

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 4th May 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 3rd May	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Easter	11.30am Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Terry King		12.30pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass Betty & Brian Thompson	
Sunday 4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Ralph Kidson	9.00am Mass Atherton & Flanagan Families		
Monday 5th May					
Tuesday 6th May		12.05pm Mass Veronica Readman			
Wednesday 7th May				9.30am Mass Thanksgiving for a Safe Journey	
Thursday 8th May			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Arthur Hadfield		
Friday 9th May		12.05pm Mass Joan Malone			
Saturday 10th May	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter	12.00pm First Holy Communion 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass The Branigan Sisters	2.00pm First Holy Communion	10.00am First Holy Communion 6.00pm Mass Joan Cooper 5th Anniversary	
Sunday 11th May	4th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Bernadette Jackson	9.00am Mass Timothy Wright		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Tuesday 6th May - 9.30am Mass

St Teresa's

Thursday 8th 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.

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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: 11am - 1pm
Wednesday: By appointment only
Thursday: By appointment only
Friday: 11am - 1pm
Saturday: 2.30pm - 5pm
Sunday: 9.30am - 12pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - The preparation meeting for the month of May has been cancelled due to there being no available dates until September. 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 5th June at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - If you have not collected your envelopes for 2025-26, they are available at the back of the church you regularly attend. If you wish to join the scheme please contact Laura in 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.

We are now at the end of the tax year and we will be making a return to the Diocese on Gift Aid contributions. If you are a member of the scheme and have not paid tax this year you must inform the Parish Office.

ECHOES OF FREEDOM - Join us on Friday 30th May from 7pm at St Joseph's Church for a special V.E. Day 80th Anniversary concert. We have had an amazing response so have requested extra tickets, and will let you know once they are available to collect from the parish office.

SVP BEFRIENDERS - We are looking for more helpers so that we can visit more lonely people. Can you spare an hour or two a week to visit lonely people in a care home or in their homes? Support is available to new befrienders. If you would like more information then please contact Pauline Hunter on 07769358861 or Geraldine Martin on 07776210099. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service please contact the Parish Office.

VACANCY - A vacancy has arisen for a Lay Chaplain to cover both English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Hartlepool, and St Michael's Catholic Academy, Billingham. Closing date: Friday 2nd May 2025. To apply, go to: <https://bhcet.org.uk/job-vacancies/lay-chaplain-1>

HOLY ISLAND BUS - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 31st May, leaving from St Joseph's Church. Lunch is included. Cost is £15 per person. Payments due by 17th May. Please contact Brenda on 07599511066 for more information.

CONCERT AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - Hartlepool Ladies Choir, together with Felling Male Voice Choir are holding a concert in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 17th May at 7pm. Tickets are available for £10 each from choir members, by calling 07901457127 or 07905107774. You are also welcome to pay on the door. All are welcome.

200 CLUB - April Draw Winners 1st Prize £150 Clare Ferguson, 2nd Prize £75 Marie Thackeray, 3rd Prize £25 Joan Young. Congratulations to our winners! Subs for 2025-2026 are now due. £25 annual subscription, £12.50 half Yearly or £6.25 per quarter. Please see Clare Ferguson or David Frank at Saint Patricks or you can place your subscription in an envelope marked with your name and place it in the offertory collection. You can also drop it into the Parish Office. Many thanks for your continued support.

SCIENCE AND FAITH: AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION - Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on Wednesday, 28th May, at the Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30-6:45 pm. This is an open invitation to begin a conversation and explore how these gifts can enrich the life and mission of our parishes. All are welcome! For more information, please contact phillipsalkeld@ymt.org or 01207592244.

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 5:27b-32, 40b-41

‘We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the Apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

Response: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.’

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things

and has shown compassion on the human race.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14

‘Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.’

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ He said to him a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

REFLECTION

Whenever I read today's Gospel I am touched by the simplicity of the story. The written word is fragile; many books from the ancient world have been lost, we have just a fraction of all that has been written. The Gospel of John is rich in stories of healing, miracles and teaching; it contains a lifetime of understanding and reflection as John reviews his journey with Jesus through those three glorious years of His ministry. Yet this story, this epilogue, contains such a wealth of humanity, faith and love that if this were the only part of John's gospel to survive it would still give us a picture of who Jesus was, how He lived and of His love for all mankind.

It begins on familiar ground, there is a lake, people fishing and a man walking on a beach. You can almost hear the lapping of water on the shore, the cry of birds swooping over the boat and see the tired faces of fishermen who have been out on the lake all night and caught nothing. Can you imagine the thoughts of these tired men when a stranger, bids them to try once more, to throw that heavy net over the side at the end of such a fruitless night? Yet something tells them to go again and what a catch, one hundred and fifty three fish fill the net almost to bursting.

Sometimes we become tired of trying to follow Our Lord. Our prayer life seems to be fruitless; we have difficulties in getting people to help with things, everything we do becomes a trial; then we hear a word, or read a piece of scripture or someone does something unexpected that raises our spirits and that familiar voice from inside says “I know” and we start again. That is what our fishermen hear, that call to carry on, that assurance that all will be well and with Our Lord's help they, and we, are ready to begin again.

Breakfast on the beach, grilled fish, a wineskin filled with refreshing liquid and sitting once again with their friend Jesus must have felt like heaven to those fishermen, but Jesus does not stop there. There is a brokenness to be mended. Three times he calls to Peter, ‘Do you love me’ and three times Peter asks for that forgiveness which Jesus longs to give. No matter what has been broken in our relationship with God there is always a hand, reaching out to us in forgiveness. Take courage, reach out and grasp that forgiveness so freely given.

David Frank

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

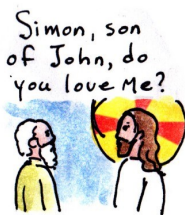
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, 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 McEneaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Fr Seamus McGivern, 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, 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: Martin Murray, Donna McAllister-Smithson, Terence Finn. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Terence Bryan Wynn, Edna Vasey, Audrey Pyitt, Catherine Larkin, Ralph Kidson, Peter Dobson, Veronica Readman, Peter Higgins, Stephen Carroll, Henry Gofton, Margaret Lines, Mary Cope, Herbert Healey Snr, Michael Ryan, Gladys Sarah Kelleher, Arthur Hadfield, Anne Marie Ferguson, Ann Beatrice Marley, Fr Hugh McCann, Kathleen Crangle, John Bone, Robert Healey, Margaret Rose Hill, Hilda Turner, Lily Peel, John Imray Hume, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

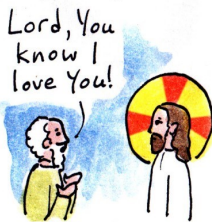
Kids Corner:

Do You Love Me?

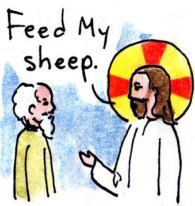


In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?" what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?

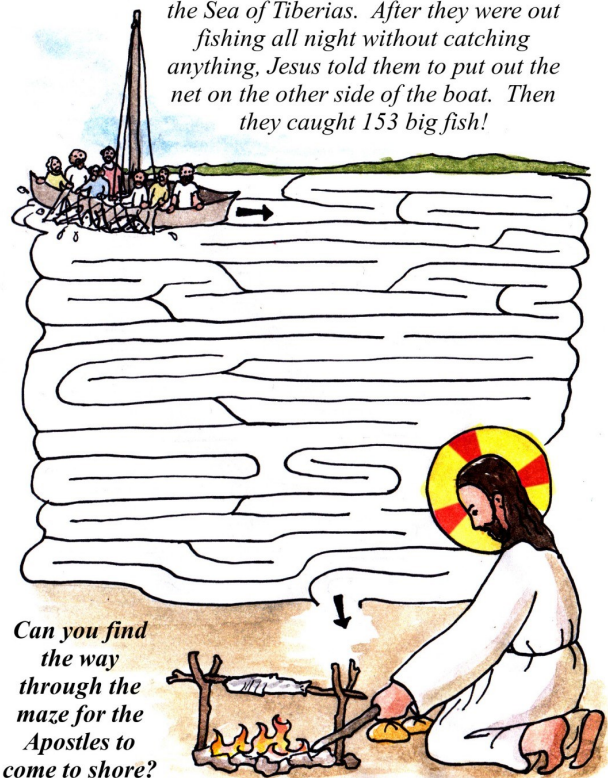


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The Kids' Bulletin

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 4th, 2025**

The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!



John 21.1-19