

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 Paul's Road
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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 Bega's

Mon 4th March - 9.30am Mass

St Joseph's

Tues 5th March - 9.30am Mass

Parish Diary — Week beginning 3rd March 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 2nd March	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Lent	10.00am - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Adrian Garingalao	1.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass George & Peggy Heal	
Sunday 3rd March	3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Simeon & Joan Fraser Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Wyn & John Joy Coffee after Mass		
Monday 4th March		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague			
Tuesday 5th March		12.05pm Mass A Very Special Intention	6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		
Wednesday 6th March		6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		9.30am Mass Thanksgiving 10.00am Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
Thursday 7th March			9.30am Mass Tony Carter		
Friday 8th March		12.05pm Mass Clergy & People of the Parish 2.00pm Funeral Service Brian John Maxwell			
Saturday 9th March	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Holy Souls	1.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass Ken Bulley	
Sunday 10th March	4th Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobing Coffee after Mass	9.00am Mass Marie Cholmondeley (A) Coffee after 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

SUMMARY OF LISTENING EXERCISES, RESULT OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND BISHOP STEPHEN'S RESPONSE - On our diocesan website you will find all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. He reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is available on <https://diocesehn.org.uk> as it is too lengthy for a pastoral letter.

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP - Please join our new prayer group in the Nazareth Room of the Parish Centre, on Mondays at 11am. Entry to the Nazareth Room is via the parish office, parking available at the rear of the presbytery. Any enquires please contact Mary Duncan on 07817136092.

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 6th: The Shepherd / Life

March 13th: The Supper / Vine and Branches

March 20th: The Dying

March 27th: The Rising

ST JOHN VIANNEY WEEKEND CAR PARKING - Could we respectfully ask those who are able to please utilise the spaces available in the school car park across the road, using the top gate. This will leave sufficient space for those who require accessible parking. Please refrain from parking on the grass. Thanks.

MISSIO MISSION BOXES - Thank you to all the people who returned their Red Mission Boxes. We have collected nearly £2000 over the last 18 months. If you would like to have a Mission Box, they will be available at the back of the churches for the next few weeks at the follow Masses: Saturday - 4pm St Joseph's, 6pm St John Vianney's, Sunday - 10.30am St Joseph's.

200 CLUB - February winners: 1st Prize £150 No 72 Anne Mahony, 2nd Prize £75 No 91 Lilly Coltman, 3rd Prize £25 No 6 Kath Lavelle. Congratulations to our winners. Please note 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.

HOLY WEEK - Please save these dates for your diary.

Date	Service	Church	Time
Maunder 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

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.

HOLY FAMILY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION - There is a meeting in the Parish Centre Hall of the Parish Social Committee on Wednesday 6th March at 7pm to organise the St Patrick's night celebration. All are welcome. Unsold tickets should be returned on the night.

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: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law given at Sinai

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

REFLECTION

Signposts are vital to those who are on a journey, they keep us on the right path and prevent us from getting lost in the chaos of life. Today's readings are about signs; in Exodus God gives us a series of signposts for the way to heaven, in Paul's letter we are given a sign to the wisdom of God and in the Gospel Jesus gives us a clear sign as to where his ministry will lead Him.

The Ten Commandments were part of religious lessons at school. We were taught to recite them and even if we did not know what the 'Sabbath' was or what 'covet' meant we still had to know them 'off by heart'. Those early lessons on living a life that was pleasing to God have always been part of our sense of justice, a moral compass to the signs that we follow on our journey to God.

The passage from Paul however is more difficult to follow. We are told that a sign of God's wisdom is his foolishness! The world always sides with those who have power. This power is often shown by a contempt for weakness, a lack of compassion for those who are different. Jesus came into the world to show the world that there was another way. A way of love that took the power of the high and mighty and replaced it with love for each other and for the whole of creation. To those who love only the world and their power this may seem to be foolishness but to those who look for the wisdom of God such foolishness is far greater than human strength.

Today's Gospel is a signpost to the events of Holy Week. In the action of driving the shopkeepers from the temple Jesus is placing himself directly in the path of the powerful religious authorities of His time. They had a vested interest in the profits they made from the Temple of God; this gave them power and influence. No itinerant preacher from Nazareth was going to upset this. Jesus speaks of a temple being destroyed and raised again in three days; a clear sign to his death and resurrection to those who believe in Him but a sign that is ridiculed by those in authority. When your faith is ridiculed by those who do not want to understand remember your understanding comes from the light of Jesus and it is His power that is within you.

David Frank

Daily Readings



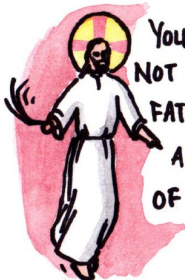
OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Judith Bentham, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Lottie Docherty, 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, May 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 Mghée, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice 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 Palmer, Brian Maxwell, Reg Smith. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Denis Robin Pickering, Gary Bousfield, Emily Gowler, Denis Wilson, Joseph Briggs, Robert Elsdon, John Ness, Harold James Davidson, 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, Ruby Foreman, Frank O'Neil, John Jones, Monsignor Kevin Vasey, Robert Glass, Mary Ann & Billy Beha, John Dwyer, Kath Reece, Florence Ann Hunter, Fitzroy (Lewis) Pancho, Ralph Dagleish, Margery Swinburne, William Tindall, William Bell, Thomas Northey, Michael Bell, John Phelan, John Michael Moor, Mary Purcell, Margaret Beattie, Catherine Robertson, David Turnbull, Charles Gofton, Tommy McCluskey, Robert William Elsdon, Timothy (Tim) Mahoney, Peter Fitzgerald, Mary Fleet, Christine Mary Curren, Hudson Walton Mordaunt, William August Thygesen, Kathleen Sweetney, Damian McGlynn, Fr Henry Ryan, Pauline Turner, Joan Stephenson, Maria Cholmondesley, Winifred Halliburton, Enid Hegarty, Mary Boylen, Daniel Rowntree, Stuart, Anthony Crebbin, Albert Joseph Bate, Alan Langley, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

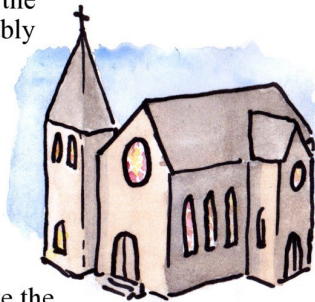
Kids Corner: Sacred Places



YOU SHALL NOT MAKE MY FATHER'S HOUSE A HOUSE OF TRADE!

In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is

necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



LET'S TALK OUTSIDE.

Answers to front page, top to bottom: Left: 4, 9, 3, 5, 10. Right: 7, 6, 1, 8, 2.

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd, 2024



Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?