

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 24th August 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 23rd August	(Vigil) 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Tony Cawley 1st Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Lawrence & Doreen Coulton	
Sunday 24th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Nora Garthwaite Anniversary	9.00am Mass Kath Foster		
Monday 25th August		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass John Bruce			
Tuesday 26th August		12.05pm Mass Janice Graham (Birthday Anniversary)			
Wednesday 27th August	St Monica			9.30am Mass Megraw Mass Fund	
Thursday 28th August	St Augustine		9.30am Mass Mark Twydale		
Friday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	10.00am Funeral Service Sheila Cope 12.05pm Mass Sheila Mary Hornby (7th Anniversary)			
Saturday 30th August	(Vigil) 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bob Mullins		2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	
Sunday 31st August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Paul Lennard		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses over the summer holidays

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: 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 - On Saturday 6th September, our parish will be welcoming the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of SS Francisco and Jacinta Marto to St Joseph's Church before they make their way to St Mary's Cathedral. A timetable for the day is at the back of church. Please do join us for this celebration which will begin with a procession and Mass in the morning, and finish with Benediction before the usual Saturday Vigil Mass, with various other events to participate in during the day. Please do join us for the whole day if you can, or for any of the events during the day, no need to sign up.

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

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.

DAY TRIP - Join us for a fun day out on a trip to the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet in York, followed by a couple of hours to explore York City at your leisure on Wednesday 24th September. The cost is £15 per person. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited.

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.

CONTACTING THE PARISH - If you need to get in contact with the parish, all calls should be directed to Laura during office hours, unless in an emergency you need to get in contact with a priest, in which case one of us is always available on the presbytery phone number.

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: Isaiah 66:18-21

‘They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the Lord, ‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the Lord.

Response: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

‘The Lord disciplines the one he loves.’

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

‘People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.’

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

REFLECTION

There is a big question behind today's readings, one that we all want to ask but are afraid we will not like the answer. It is posed, in a way, in the Gospel reading when a man asks Jesus “Lord, will those who are saved be few?”. It is the sort of question, I suspect, that we would all like to ask and that we would all want to be included in the answer but there is no answer that we could receive in this world. We will only know the answer in the next.

So, as usual, we follow the clues and try to build our faith in everlasting life by clinging to whatever we discover. Isaiah is very reassuring; “Thus says the Lord for I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues”. The Jews believed that their God was only for them and for no others. Time and again the prophets spoke of other people who would come to know the one true God but still the Jews insisted that salvation was for them alone. In today's first reading Isaiah again warns them, and reassures us, that others will come to share in the Kingdom.

Then there is a message from the writer of Hebrews. He reminds us that we are sons and daughters of God; however, with this gift comes responsibilities. It is not enough to be sons and daughters; we must act as such and be faithful to the Father. Each family is taught how to behave by their parents; if we want to be sons and daughters of God then we must listen to the Father and turn away from sin. If we do not, then how can we enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

We can only come to God if we know Him and He knows us. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments and following His ways. Through prayer and worship, we come close to God; if we do not pray to Him and receive the sacraments then how can we come to know Him. So, stay true to the Gospel and do not allow yourself to be in the position where Jesus may say to you “I do not know where you come from”

David Franko

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, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Catherine Fawcett, 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 Mghee, 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.**

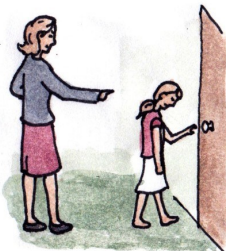
Recently Deceased: Sheila Cope, Peter Pearson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mark Stainsby, William Swift, Laurence Coulton, Anthony Cawley, Frances Dryden, Eva Mulrooney, Graham Oliver, James Marshall, Margaret Dolman, Irene Bone, George Pickering, Catherine Deighton, Pauline Patterson, Robert Wilson, Henry Linighan, Patrick Sanderson, Paul Lennard, Marie Cannon, Sheila Hornby, Terence James, John McGarry Snr, Peggy Forster, Ralph Ward, Nora Ward, Billy Cope, Sarah Cain, 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:

Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!

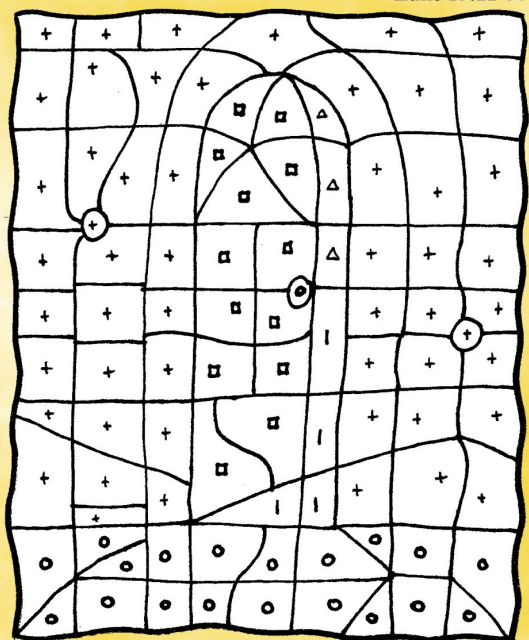
Picture on front: the narrow door



The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24th, 2025

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

- △ Blue
- Brown
- + White
- ! Green
- Grey

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