

# 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 10th August 2025

\*Live stream: [www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool](http://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool)

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 9th August	(Vigil) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Veronica Bradley (Anniversary)		6.00pm Mass Marie Thompson	
Sunday 10th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Michael Maughan	9.00am Mass Beryl McGarry		
Monday 11th August	St Clare	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions  6.30pm Mass Special Intention (M.D.A)			
Tuesday 12th August		12.05pm Mass Tony Gorman (Birthday Anniversary)	1.30pm Requiem Mass Patrick McNicholas		
Wednesday 13th August		10.00am Requiem Mass Eric Horsley  1.00pm Funeral Service Ellen Wilson		10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village People of Hartfields	
Thursday 14th August	St Maximilian Kolbe		6.30pm Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption Michael Elsdon		
Friday 15th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.05pm Mass Solemnity of the Assumption Charles & Elizabeth Hewitt		9.30am Mass Solemnity of the Assumption Joan Malone	
Saturday 16th August	(Vigil) 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms  1.00pm Wedding  3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Special Intention (Anniversary)		6.00pm Mass Anne Cole	
Sunday 17th August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Mary Relton	9.00am Mass Jean Natt		

#### 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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**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

**Restarts 9th September**  
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: 11.30am – 12.30pm**

**Wednesday & Thursday: By appointment only**

**Friday: 11.30am – 12.30pm**

**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 Wednesday 1st October at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026** - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. Over the summer holidays, we'll be working on finalising a plan and schedule based on the number of applicants. All the details will be confirmed and shared at the parents meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

**GIFT AID** - If you wish to join the scheme, please complete a Gift Aid form available at the back of church, and return it to 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.

**NATIONAL STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** - Please see the poster on the noticeboards for information on the Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco, to St Joseph's Church on Saturday 6th September.

**200 CLUB** - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

**HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK** - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY** - Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation.

**HUGE THANKS** - A heartfelt thank you to Father Joseph for leading us to Walsingham, making sure our pilgrimage wasn't just a trip, it was a profound experience that deepened our faith and connected us in ways we'll carry forever!

**CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB** - Please note that from September we will not be accepting cheques for Christmas Savings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS** - Our young people who travelled on the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham and who assisted the Sick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have received many compliments from both near and far. Congratulations to them for the example they have shown and for making Holy Family Parish Hartlepool proud. Thanks go also to the various bodies who made this possible by assisting in the funding of their places.

**JOIN OUR OVER 60S CLUB** - Are you looking for a fun, friendly group to spend some time with? The Over 60s Club meets at St Patrick's Hall on Tuesdays from 1pm till 3pm, and we'd love for you to join us! We meet regularly to enjoy a lively game of bingo, play cards, have a good chat, and of course, sip a cuppa together. But that's not all! Each month, we've got something extra special planned that we promise will be something to look forward to. We'd love for you to come along and see what we're all about. The first session is completely free, so it's the perfect chance to join in, meet new friends, and enjoy the fun.

**THANK YOU** - A big thanks to some of our Altar Servers who have been doing jobs around the Churches of our Parish during their summer holidays including painting fences and clearing out cupboards. It is much appreciated.

## 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:** Wisdom 18:6-9

**‘By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.’**

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

**Response:** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

**‘He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,

for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:35-40

**‘You also must be ready.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

## REFLECTION

*Has it ever occurred to you that life without faith is no life at all? I have often suffered from doubt. Is there a God? Is this time on earth the only time we have? Do we just die and that's it? I believe because I have faith in one man, Jesus Christ, and that belief gives me hope and makes me the person I am. I cannot really imagine a life without that belief because that would destroy my hope and it is hope that drives me onwards.*

*The story of the Old Testament is a story of Faith and Hope; Abraham and Sarah were old people who never gave up hoping for children. Because of their faith in God, they left their native land and wandered the deserts of the Middle East searching for something they could not see, hoping for something, a child, which they could not conceive. God gave them the blessing of a child in old age and that proved to them that faith and hope are never in vain. We share that hope that someday, somehow, God's promises will be made manifest in each one of us.*

*But with faith comes responsibility; we cannot believe and keep that belief to ourselves. The gift is for all, and it is our task to show that faith in God can make a difference in the lives of everyone we meet. This is the faith that drives evangelisation; by telling our story we inspire others to want to know more about this God of ours. The Gospel passage reminds us of another aspect of this responsibility. Jesus tells the disciples a parable about the kingdom of heaven. He speaks of a welcoming God who has prepared a place for those who believe in Him. With this gift there is also a warning; we cannot expect to claim our place in heaven if our time on earth is wasted on things that cannot last. If we set our hearts on heaven, then we must live a life that will achieve our heart's desire.*

*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, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, 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 Mgehe, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann 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, Margaret Watt, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick McNicholas, Ellen Wilson, Eric Horsley. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

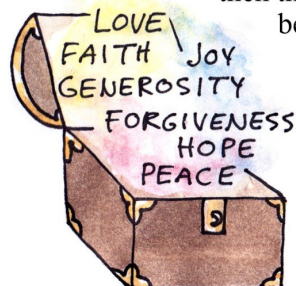
**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Ethel Wilkinson, Michael Vasey, Margaret Burton, Veronica Bradley, Leo Dolphin, Margaret Crowe, Eddie Thompson, Thomas Swift, Mary Pickering, Sheila Liddle, Peter Judge, Jacqueline Mahony, James W Lee, Ken McKenna, Betty McKenna, Maria Howard, Billy Hay, Jim Noone, Alf Garthwaite, Stephen Dring, John Watt, Joseph Taylor, Doreen Beatrice Hall, Lillian Pattison, Jean Tilley, Lynn Ryan, Patricia Foley, Dorothy Readman, Teresa Garbutt, Letitia McLaughlin, John Byrne, Elaine Morrell, Dorothy Northey, Michael McLaughlin, Thomas Cussons, Jacqueline Jarvis, Mary Ellen Hall, Keith Stainsby, Pat Waller, John Reid, 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:

### What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!

## The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 10th, 2025

Luke 12:32-48



*Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready.*

*Help these children find their way to Jesus!*