

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 3rd August 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 4th August	St John Vianney	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving (Golden Wedding)		9.30am Titular Feast Day Mass Deceased Cawley & Gofton Families	
Tuesday 5th August		12.05pm Mass Special Couple (PJ)			
Wednesday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord			9.30am Mass Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	
Thursday 7th August			9.30am Mass Kath & Eddie Duffy		
Friday 8th August	St Dominic	12.05pm Mass Anthony Wilkinson			
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		

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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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

Restarts 11th August

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.

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.

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 week, 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

‘What has a man from all his toil?’

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

‘The things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

REFLECTION

I am often struck by the attitudes of those who seem to have more money than they can spend. When I read about billionaires and then look at the poor people in the world or even at our unemployed young people I cannot but feel anger at the inequality of it all. We often talk about winning the lottery and the good we could do if those euro millions came our way; it never occurs to us that wealth can be a bad thing, as Christians, we can only see the good that it can do.

Today’s readings remind us that there have always been rich and poor in this world. The Old Testament reading calls upon the gathering of riches in this world as “Vanity of vanities”. Why do we need money we cannot spend or status that we cannot sustain when all we need is to have sufficient and anything else is vanity? Saint Paul calls us to rise above the wealth of the world and set our eyes on heaven. This seems to be an ideal Christian way of life but to many the gathering of daily necessities, a home, food, a comfortable and peaceful lifestyle; these are the goals they set themselves and struggle to achieve. They cannot dwell on heavenly things when their earthly life lacks the basic family necessities.

In today’s gospel the parable reminds us that we should be storing our wealth in heaven and not wasting our lives in accumulating wealth that we cannot take with us. It is so important to maintain a balance in these things. I am sure that Jesus did not want us to give everything away and become homeless poor. Jesus wants us to use our talents to build our communities not impoverish them. There is nothing gained if we do not use our God given talents for the benefit of our families and our communities. By doing so we are fulfilling the advice that Paul gives to the Colossians; the important thing is to follow Christ and use the wealth that our talent creates to build a fairer world.

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: Patrick McNicholas, Gladys Hoey, Ellen Wilson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Molly Swift, John Dwyer, Teresa Watson, Alfred Garthwaite, Bernard Curren, Joseph Cooke, Patrick Hanley, Derick Leach, John James Hall, Chiara Louise Griffiths, Alice Cormack, Joe Taylor, Thelma Murphy, Joseph Cornforth, Ernest Dawson Curren, Phyllis Glazebrook, Honor 'Nona' Snowden, William James, June Watson, Dennis Gould, Susan Powell, Pamela Noble, Elaine Morrell, Rosemary Brown, Gerry Constantine, Jane (Jenny) Anne Bone, Kath Duffy, Brenda Taylor, Anthony Rowbotham, 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 teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!



Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

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The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3rd, 2025

Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



Luke 12:13-21

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