saul, now back in Jerusalem, was a great orator; he spoke out boldly, proclaiming the Good News to anyone who would listen, so much so that he stirred up a hornet's nest of argument and opposition among his listeners. This caused a problem for the followers of Jesus who were, at last, living in an uneasy peace, with their neighbours. Eventually he was sent to Tarsus for his own safety and that of the community. When pruning and caring for a vine it is sometimes better to leave the vine in peace so it can grow and begin to produce fruit.*

*John's letter speaks to us about love and urges us to make it "real and active, not just "words or mere talk". Sometimes the word "love" is used casually, without thought, and this can lead to misunderstandings. Love is truthful. and should be spoken about with respect for the power of the meaning of the word. John continues his letter with some wise words about our conscience'. There is something within us that knows the difference between Good and Evil. If we follow the Word of the Father, then we should act in goodness in all our activities. In this way our love is shown to be true to the Spirit of God living within us.*

*The true vine is the teaching of Christ guiding our way through life. If we follow him, we can allow ourselves to be pruned by his love so that we can bear fruit in plenty to build his kingdom. If we turn away from him then we cut ourselves away from the vine and our life will be wasted. Because of the amount of work that is falling on the shoulders of our priests and religious there is a great need today for the Laity to use their gifts and talents in the church. Each of us should look beyond our own needs and see and seize the opportunities that are available to work at grass roots in our parishes. The vineyard will only survive if each branch is fruitful and ready to bear fruit, without the work of human hands, and God's caring love, we can do nothing.*

*David Franke*

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, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, John Howe, 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 McEaney, 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:** Margaret Lee, Winifred Stokle, Joan Cosgrove, Christine Gardner. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

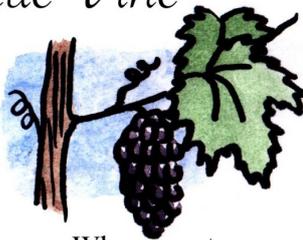
**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Mary Watson, Patricia King, Jim Doherty, Raymond Frankland, Jessie Higgins, Eileen Scurrah, Brian Gleeson, Linda Dickinson, Judith Bushnell, George Brown, Alex Bell, Colin Riches, Harry McDonall, Frederick Rafferty, Lawrence Raw, Anthony Robinson, Ann McIntosh, Gerard Flannery, Hugh Wharton, Emily McEaney, Gerard Flannery, Mary Turner, Nora Wray, Janet Watt, Lawrence Marshall, Michael Ryan, Thomas Albert Sharp, Agnes Tindale, James Doherty, Sheila Brown, Kay Thomas, Olive Gallegher, Brian Thompson, John Stevenson, Norah Leck, Denis Coull, Elizabeth Dwyer, Terency Bryan Wynn, Edna Vasey, Audrey Pyitt, Catherine Larkin, Joseph Daniel Monaghan, John Hanley, Margaret Huntley, Claire McClosekey, John Edward (Johnny) Larkin, Margaret Clifford, Michael Ryan, Nora Ward, Wilfred Storey, Ernest Butterfield, Jane Tulley, Michael Almond, Martin Mullins, Billy Corbett, 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:

### Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.

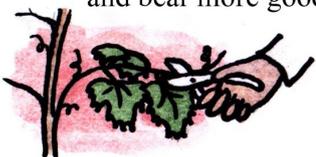
Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

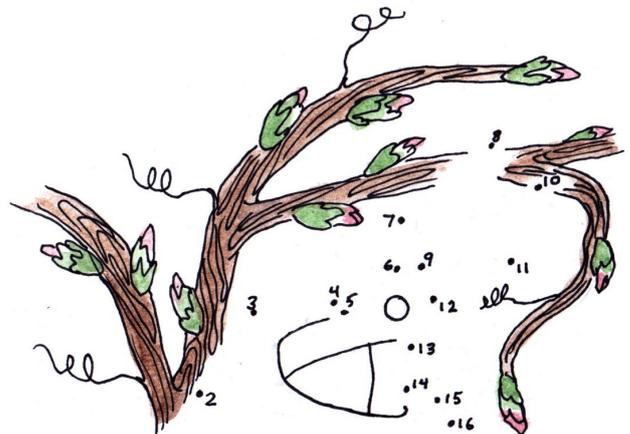
Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are

suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



## The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches.

But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

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