

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 14th June 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 13th June	(Vigil) 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary & Michael Kearney		6.00pm Mass Roly Thompson	
Sunday 14th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass John Cranpin	9.00am Mass Mary Harris		
Monday 15th June		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Frank & Margaret Costello			
Tuesday 16th June		12.05pm Mass Janice Graham Anniversary			
Wednesday 17th June				9.30am Mass Holy Souls	
Thursday 18th June			9.30am Mass Maurice Brown		
Friday 19th June		12.05pm Mass Tony Cawley Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 20th June	(Vigil) 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary's Intentions	11.30am Baptisms	6.00pm Mass Bob Garraghan Jnr	
Sunday 21st June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Christina Buenaflor	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's
Monday 15th June - 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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Parish Priest

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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: 10.30am-11.30am
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

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than 17th July 2026. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

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 July at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we must ask for generous notice. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

GARDENING - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL - The school are looking for parishioners to volunteer to work with pupil chaplains in the school. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact them via email on admin@stteresashartlepool.bhcet.org.uk.

FR JOSEPH O'BRIEN - As announced recently, Fr Joseph has been appointed as Parochial Vicar (Curate) to the parish of Holy Family, Hartlepool. He will take up his appointment officially on 1st September 2026, however, Fr Joseph will be visible during the summer whilst on annual leave before taking up his appointment. Fr Joseph will be resident at St Joseph's Presbytery.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Having enquired with a number of tour operators, organised pilgrimages are currently very expensive. It is proposed that a hybrid parish pilgrimage to Rome be organised for Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026. This will involve individuals booking their own flights and accommodation, however, once in Rome Fr Joseph and Canon Paul will be present to offer a pilgrimage programme. There will be an initial meeting on Tuesday 16th June at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's to determine interest.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We would be so grateful for any donations of men's clothing in good, clean condition: t-shirts, jeans, joggers, shoes, etc. There are baskets at the back of all of the churches, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - To mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard, the relics will be at St Joseph's on Monday 29th June for 6.30pm Mass. They will be available for private prayer from 5.30pm, and blessings with the relics will be offered after the Mass. St Gerard Majella is known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Come along and bring your petitions to this well-known saint.

FR ANTHONY HOGARTH RIP - We are saddened to announce the passing of Fr Hogarth on the evening of 6th June following a short illness. The Reception of the body into St Joseph's will be at 5pm on Tuesday 23rd June. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12pm on Wednesday 24th June. Please remember him and all who mourn him in your prayers.

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION - We have several First Holy Communion certificates which weren't collected. They are available from the parish office at your earliest convenience. We also have an abundance of Baptism certificates which have been requested and never collected. Each certificate takes time and resources to produce, we kindly ask that you respect this effort by ensuring your certificate is collected promptly.

Mass of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and 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 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 of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
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 on the left to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.
Thank you.

Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and wish to join the scheme, please scan the QR code on the right, or contact Laura in the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme.
Many thanks.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS - Our next collection will be held on Sunday 14th June, for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

‘You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”’

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

‘If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.’

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8

‘Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.’

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.’

REFLECTION

We have come through the Seasons of Lent and Easter and return once again to Ordinary Time. The Word that is proclaimed to us is , however far from ordinary, the Word speaks to us of extraordinary acts which reveal to us the love of God for all His creation.

The Book of Exodus is the story of the people of God moving from slavery to freedom. It is marked by their long journey through the wilderness until they reach the promised land. God is always with them and promises them that *“if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all the peoples”*. The forty years in the desert was a constant ebb and flow of worship and disillusionment as the people tried to find a way to God, sometimes failing, sometimes succeeding, but always listening to His voice.

When Paul wrote his letter to the people of Rome, he was writing to a people whom he had never visited, and the tone of the letter reflects this. There were some people in Rome who Paul had met, and it was to them that he sent Pheobe, a deaconess, with his letter, hoping that it would reach those Christians who lived in the city. The letter is full of teaching and today’s extract is very important for it emphasises that the suffering of Christ was caused by our sins and that Christ willingly went to his crucifixion to atone for those sins. It calls us to *“rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*

The people of the New Testament, that Jesus went to, were not the rich and prominent but the poor and lowly. These were his chosen people, *“harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”*. His compassionate heart could not bear to see their suffering and so He sent his twelve disciples among them to bring them relief from their ills and hope for a better future. Today He calls on us to do the same, he reminds us *“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few”*. He calls us to pray that more labourers may come to help with the harvest, the call is to us, for we are the labourers he is calling to.

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, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Andrew Kenny, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roccoft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Carol Thomas, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Margaret Watt, Kath Wilkinson, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. *Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.*

Recently Deceased: John Parsons, Michael Dickson, John Bage, Margaret Porritt, Fr Anthony Hogarth. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Aurelia Coniconde, Susan Innes, Stephen Kealy, Joseph Ross, Ronald Leo Flounders, Edie Wigham, Grace Mary Windsor, Peter Allen, Robert Gibbon, Frank Costello, Jenny Stevenson, Joseph Tyson, Maureen Reilly, Thomas King, Edith Ellen Wigham, Christina Hays, Robert Riches, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Watson, Andrew Buchan, Nora Harrison, Julie Readman, Angela Parker, Patricia Stebbings, Michael Bede Talbot, Mark Proudlock, Mary Hair, John Cambridge, Brian Graves, Carol Hayes, Jimmy McGoogan, Veronica Nicholson, David Thompson, Terence Edward (Terry) Ness, Barbara Charters, Margaret Cowley, Nellie Forrest, Janice Marie Graham, Robert Dryden, Edna Burgon, Jane Elizabeth Graham, Judy Harrison, Gwen Travers, Molly & Mattie Robson, Arthur Vokes, George Boagey, Mary Jane Robson, Mary Tyreman, Rose Hansell, Patrick Cronin, Lily Ingledew, Dorothy Holton, Ken Middleton, Alfred Wood, Francis Albert Keegan, John Mulcahy, Edwin Stockdale, Norman Harker, Dennis Wrightson, Margaret Craddy, Arthur Skinner, Matthew Robson, Clare Witty, Ann Harker, Mary Ingledew, Grace Stabler, 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:

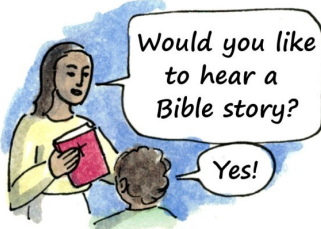
Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons. Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?



Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?



Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!

The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14th, 2026



Jesus sent His Apostles to the surrounding towns to preach and heal. Can you find the way to the nearby town for the Apostles?

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