

# 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 9th March 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 10th March		1.00pm Funeral Service Tony Cunningham 6.30pm Mass The Wigham & Maloney Family			
Tuesday 11th March		12.05pm Mass Charlie Dunn 1.00pm Funeral Service Kathleen Gordon			
Wednesday 12th March				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village People of Hartfields	
Thursday 13th March		6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction	9.30am Mass Eric Noble		
Friday 14th March		12.05pm Mass Colin MacDonald			
Saturday 15th March	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Lent	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Patrick Northey	11.30am Baptisms	2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Ken Bulley	
Sunday 16th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobing	9.00am Mass Bob & Edith Walters		

#### SCHOOL MASSES

**St Bega's**  
Monday 10th March - 9.30am Mass

**St Joseph's**  
Tuesday 11th March - 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.

#### 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

**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:**

**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** - 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. If you have dietary needs please let the ticket sellers know.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**200 CLUB** - February Draw Winners: 1st prize £150 No 163 Kirsty Dolan, 2nd Prize £75 No 189 Sue Walters, 3rd Prize No 16 Ann Hoey. Congratulations to all our winners. Please note, subs are now due: £25 yearly, £12.50 half yearly, £6.25 quarterly. Thanks.

**PARISH COMMITTEES** - As a parish, we now have two established committees: the Finance Committee and the Social Committee. Over the coming weeks, two further committees will be established for the practical running of the parish; the Liturgy Committee, and the Buildings Committee. Once these are established, we will then begin to look at the formation of a parish Pastoral Council, whose focus will be to give spiritual formation and direction to the parish. Please be generous in accepting an invitation to join these new committees.

## Mass of Christ the Saviour

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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

**The confession of faith of the chosen people.**

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.'

**Response:** Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

**The confession of faith of believers in Christ.**

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.  
One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

**Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13**

**'Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil'**

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

We are on a journey of discovery. It is the time in the Year of the Church when we experience an annual Lenten pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a period when we have an opportunity to look more closely at ourselves and at our faith, if we want to know Our Lord more than this is a perfect time. We begin with a desert experience, deserts are not always places of sand, scrub and sun, they exist everywhere, even in the green places of our world, for the desert we will explore is one that exists within ourselves.

The people of the Exodus entered the desert walking hand in hand with God. Their journey through the wilderness lasted forty years, during this time they lived through the full range of human experience. They found and lost faith in God many times, but God never lost sight of them and journeyed with them throughout the long years of travel. In the Book of Deuteronomy Moses speaks to the people of a harvest, "the first of the fruit of the ground" which came forth from the land they had settled in after their exodus from Egypt. This harvest was a faith in God which would carry them through the long years ahead.

Seeking the Lord is not difficult, Paul tells us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" because it is through speaking of Jesus as Lord and believing in His resurrection in your heart that you will be saved. There are no barriers to belief, no distinction of race or colour, we reach towards faith by coming to know Our Lord through our experiences and actions. Listen carefully to the words of scripture and follow your heart for that is the way to Christ.

We are all subject to temptation, it comes in many forms and is subtle and appealing. It has an innocent look, and we often do not realise we are being deceived until it is too late. Through the wilderness experiences of Our Lord, we can begin to discern how easy it is to fall into temptation's trap. Jesus was taught scripture from his childhood and understood the temptations of humanity for status and power. As we listen today to the Gospel of Luke, we can take heart from the reaction of Jesus to His temptation and learn how to overcome those human temptations that we face in our daily life.

*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, John Robinson. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Stuart Anthony Crebbin, Albert Joseph Bate, Alan Langley, James Smith, George Ingledew, Erick Dotchan, Anthony Salvin, Dennis Woodhall, Frederick Rigby, Norma Bigwood, Jane Hay, James Lahney, Maria Ferguson, Agnes Glover, Ron Harrison, Ada Mary Webster, Sydney Barker Gooding, Franko Fiorini, Joseph (Joe) Breheny, Mary Maude Curren (Nee Williamson), Mary Elizabeth McCarthy, Clifford Stubbs, Michael Frain, William Kennedy, Winifred Bain, Austin Flanagan, Susan Magennis, Mary McLeod, Paul Wilkinson, Julie Myers, Kenneth Bulley, Michael Kirby, Doris Reddington, Sidney Alan Baker, Lillian Slack, Beresford Brown, 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:

### Lent:

#### Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



## The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent  
March 9th, 2025



*Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*

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