

# 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 2nd March 2025

\*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 1st March	(Vigil) 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass John Howe		6.00pm Mass Alfie, Ethel & Sheila McKenzie	
Sunday 2nd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass David Denning	9.00am Mass Bernadette Jackson		
Monday 3rd March		6.30pm Mass in the Day Chapel Terry King	10.00am Requiem Mass Leonard Young		
Tuesday 4th March		12.05pm Mass in Parish Centre Hall The King Family	6.30pm Vigil Mass of Ash Wednesday Guild Mass Fund	1.30pm Requiem Mass Peter McClure	
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday	12.05pm Mass Ash Wednesday The McDonald & Hall Families		9.30am Mass Ash Wednesday Muriel Cummings (Wedding Anniversary)	
Thursday 6th March			9.30am Mass Pat Turner  6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		
Friday 7th March		12.05pm Mass in Parish Centre Hall Sheila Mary Hornby			
Saturday 8th March	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Ted & Mary Hitchen		6.00pm Mass Kay Reece (10th Anniversary)	
Sunday 9th March	1st Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass John & Winnie Oliver		

#### SCHOOL MASSES

St John Vianney's  
Wednesday 5th March - 9.30am Mass in St John Vianney's Church

#### 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.

#### Parish Clergy

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##### Secretary

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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

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent. We enter into the desert for 40 days as did Jesus prior to his ministry in preparation for Easter. There will be Masses across the parish in each of our Churches with blessing and distribution of ashes.

**NEW CARPET AT ST JOSEPH'S** - This coming week, the carpet on the sanctuary will be replaced. The existing carpet is beginning to show its age, having been down on the sanctuary almost 50 years, and as such is becoming hazardous. We look forward to seeing the new carpet next weekend.

**JUBILEE 2025** - We're all invited into an encounter with Jesus Christ, as his disciples of mercy, forgiveness, and social action, and to celebrate our communities. The Holy Door will be open during this Year of Jubilee, where pilgrims are invited to enter and receive a plenary indulgence. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. To gain a plenary indulgence, a person is invited to complete four specific acts: passing through a Holy Door, go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It's a way to show your commitment to living a better life and growing closer to God. **The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:**  
**Wednesday 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 12th March at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION** - Join us for a celebration in St Patrick's Hall on Friday 14th March at 7.30pm for a Pie and Peas Supper. Tickets are available for £5 each at the back of our churches.

**GIFT AID** - We are coming to the end of the financial year and shortly we will be issuing envelopes for 2025-2026. Please note those who use envelopes may find the envelope number has been changed. This is to try and simplify the issue of envelopes and reduce wastage. In future we will be unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. There will be an opportunity to join the scheme in March, 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. I can be contacted through the Parish Office. Many thanks, Dave

**NEW HYMN BOOKS** - We are in the process of purchasing new hymn books for St Patrick's Church so that all of the churches of our parish have the same hymn books. Each hymn book costs £6.95 and we are offering the opportunity for individuals or families to make a dedication in each of the hymn books. Should you wish to do so, blue envelopes will be available at the back of the churches for the details of the dedication and your offering.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer forms are open until 31st March 2025. If you would like any more info about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: [lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

**RED MISSION BOXES** - Please empty your box into a bag with your name and address on, and bring it either to the parish office or to Mass to be counted. Thank you very much for your support.

**JOURNEY TO EASTER WITH THE LUKE'S GOSPEL** - This Lenten course provides an opportunity to deepen our faith as we journey towards Easter. We will walk with Luke's Gospel by looking at key passages to help our understanding of who the person of Jesus is. The sessions will take place on at 7pm on the following dates in **St Joseph's Church, Blackhall, TS27 4HW**.  
Wed 12th March: Discipleship, Tues 18th March: Prayer,  
Wed 26th March: Forgiveness, Wed 2nd April: Passion,  
Wed 9th April: Resurrection. All are welcome.

## 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:** Sirach 27:4-7

**'Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.'**

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

**Response:** It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**'He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.'**

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading** Luke 6:39-45

**'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.'**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

We cannot know the nature of a person unless we hear them speak. What we say and how we say it reveals much of our individual character. When we listen to someone, we catch a glimpse of the real person behind the words. In the passage from Ecclesiasticus the author teaches us to discern a person's goodness from the way he reasons. "The test of a person is in his reasoning", by the way we speak and what we say, we will be judged.

The words of Paul prepare us for the coming season of Lent. Lent leads us to Our Lord's victory over death and we believe that we share that victory for it wins for us that cloak of imperishability, eternal life. Death has no power over us if we live in faithful service to Our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

Jesus must have been a brilliant speaker. In today's passage from Luke, we hear many examples of his style. He speaks in familiar language, the language of the people, and you can sense the humour behind the words. If the blind lead the blind then both will fall into a ditch, if a student follows his teacher, then both will repeat the errors they make. Jesus speaks of the splinter and the plank. How often do we criticise someone but fail to see that we too are guilty of a similar or greater fault?

The parable of the good fruit and the rotten fruit speaks to what is in our hearts. If we have goodness at the heart of what we do then we will produce good fruit, however, if our actions and words come from a spiteful or wicked thoughts, then we will produce rotten fruit. We cannot think one way and then act in another. We are either grapes or brambles, our nature depends on what is in our hearts. We may find that we are in a struggle within ourselves when we react to a situation but if our reaction comes from the goodness in our hearts then we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

*David Franke*

Daily Readings



# OUR PRAYERS

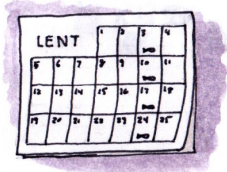
**The sick of the Parish:** Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, 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, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, 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, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Gordon, Tony Cunningham, Leonard Young, Mary Barker, Peter McClure. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Kathleen Smith, June Eglintine, Kathleen Povey, Veronica Dunn, Alfred McKenzie, Ian Edward Liddle, Mary Mincher, Fitzroy (Lewis) Pancho, Ralph Dagleish, Margery Swinburne, William Tindall, Ruby Foreman, William Bell, Frank O'Neil, John Jones, Monsignor Kevin Vasey, Robert Glass, Gary Bousfield, Emily Gowler, Denis Wilson, Thomas Northey, Mary Glover, Mary O'Connell, Keith Tingle, Annie Purdy, Hilda Hay, Patrick Caden, Nicholas Murphy, Peter Casey, Irene Johnson, Joseph Shipley, Pamela Harrison, Olga Errington, Michael Bell, Joseph Briggs, John Phelan, Mary Ann & Billy Beha, John Michael Moor, Mary Purcell, Margaret Beattie, Catherine Robertson, John Dwyer, Judith Bentham, Robert Elsdon, David Turnbull, Tommy McCluskey, Robert William Elsdon, Charles Gofton, Timothy (Tim) Mahoney, Christine Mary Curren, Hudson Walton Mordaunt, William August Thygesen, Peter Fitzgerald, Mary Fleet, Kathleen Sweetney, Damian McGlynn, Fr Henry Ryan, Pauline Turner, Joan Stephenson, Maria Cholmondesley, Elsie Bell, John Ness, Winifred Halliburton, Enid Hegarty, Kath Reece, Florence Ann Hunter, Mary Boylen, Daniel Rowntree, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

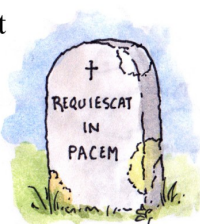
## Kids Corner: Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



If you go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will make a little cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us that people were made from the dust of the ground and that some day we will die and go back into the ground.

It is good for us to remember that we will die one day. It helps us realize that God put us here and that we need Him all the time. If we remember how much we need God then we will think of Him more and love Him more.

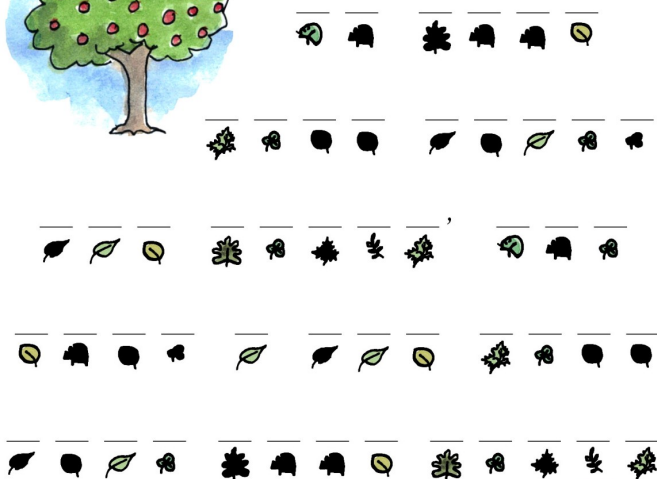
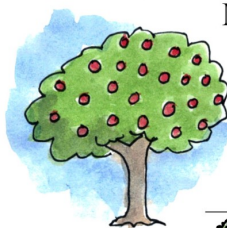


What is something you can do this Lent to remind yourself every day that you need God?

Answer to Front Page: No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

## The Kids' Bulletin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 2nd, 2025



In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees. What did He say? Use the code to find out!



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