

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 5th May 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 6th May					
Tuesday 7th May		12.05pm Mass Kitty Kelly			
Wednesday 8th May		6.30pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of The Ascension Thanksgiving to Our Lady & the Infant of Prague		2.00pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of The Ascension Sheila Dobing	
Thursday 9th May	The Ascension of the Lord	12.05pm Solemnity of The Ascension Special Intention (Grandsons) 2.00pm Requiem Mass Winifred Stokle	9.30am Solemnity of The Ascension Arthur Hadfield		
Friday 10th May		12.05pm Mass World Peace			
Saturday 11th May	(Vigil) 7th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thanksgiving (Prayers Answered)		6.00pm Mass Michael Ryan	
Sunday 12th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Raine Family 4.00pm May Procession	9.00am Mass Paul Lennard		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Tues 7th May - 9.30am Mass

English Martyrs

Wed 8th May - 12.20pm Mass

Thurs 9th May - 8.00am Mass

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
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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

Cancelled This Week

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - This 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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Roman Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, there are Masses in each of the churches of our parish.

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 5th June, 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.

HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB - April Draw: 1st Prize £150- 157 Pat Hubbard, 2nd Prize £75 - No 29 Mary Lindsay, 3rd Prize £25 No 117 Jean Rayment. There are still vacant numbers so if you wish to join the 200 Club please let us know.

ITALIAN EVENING - This social evening is arranged for Thursday 16th May in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's. For those who have booked, tickets are available to purchase after Mass today. There will be a choice of menu; either Pizza or Lasagne and we need to know the preferences of those who want to attend. The evening starts at 6.30pm, Tea, Coffee and Fruit Juice are available but if you wish you can bring your own refreshments.

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.

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.

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.

DEACON JOSEPH'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Deacon Joseph will be ordained in St Mary's Cathedral on 20th July 2024. He will continue his studies in Rome for a further two years, during which he will spend his holidays here in the Holy Family Parish. We will have a collection nearer to his ordination as a present from the parish. Please keep Deacon Joseph in your prayers as he makes his final preparations.

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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

We all have a very basic need to belong. The welcome we receive when we encounter others especially when it is the first time, is so important. If that welcome is open and friendly, delivered with a smile and a word, then we begin that longed for feeling that we are coming home. Home can be a place we have never been before because it is a sense of warmth, of acceptance, of belonging. The way we welcome is a sign of how we love.

Peter's faith in Jesus led him to believe that Jesus was the Messiah that the prophets had foretold. and the Jewish people had longed for. He was a man of contradictions, very much, I suspect, like ourselves. He found the saviour but wanted to keep Him for the Jewish people. Chapter 10 in Acts is a very important passage because it contains the conversion of Peter as he moves from a Jewish conception of Jesus to a world-wide view. Cornelius and Peter were worlds apart, he was a Roman, Peter a Jew, they had nothing in common yet, when they met, Peter was treated as superior to Cornelius, a real reversal of positions. Peter however would have none of this, he realised that "God does not have favourites" and anyone who does right is acceptable to Him. The welcome between the men sets the scene for the conversion of the whole household and so the two factions, Jews and Romans, with their families and servants, became one through the Holy Spirit.

Through his letter and his Gospel, John speaks to us of the love that the Father has for the Son and how that love embraces all who follow the teaching of Christ. This love is only worthwhile if we share it with one another. The spirit of welcome in our communities is so important because it is a outward sign of our love for one another. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, for our sins, is a sign to us that we are held in His love, and nothing can separate us from that love. If Jesus calls us his friends, then we must share that friendship with others and from the power of that love we can bring others to Him. Each of us were chosen to do some particular service for God, and it is in that service that we fulfil the commandment of love.

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, Ronnie Burnett, 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 McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, 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: Winifred Stokle, Christine Gardner. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Ralph Kidson, Veronica Readman, Peter Dobson, Arthur Hadfield, Kathleen Crangle, Joan Boddy, Peter Higgins, Stephen Carroll, Henry Gofton, Margaret Lines, Mary Cope, Herbert Healey Snr, Michael Ryan, Gladys Sarah Kelleher, Anne Marie Ferguson, Ann Beatrice Marley, Fr Hugh McCann, John Bone, Robert Healey, Margaret Rose Hill, Hilda Turner, Lily Peel, John Imray Hume, Sarah Jane Salvin, 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:

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grand-parents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!

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The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024



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What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!