

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 7th July 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 6th July	(Vigil) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Frankie Bone		6.00pm Mass Alfie, Ethel & Sheila McKenzie	
Sunday 7th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Terry Jeffries		
Monday 8th July		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Special Intention (A Successful Operation)			
Tuesday 9th July		12.05pm Mass Christine & Les Downes Diamond Wedding Anniversary			
Wednesday 10th July				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Fr Tom Burke	
Thursday 11th July	St Benedict		9.30am Mass Fr Dermot O'Connor		
Friday 12th July		12.05pm Mass Nellie & Jimmy Elener			
Saturday 13th July	(Vigil) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Lily Pitts		6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 14th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobing	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Wed 10th July - 2.00pm Leavers Mass

St Bega's

Thurs 11th July - 2.00pm Mass

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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

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

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 COMMUNION 2025 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme. The programme is open to children from 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 Tuesday 17th September at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church.

THANK YOU - Special thanks to all who have assisted and are continuing to assist in the gardening around our Churches. It is much appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Application forms for infant Baptism are available at the back of each Church. Please return completed forms to the parish office before the Preparation Meeting. There will be no Preparation Meeting during the summer holidays, therefore come along to the Preparation Meeting on Wednesday 2nd October, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

SYNODAL VISION FOR THE DIOCESE - In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. A copy of the vision is displayed at the back of each 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. Please keep Deacon Joseph in your prayers as he makes his final preparations.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS - If you are now regularly worshipping at a Church where you are not on the rota to either read or give out Communion, please contact the parish office so that your name can be included in the rota for the Church you now worship at.

COFFEE MORNING - Join us at St Patrick's on 13th July, from 10am till 2pm for a coffee morning with a twist. If you are able to make any donations of new clothes, handbags, shoes, scarves, bric-a-brac, etc, please let Roisheen know on 07914946316.

STELLA MARIS - Next Sunday, 14th July, is Sea Sunday. A collection will be taken for Stella Maris.

CALLING ALL SEAMSTRESSES - With the ever growing number of altar servers we have across our parish, we are in need of additional cassocks and cottas. If you feel you would be able to assist in making these for our parish, please speak to Canon Paul.

LITURGY DAYS FOR READERS - The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 9 November at St Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. Details of other Liturgy days are available on the Diocesan website. To book, please visit: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents for more information.

ST JOHN VIANNEY COFFEE - There will be coffee available after the evening Mass on Saturday 13th July. All are welcome.

200 CLUB - June Draw winners: 1st prize £150 No 45 Marie Thackray, 2nd prize £75 No 143 Margaret Robinson, 3rd prize £25 No 91 Lily Coltman. Congratulations to our winners. Please note for those who pay quarterly, Q2 Subs (£6.25) are now due.

SUMMER SERENADE - We have organised a "Summer Serenade" at St John Vianney's Church on Sunday 27th July. Doors open 2.30pm followed by a Concert by the Hartlepool Male Voice Choir from 3pm to 5pm. There will be drinks at the interval, food and refreshments at close of concert. Tickets (£5) will be on sale from this weekend.

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 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

REFLECTION

Today's readings speak to me about faith, both on a very personal level and on a more general level. Faith is unique to every individual; I cannot give you faith and you cannot teach me to be faithful; it is pure gift from the Spirit. But, I believe, each person's faith can be either nourished, or wither and die, by the way they live their lives. Just as the seed sown on the stony ground can still grow if it is moved to a more fertile place, so can faith, and it is our responsibility to place our faith in the best place for growth.

The readings give us illustrations that make this point. In the passage from Ezekiel the prophet is called by God to do a very difficult, dangerous thing; he is asked to stand up before the people and tell them that they must turn away from sin and back to God. To do this takes courage, more courage than I have, and so Ezekiel trusts in his faith in the Lord. It is very easy to do something if you have a powerful ally by your side, however, when you stand alone, trusting in a God you cannot see, then you can only do this if you have faith.

Paul proves, time and time again, by his sacrifices, that he trusts in the Lord and has faith in him. Faith does not give immunity from the dark side of life; just because we have faith does not mean that we will not suffer. Paul is suffering from his “thorn in the flesh”; many of us suffer from illness or from weaknesses that can prevent us from trusting in our faith. If Paul can surmount his problems, then we too have hope that we can face all that life throws our way and come out with a stronger faith.

Faith does not guarantee an easy life; being true to our faith in God can be very difficult and seem unrewarding. Jesus was not accepted by His own community when He came to Nazareth and spoke in the synagogue. In some versions of this story, He was physically attacked and chased out of town. Jesus had a deep faith in God, his Father, this gave Him the strength and courage to continue His journey despite the rejection by His own people. Being a good person has its rewards, but it is being true to God and to yourself that counts; Faith must be based in love, nourished by hope and lived in the world.

David Frank

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

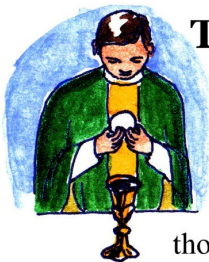
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Tony Cawley, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Follow, Cliff Ferness, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Joan Malone, Baby Pippa Marie, 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, Kathleen Royds, 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: Dennis Turner, John Howe. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Ursula Rowntree, Catherine Jennings, Baby Alfie Peter Hart, Bob Garraghan, Ronald Michael Dring, Mary Butterfield, Kenneth Wilson, John Hutchinson, Miriam Fraser, Mary Cooper, Elizabeth Lydia Timlin, Mr. L Willis, Mary Ann Healey, Monica Taylerson, Joyce Armstrong, Timothy Denis Johnston, John 'Robert' Price, Samuel Lewis Everett, Fr Michael Keoghan, Angela Fletcher, Ana Reina Sevillo Portillo, Christopher McDonough, Mary Freeman, Kathleen Harvey, Joan Carney, Thomas Adams, James Neville, Rachel Newbury, Robert Bell, Thomas Huntley, Sally Gofton, Jimmy Elener, Patsy Packham, Leatrice Gibson, Mary Hyllen, John Kealy, 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:

Priests Take the Place of Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.



However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!

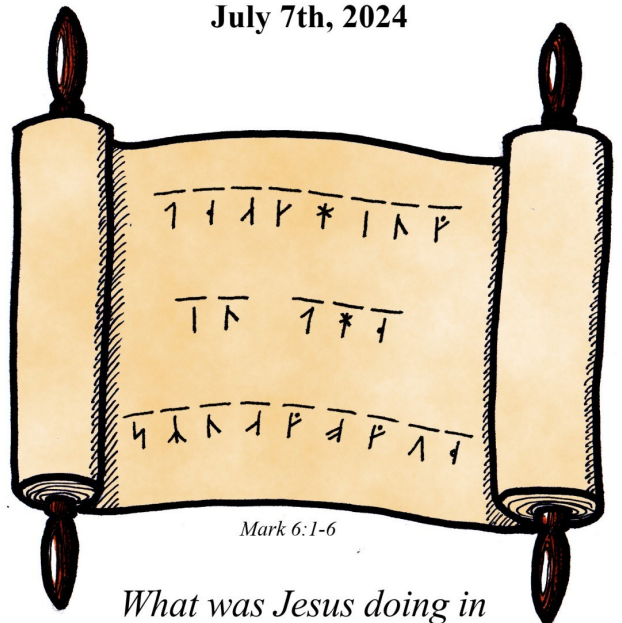
Here is a prayer you can say:



*Dear Jesus,
Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven.
Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.*

The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7th, 2024



Mark 6:1-6

*What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading?
Use the secret code to find out!*

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