

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 27th July 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 26th July	(Vigil) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm Wedding 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass The Raine Family		2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Naomi White	
Sunday 27th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Carl Broadley	9.00am Mass William Atherton		
Monday 28th July		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Alan Parkes			
Tuesday 29th July	St Martha	12.05pm Mass Frank Costello			
Wednesday 30th July					
Thursday 31st July	St Ignatius Loyola				
Friday 1st August	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori	9.30am Funeral Service Olivia Abbott 12.05pm Mass Karolina Mrozek			
Saturday 2nd August	(Vigil) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Deceased Kearney & McPartland Families		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass David & Evelyn Gofton, Frank & Graham Connor	
Sunday 3rd August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Alf & Mavis Garthwaite	9.00am Mass Ellen Parry		

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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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 6th August 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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBEQUE - Join us for a sizzling afternoon of food and fun at St John Vianney's Church grounds on Sunday 10th August from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are available at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. To help us cater for everyone, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of Church, so please include any dietary needs.

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION - Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

SVP - A collection will be taken this weekend.

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.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES - The CCRS is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2025-2026 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>. If anyone would like further information, they can contact the DHN Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

LOST PROPERTY - Considering the number of walking sticks, hearing aids and glasses that have been left in the lost property in the churches of our parish, we must have had a number of miracles! If you have left anything at church, please collect it from the lost property within the next two weeks, as the lost property will be disposed of thereafter.

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: Genesis 18:20-32

‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.’

In those days: The Lord said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the Lord said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered and said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him and said, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

‘God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

‘Ask, and it will be given to you.’

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’

And he said to them, ‘Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him”; and he will answer from within, “Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything”? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

REFLECTION

There are many wonderful prayers which we can use to convey our feelings, hopes and sorrows to our Father in heaven but the greatest and the simplest is the “Our Father” which we come to today in the Gospel passage from Saint Luke. The most wonderful aspect of this prayer is the way that Jesus prays not to an “Almighty God” but simple to “Father”. The intimacy of the relationship between father and son establishes our relationship with God and gives us an opportunity to cry out to him in our need “Abba, Father”.

Many words have been written about this prayer. It has been prayed countless times, even in our own lifetime it would be impossible to say how many times we have stood, sat, knelt or even laid down and said these familiar words. They are as close to us as the breath in our bodies and as important to us as the blood in our veins.

We begin by giving God the dignity to which his name is held in our hearts. We ask Him for the grace to become his children and the courage to bring His kingdom to life in our world. We know that we are not capable of doing anything without his help and so we pray for the gift of His power, His bread, which fills our days with His presence. And we ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness is a simple act; it is what Abraham asks for the good people in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is a gift within our giving but Oh! so hard to give to others. If we can be forgiven, how can we deny forgiveness to those who hurt us? We are frail human beings, we do not have the capacity to stay true to our God and so we ask finally for His help to resist the temptations of this world.

Jesus knows our human nature; how we tend to give up too readily if we do not find what we are looking for. So, He urges us, be persistent, do not let go so easily, besiege heaven with your prayers and listen, listen carefully for often the answer comes in the form of a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is He who pours into our lives the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

David Frank

Daily Readings



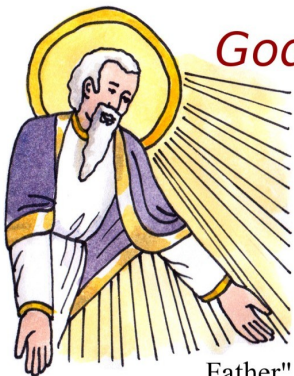
OUR PRAYERS

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 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: Olivia Abbott, Sean Patrick McNicholas. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Jean Jacques, Theresa Watson, Fredrick Turner, Gerard Gilfoyle, Eileen Weatherill, Jean Bates, Kathleen McNeil, Bill Burgon, Isabelle Morris, Fr Thomas Burke, Essie Cornforth, Doug Windsor, Kathleen Hodgson, Agnes (Ann) Day, Marie Port, Ethel Bell, Elizabeth Flounders, David Gofton, Claudia Steel, Catherine Powell, Peter Day, Terence Laffin, Thomas Bamford, Leo Collins, Kerriane Thomas, Jenny Odell, Canon Patrick Lacey, Monica Lithgo, Michael & Christine Magee, Chiara Griffiths, Stella Nutall, Michael Vasey, Francis Connor, Frederick Vasey, Mark Crawford, Dennis Hanna, Catherine Gofton, James Edward Roche, John Meadley, Teresa Wearmouth, Hilda Walker, John Hall, Martin Emerson, Mary Clyburn, Mildred Ellen Storey, Margaret Leighton, Raymond Charlton Tyreman, Eileen Gardner, 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:



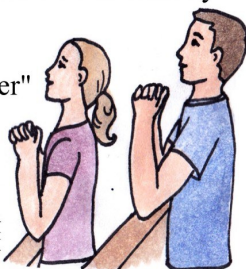
God Gives us What We Need

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.

Jesus said that if a father on earth would give his children the things they need, then God, Who is our Father in Heaven, will certainly give us what we need. All He wants us to do is show that we trust in Him by asking Him.

Make sure you say the "Our Father" every day to praise God our Father and ask Him for everything you need.



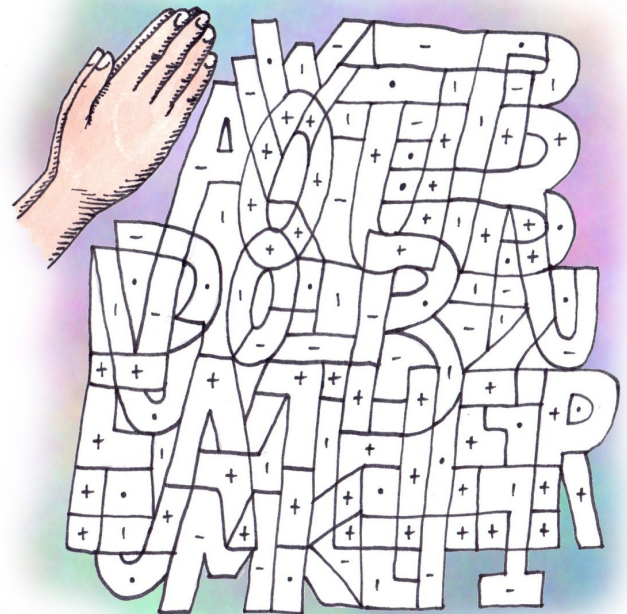
Answers to "The Lord's Prayer" Puzzle: Father, Heaven, name, kingdom, Give, daily, bread, forgive, we, trespass, us, lead, deliver, evil. "Ask and it will be given you."

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The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27th, 2025

Luke 11:1-13



Jesus taught His disciples a prayer that we still use today. We often call it by its first two words. To find out what they are, colour in ONLY the spaces with crosses. (+)