

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 11th January 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 10th January	(Vigil) The Baptism of the Lord	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Peter Lynch Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Ernie Watson	
Sunday 11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes	9.00am Mass Tom Hammond		
Monday 12th January	St Benet	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass David McCann	12.00pm Funeral Service Marjorie Waller		
Tuesday 13th January		12.05pm Mass Special intention (My Godchildren) 1.00pm Funeral Service Clare Tait			
Wednesday 14th January				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Arthur Vokes	
Thursday 15th January		12.00pm Funeral Service Mary O'Connor	9.30am Mass Danny McHugh		
Friday 16th January		12.05pm Mass Frank Kozorowski 1st Anniversary			
Saturday 17th January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am First Reconciliation 11.30am Baptisms 1.00pm Wedding 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Tom Gallen Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Mollie Jenkins	
Sunday 18th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Susan Lynas Scott	9.00am Mass Father Dermot Donnelly		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's Monday 12th January - 9.30am Mass	St Joseph's Tuesday 13th January - 9.30am Mass
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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

Mon: 11am-12pm
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

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 4th February at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Summer 2026 is the 100th Pilgrimage of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 31 July to Friday 7 August 2026. If you would like any more information about the pilgrimage, please visit the Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage organisers are also looking for young people (16+) to register as youth helpers. If any young people of our parish would be interested in taking up this opportunity, there may be some sponsorship available, please speak with Canon Paul.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - We are open to new savers, it would be great if we could get some new members and beat last years total raised for the parish! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our church. In each church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Vigil Mass: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray. Many thanks.

SANTO NIÑO - A Novena to Santo Niño will begin on Thursday 15th January, and will continue daily concluding on 23rd January. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer. The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated in Hartlepool with a Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 25th January.

200 CLUB - The Club is always open to new members. The subscription due in April is £25 per annum and can be paid Yearly, Half Yearly or Quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. Quarter 4 subscriptions are now due: £6.25.

DIOCESAN VACANCY - Education Business Manager, Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. If you are interested in being at the forefront of developing this role please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver Head of Human Resources at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1st February 2026 although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13th February 2026, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19th February 2026.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2026 calendars are available to buy for £4 each from the parish office or from our church piety stalls.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS - Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Door throughout 2025, especially those who generously gave their time to man it during the year, and to all who helped make Tuesday's celebration so special. Bishop Stephen was truly overwhelmed by the generosity and warmth shown by the people of Hartlepool.

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 - Our collection this weekend is for the work of the SVP. Our next collection for the work of the SVP will be on 15th Feb.

This Sundays Readings

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ‘I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

‘God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

‘When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.’

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

REFLECTION

Everything must start somewhere, every enterprise, every journey, every action has a starting point, a place where tomorrow becomes today, and a unique set of events begins to unfold. We are all part of the story that begins today; after perhaps thirty years of obscurity, a carpenter from a small village in Galilee steps into our lives and everything changes. First, John came announcing a baptism of repentance, a preparation for the emergence of the Lamb of God, and he begins a chain of events which culminated in the ministry of Our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ and the world was changed forever.

The Baptism of Our Lord speaks to us of our own baptism but, on another dimension, of who we are meant to be. The basic symbols are there; water, to cleanse and refresh us, the Holy Spirit, to be with us throughout our life journey and the Father who acknowledges us as His own children. The inspiring words of Isaiah paint a picture of a role model, one to whom we can aspire to be. Filled with the spirit, he does not call out for attention to himself but stands as an example of a true leader. He speaks without fear, defends the weak, upholds justice, yet he is humble, seeking only to free people from the darkness of this world and to become bearers of light.

Peter is a great example to us of a man who lived the first part of his life as a working man, a fisherman, but, due to a meeting with Jesus, one who leaves his old life for an uncertain future. He never quotes scripture, he is full of doubt, always striving to make sense of this strange force, which compels him to follow Jesus, even though he is struggling to understand what He is about. A man, who, after the resurrection, becomes the leader of the church takes him from his lowly background to a place where he speaks to and teaches Cornelius, a representative of Roman power and influence, about the true King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated almost every week in at least one of our churches. It is a public act, open to all. Those of us born into the church cannot remember our own Baptism. If you have the opportunity to be present at a Baptism, just sit quietly and watch, in wonder, at the ceremony unfolding before your eyes. Be present as the Holy Spirit descends on another Christian soul.

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 Fallow, David Frank, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, Terence Gollogly, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, 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, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, 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 Rookcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Margaret Watt, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Marjorie Waller, Mary O'Connor, Clare Tait, Shirley Burton, Doreen Bennett, Belinda Meadows. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Kenneth Sanderson, Enderlino Recinto, Kevin Coniff, William Broom, Joan Hamblett, Veronica Timlin, Brian Gill, Jean Clarke, Kenneth Williams, Elizabeth Gill, Norah Hastings, Alan Risebury, Norah Crossling, Dot Gibbon, Charles Burdiss, Veronica Timlin, Eddie Duffy, Ken Stothart, Allen Thomson, Betty McCluskey, Sheila Allison, Theresa Ruth Lewis, Win Flanagan, Michael Joseph Eccles, Christiania Andrews, Lillian Frances Ayre, Rosa Decosemo, Tom Popplewell, James Walsh, Violet Wilkinson, Hilda Murry, Harry Rawsone, Catherine (Kitty) Towell, Ann Grieves, James Herron, Michael Stokes, Terence Brian Peat, Ronald James Doughty, Ada Chapman, Thomas Mason, Michael Reddick, Charlotte Elwood, Matthew Clifford, Lillian Sedgwick, Lynn Marie Treveil, Norman Heslop, Colin McDonald, Margaret Naisbitt, John Donkin, Malcolm (Mally) O'Keefe, Sharon Callaghan, Jean Boagey, Frank Kozorowski, Thomas Bone, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Gladys Harrison Bulmer, Sandra Marie Twidale, Arthur Bleasby, Hilda Hamilton, Robert Wallace Reed, Stephen Kelly, John Port, Nora Metcalfe, Anne (Nancy) Snowdon, Mary Elizabeth Walker, Stephen Kelly, 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:

A Bit About...

Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

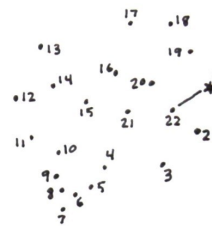
Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



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The Kids' Bulletin

**Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026**



*What did Saint John the Baptist see
that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?
Connect the dots to find out!*