

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



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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
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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

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

Parish Diary — Week beginning 10th May 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 9th May	(Vigil) 6th Sunday of Easter	12.00pm First Holy Communion 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Deceased Members of the McPartland Family	2.00pm First Holy Communion	10.00am First Holy Communion 6.00pm Mass Brian & Betty Thompson	
Sunday 10th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Margaret & Gary Gollaglee	9.00am Mass Austin Flanagan		
Monday 11th May		1.00pm Requiem Mass Dennis Daniel Moore 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Dolly Gibson			
Tuesday 12th May		12.05pm Mass Special Intention For the Cure of illness of Allen & Mark			
Wednesday 13th May		10.00am Funeral Service Kathleen Borrett	6.30pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of The Ascension Regan, Roche & Dumville Families		
Thursday 14th May	Ascension of the Lord	12.05pm Solemnity of The Ascension Joan McKenna 1.15pm Funeral Service Rita Hegarty		9.30am Solemnity of The Ascension Buckley Fund	
Friday 15th May		12.05pm Mass Rosemary McLaughlin			
Saturday 16th May	(Vigil) 7th Sunday of Easter	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass David McCann 1st Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Joan Cooper 6th Anniversary	
Sunday 17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes 4.00pm May Procession	9.00am Mass Alice McDonald		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - This weekend our children, who have been preparing, will celebrate their first Holy Communion. We congratulate our young people as they reach the next stage in their faith journey. Please remember them in your prayers.

MAY PROCESSION - During the month of May, we celebrate in a special way Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too. As a parish community we will honour Mary with devotions and a procession. The procession to Our Lady's statue, led by those who celebrated their first Communion the previous weekend, will culminate with laying flowers before her image. Join us on Sunday 17th May at 4pm, in St Joseph's Church. After the procession there will be refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre Hall.

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.

GIFT AID - If you have not received your box, please contact Laura for collection. We are unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. To join the scheme, follow the instructions at the bottom of this page.

200 CLUB - Annual Subs are due (£25). The Club is always open to new members, the subscription can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £100 and £50. Contact Laura to join, and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many Thanks to our supporters.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN: PASTORAL STRATEGY - We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website. Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner.

HOLY ISLAND BUS - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 6th June, leaving from St Joseph's Church at 9am. Buffet lunch is included. Cost is £15 per person. Payments to be paid to Brenda as soon as possible. Please contact Brenda on 07599511066 for more information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI - Led by Bishop Stephen, 22nd – 29th October 2027, £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details will be available on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk) or via the parish office.

CLEANERS WANTED - We're looking for a few helping hands to join our volunteers at St Joseph's Church on Friday mornings from 9.45am until Mass. Many hands make light work, and tea/coffee will be provided. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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 - A collection will be held on 17th May for the work for the SVP in Hartlepool.

First reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

‘They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

‘Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.’

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.’

Easter is moving towards its close and in a few short weeks we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost; the birthday of the Church. The readings for today contain a promise; one full of hope and commitment. Love is flowing from our heavenly Father, through his precious Son to the Holy Spirit raising our hearts, lifting us up, enriching our lives, creating a power within us that is from God.

Philip the Apostle felt this power; he goes to the land of Samaria; to a people despised by the Jews, whose only glimpse of the love of Jesus came through the Samaritan Woman; the one who found the living water of faith. He takes with him the Good News of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, and the Samaritans accept his words and turn to Christ. Can you imagine how much courage and faith it took for Philip to make this journey?

Saint Peter travelled the known world bringing the Good News to the pagans and to the Jews. His constant companion was the Holy Spirit. It enabled him to face all sorts of problems in his mission to bring the word of God to his people. The people he spoke to were searching; they lived from day to day without any real hope for the future. Peter tells us how we too can become beacons of light to those who are without hope. “In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; do it with gentleness and respect”. There are many in our families, our workplaces and our neighbourhoods who are without hope. Peter advises us to be courteous, respectful and conscientious in our dealings with others; there are many who will listen and walk away, we only sow the seed, the love of God brings it to harvest.

John’s gospel is made for Easter. His words of encouragement are there for all. The promise, made by Jesus, speaks to our hearts. We are not orphans in this world. We have a heavenly Father who loves us, a Brother who is our saviour and a Spirit living within us whose power can strengthen and guide us. We are one with Christ. Jesus promises us “In that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you”; this is the encouragement we need to speak to others and remind them that God’s love is there waiting for them to turn to Him and say “Abba Father”.

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, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Follow, 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, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roodcroft, 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: Dennis Daniel Moore, Rita Hegarty, Eileen Lyle, Kathleen Borrett, Mary Harris. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Hilda Turner, Lily Peel, John Imray Hume, Sarah Jane Salvin, Joan Boddy, Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson, Richard (Barry) Mitchell, James Healey, Michael Regan, Kevin Andrews, John Higgins, James Davies, Thomas Wright, Thomas Hall, Reverend Hugh McCann, Matthew Raymond Black, James Musgrave, Minnie Reid, Lily Warnes, Norah Pounder, Stephen Herring, Ena Graham, Margaret Golaglee, Kevan Colledge, Lillian Gibson, John Joseph King, Alice McDonald, Edna Richmond, Colin Close, Joan Winspear, Francis (Frank) Donnelly, David McCann, Josephine Kelly, Bill Mulrooney, Patricia Mary Aird, Sarah Wallace, Elizabeth Hall, William Jenkins, Margaret Pegg, Peter Allan, Terrence Collins, Kenneth Morgan, Glen Turnbull, Mary Watson, James Doherty, Thomas Francis McCarthy, 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 the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



- Baptism**
- Confession**
- Confirmation**
- Holy Communion**
- Marriage**
- Holy Orders**
- Sacrament of the Sick**



The Kids' Bulletin

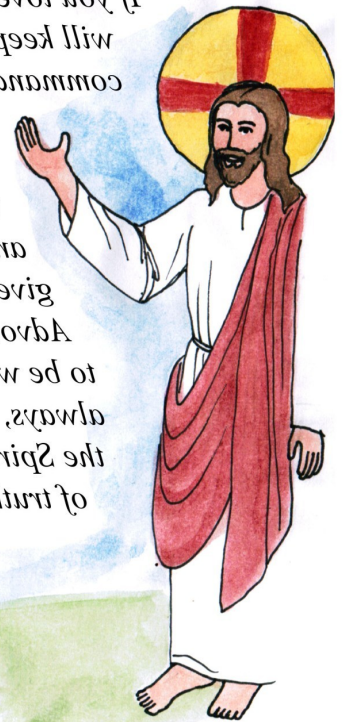
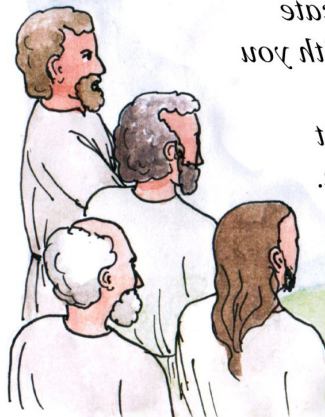
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2026



If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate

to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.



What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!