

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 29th June 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 28th June	(Vigil) SS Peter & Paul	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Kevin Dixon (Anniversary)		6.00pm Mass Pat Boagey (Anniversary)	
Sunday 29th June	SS Peter & Paul	10.30am Mass Michael & David Windram	9.00am Mass David McCann		
Monday 30th June		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass George Hoey			
Tuesday 1st July		10.00am Funeral Service Colin Temple 12.05pm Requiem Mass Frank Costello			
Wednesday 2nd July				9.30am Mass Buckley Mass Fund	
Thursday 3rd July	St Thomas		9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Private Intention		
Friday 4th July		12.05pm Mass David McCann Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 5th July	(Vigil) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Margaret Cecil & Alan Lindsay		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 6th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Margaret Dolan		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Teresa's
Thursday 3rd July - 9.30am Leavers 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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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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

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

JUBILEE 2025 - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:

Monday: 6pm – 7pm
Tuesday: 11.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday & Thursday: By appointment only
Friday: 11.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday: 2.30pm – 5pm
Sunday: 9.30am – 12pm

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 Wednesday 6th August at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office **no later than 18th July 2024**. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church for applicants.

GIFT AID - If you wish to join the scheme, please complete a Gift Aid form available at the back of church, and return it to 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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025 - Please join us after Mass on Friday 4th July, in the Parish Centre Hall for an information meeting. The final arrangements are now in place for our pilgrimage to Walsingham. The pilgrimage will take place from 21st July until 24th July (Mon–Thurs), and the cost will be £340 per person; this includes Bed, Breakfast and Evening meal. There will also be a Day Trip. We now need final names for the pilgrimage, please put your name on the list at the back of Church. The money for the pilgrimage can either be paid in installments or in full at the parish office. For more information, please contact Roisheen Hunter on 07914946316.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - Raffle tickets for the Summer Draw are available at the back of St Joseph's Church. All monies and ticket counterfoils to be returned no later than Sunday 3rd August.

200 CLUB - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES - Please see the poster on the Church noticeboard for Governor vacancies across our schools.

PETER'S PENCE - This Sunday is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. A collection for Peter's Pence and Support for the Holy See will be taken.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - The Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fayre, planned for 5th July, has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS - School Directors and Governors are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for their dedication and service to Catholic education. The Mass will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen. Details are on the attached poster.

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

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.

First reading: Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

Peter and Paul may never have been close friends but the combination of the sincerity of Peter’s faith and the eloquence of Paul’s words, through the power of God’s love, set in motion the greatest movement our world has ever known. We cannot imagine the experiences of the humble fisherman, Peter, during those three years of travelling with Jesus. What we read in the Gospels can only give us a flavour of those days and nights spent in the company of our Blessed Lord. Paul was the learned one, steeped in the faith of the Jewish people, practiced in the Law and the Commandments; Saul stood as a beacon for the people of Israel, yet he was utterly changed on the road to Damascus and became Paul, the missionary, the scribe of the letters and a light for the pagans.

They both suffered, thrown into prisons, flogged, beaten almost to death, chased and harried by those who refused to believe. Yet they held to their faith in the Risen Lord, even as their Jewish Faith became more and more compromised by their faith in Christ. We cannot imagine their mental turmoil as they began to understand that to be a Christian meant that their old world, the faith of their childhood, was changing into a new world, a world lit anew by the glory of God.

Each week we take from the readings various phrases that resonate with our own experience. Today we have an image from Acts of Peter thrown into prison while “earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church”; how many times have we besieged heaven with our prayers, and they have been answered. Jesus asks, “Who do people say I am?” This is the question that each of us must answer in our hearts as we try to make sense of our faith in Him. Paul tells us “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me”; we can each recall times when things have been difficult and our faith, and the love of those around us, have seen us to a brighter dawn. This is the power of the Word; it creates graces for us that help us to understand our world of chaos; each time we listen to the Word it speaks to us; listen carefully then, so that you may hear and believe in the love of God.

David Franko

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

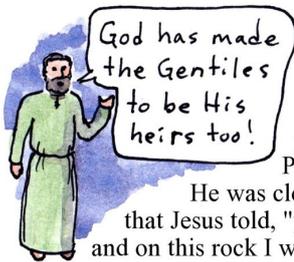
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvie 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: Colin Temple, Frank Costello. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Isobel Lawson Gray, Paul Rawlence, Thomas Connor, Patsy McHugh, Agnes Hay, Margaret Willingale, David Jennings, Patricia Boagey, John Devine, Margaret 'Mary' Wheeler, Stephen Boyd, Mary Boyd, Bob Gillen, Andrea Kyriakou, Edyta Mazurkiewicz, Lena Hay, Gail Laffey, John Ritchie Snr, John Howe, Alan Cowley, Margaret Gaiety, Clarence John Tubb, Annie O'Neil, Nora Pounder, Jane (Jenny) Wilkinson, Patrick Hanson, Norah Richards, James Bone, Tracey Maggee, Beryl Wanley, Mary Gooding, Joe Garner, Edith McGarry, Freda James, Rex Simmons, Colin Noble, Patrick Gillan, Richard Catterick, Sheila Kelly, David Freeman, Elizabeth Cotter, Hilda Corridon, Stanley Vasey, Linda Mahoney, Vera Stonehouse Catherine Jennings, Catherine Constantine, Madeleine Hill, Rosella Suggitt, Lesley Hart, Peter Higgins, Jack Hansell, Margaret Hanson, Margaret Ann Burn (Ann), Stephen Kealy, Rose Tierney, 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:

Peter and Paul



Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles.

He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

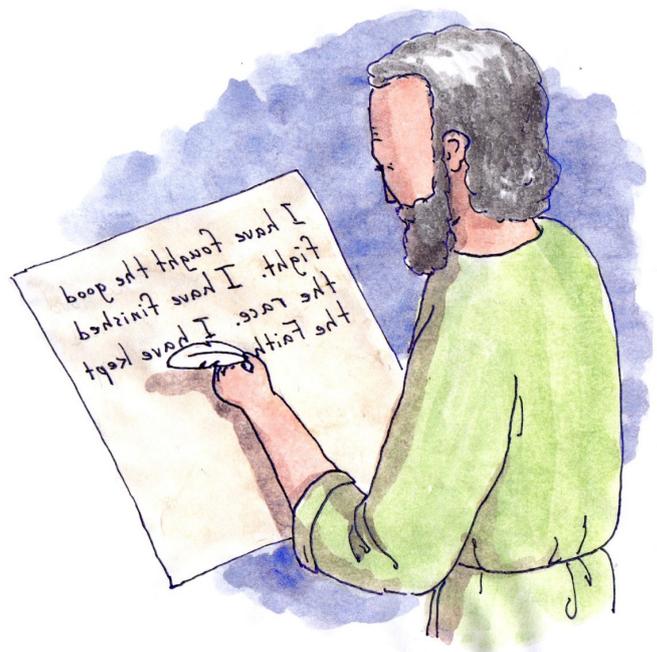
Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.

You are Peter...



The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



*Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.
Today's second reading is part of a letter
Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred.
What did he say?
Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!*