

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 12th July 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 11th July	(Vigil) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Nellie & Jimmy Elener		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 12th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Eileen Lyle		
Monday 13th July		12.00pm Requiem Mass John Bailey 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Pat Baker 98th Birthday Celebration			
Tuesday 14th July		12.05pm Mass Mark & Ste Burnup	10.00am Funeral Service Vera Maureen Sandick		
Wednesday 15th July	St Bonaventure			9.30am Mass Guild Mass Fund	
Thursday 16th July			9.30am Mass Father Dermot O'Connor		
Friday 17th July		12.05pm Mass William & Ann Nora Spalding			
Saturday 18th July	(Vigil) 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Margaret Cecil & Alan Lindsay Birthday Remembrance		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Alfie, Ethel & Sheila McKenzie	
Sunday 19th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Arsenia Aquino	9.00am Mass Father Patrick McGuigan		

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
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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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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than this Friday, 17th July 2026. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

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 29th July at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL - The school are looking for parishioners to volunteer to work with pupil chaplains in the school. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact them via email on admin@stteresashartlepool.bhce.org.uk.

FR JOSEPH O'BRIEN - As announced recently, Fr Joseph has been appointed as Parochial Vicar (Curate) to the parish of Holy Family, Hartlepool. He will take up his appointment officially on 1st September 2026, however, Fr Joseph will be visible during the summer whilst on annual leave before taking up his appointment. Fr Joseph will be resident at St Joseph's Presbytery.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Further to additional interest, it now appears that the pilgrimage is viable. This will be a hybrid parish pilgrimage from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026. could everyone who has expressed an interest please contact the parish office and give your details (name, telephone number, email address) to Laura.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBECUE - Join us for a sizzling afternoon of food and fun at St John Vianney's Church grounds on Sunday 26th July from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are available at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. All are welcome. To help us cater for everyone, there will also be a sign up sheet available at the back of church, so please include any dietary needs.

200 CLUB - Congratulations to the June Draw winners: 1st prize £150, No. 176 Marty and Jo McGarry; 2nd prize £100, No. 69 Sheila Wilkinson; and 3rd prize £50, No. 152 Phil Kelly. Please note, quarterly subs (£6.25) are now due.

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

SVP - SVP are appealing for new members to join us in Holy Family Parish. Please come along to the next meeting in the Parish Centre Hall on Friday 31st July after 12.05pm Mass to find out what we do and how much we need you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - There is a meeting on Monday 13th July after 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's. Please meet in the Boardroom.

STELLA MARIS - Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This weekend's collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

REFERENCES - If you wish Canon Paul to give you a reference, please speak to him before nominating him as referee. Many thanks.

DAILY READINGS - We are blessed to have such an ethnically diverse range of parishioners. We now have daily readings available at the back of church in 15 different languages by scanning the appropriate QR code.

THANK YOU - Special thanks to all who have assisted and are continuing to assist in the gardening around our churches. It is much appreciated.

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, Sunday 12th July, is for Stella Maris.

This Sundays Readings

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

‘The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.’

Thus says the Lord:
‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Response: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

‘The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.’

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

‘A sower went out to sow.’

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.’

Then the disciples came and said to him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ And he answered them, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.’

‘Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

REFLECTION

Today’s first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful description of the way that the Word of God comes down to us from the heavens. Without rain our crops would not grow and there would be no harvest and no life on earth. Without the Word our lives would be as barren as the desert, and we would not have the light of understanding burning within us. The Word of God falls upon all peoples; it cannot fail, as the rain sometimes fails, it is sent for a particular purpose and until that purpose is complete it keeps on falling.

Paul’s letters often contain messages which are difficult to understand; sometimes we hear just a part of the passage and, because we do not hear what goes before and after we become confused and the message passes by us. He speaks today of “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God”; this strikes me as a message from a timeless God who is still in the act of creating the world; it is not finished. Perhaps the falling Word of God will eventually complete the work of creation through our efforts inspired by the Trinity.

David Franke

Daily Readings



Les codes QR pour les lectures du jour dans une autre langue se trouvent au fond de l'église.

Los códigos QR para las lecturas diarias en otro idioma se encuentran en la parte posterior de la iglesia.

Os códigos QR para as Leituras Diárias em outro idioma estão no fundo da igreja.

I codici QR per le letture quotidiane in un'altra lingua si trovano in fondo alla chiesa.

Ang mga QR code para sa mga Pang-araw-araw na Pagbasa sa ibang wika ay matatagpuan sa likuran ng simbahan.

QR-codes voor de dagelijkse lezingen in een andere taal liggen achter in de kerk.

Kody QR do czytań na każdy dzień w innym języku znajdują się w tylnej części kościoła.

Codurile QR pentru lecturile zilnice într-o altă limbă se găsesc în partea din spate a bisericii.

QR-коды с текстами ежедневных чтений на другом языке находятся в задней части храма.

بالقراءات اليومية بلغة أخرى في مؤخرة الكنيسة. (QR codes) توجد رموز الاستجابة السريعة

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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, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, 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 McEneaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghie, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mick Readman, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Peter Saint, 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: John Bailey, Vera Maureen Sandick, Sandra Fenwick, Benjamin Rogan, Ann Parkinson. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Christopher McDonough, Mary Freeman, Kathleen Harvey, Joan Carney, Thomas Adams, James Neville, Rachel Newbury, Robert Bell, Thomas Huntley, Sally Gofton, Jimmy Elener, Patsy Packham, Leatrice Gibson, Liam Rowbotham, Mary Hyllen, John Kealy, Muriel Smith, Fr Dermot O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, Joe Rayment, Marie Day, Susan Lancaster, Tom & John McCluskey, Thomas Baxter, Marjorie Lundrigan, Ethel McKenzie, Sheila Mulcahy, Kerrieanne Thomas, Margaret Dring, Les Parkinson, Sylvia McConnell, Yvonne Stevenson, Jack Hansell, Kathleen Canterdale, Mary Rose Wilberg, Fr Dermott Donnelly, Kathleen Railton, Brian Willingham, Mary Cannell, Mary Grayson, Joan Carney, Thomas Adams, Reginald Coles, Ethel McKenzie, Dorothy Dear, Frank Smith, Ethel Burnett, Jocelyn Lucas, Dawn Ryan, Robert Costello, 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's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



The Kids' Bulletin

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2026**

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on on the , and



came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was

not deep, and when the  rose it was

scorched, and it withered for lack of .

Some  fell among , and the thorns

grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or

sixty, or thirty-fold.