

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 October 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 11th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sean Charlton Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Alf Facchini	
Sunday 12th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Special Intention (Elsy-Francis and the 25th Anniversary of Mathew)	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		
Monday 13th October		1.30pm Funeral Service Peter Wilson 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass David McCann		11.00am Funeral Service Thomas Hay	
Tuesday 14th October		12.05pm Mass Stefan & Kateryna Mrozek			
Wednesday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila			10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Arthur Vokes	
Thursday 16th October			9.30am Mass Sister Philomena O'Grady		
Friday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	12.05pm Mass Mary Ward			
Saturday 18th October	(Vigil) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Thelma & Ted Strickland	
Sunday 19th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Edward Garthwaite	9.00am Mass Kath Foster		

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.

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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

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 5th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we kindly 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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL VACANCY - EMS are looking for a permanent Chaplain, 37 hrs per week TTO+ 5 days. Applications are invited from compassionate, dedicated and committed practising Catholics, who are innovative and motivated for this role. The appointed person will demonstrate the ability to create a nurturing environment, together with a commitment to bringing out the best in every student. For more information, please contact Lisa Smith on 01429 273790 or via recruitment@ems.bhct.org.uk. The closing date is 17th October 2025, 12pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ELWICK GRANGE NURSING HOME -

Anyone available to sing on Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 079696226671 by Tuesday 25th November. Many thanks.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Freda Jones is on Wednesday 15th October at 2.30pm at Stranton Crematorium.

NOVEMBER MASSES - During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be Mass offered each week in each church of our parish for our deceased relatives and friends. A basket will be placed in front of the altar in each of the churches of the parish in which you can place an envelope containing the names of those loved ones who have died together with a donation towards the masses that will be offered. Envelopes will be available from the end of October.

PRISONERS SUNDAY - We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our community is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work.

DAY OF REFLECTION AND FORMATION FOR CATECHISTS - As a deanery we want to support and encourage the vital work of our catechists. An initial day will give space for us to reflect together on the task of catechesis and to identify where further support and formation can be given for future days. If you are a catechist already or are considering taking on this role, please come along on 29th November at 10.30am-3pm, in St Joseph's Church. The day is free, but please email formation.cleveland@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place to help us anticipate numbers. Participants should bring a packed lunch.

HARTLEPOOL LADIES CHOIR CONCERT - On Friday 17th October, at 7.30pm in St Hilda's Church, join us for our annual concert, an evening of wonderful music and song. There'll be refreshments available during the interval and, as always, the raffle will be great! Tickets are £10 (under 12's are free but must be accompanied by an adult), available from choir members, or you can pay at the door.

THE SOURCE - If any pupils year 9 and above that do not attend English Martyrs would like to come to The Source at St Mary's Cathedral for live music, prayer and food on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm, contact David Proudlock on 07866986747. For more information, check out the Holy Family Youth Instagram: [instagram.com/hfyhartlepool](https://www.instagram.com/hfyhartlepool)

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in is Sunday 2nd November, and we will pay out on Sunday 16th November.

200 CLUB - Subscriptions are now due for the 3rd quarter of the year (£6.25) and those who pay half yearly (£25). The club is always open to new members. The subscription is £25 per annum and can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you would like to join, just contact Laura in the Parish Office and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. The September draw will take place this Sunday – good luck to all!

HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting on Friday 17th October after the 12.05pm Mass in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's to discuss future events. All are welcome.

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to the man of God and confessed his faith in the Lord.

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

'If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.'

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

'No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.'

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

REFLECTION

The theme for today's Mass is Thanksgiving; it is an opportunity to thank God for His gifts of Faith and Healing. We begin with an unlikely source. Naaman the leper was not a Jew; in fact, he was the general of a foreign army threatening the very existence of Israel. Illness falls where it may, it is not choosy, it comes to good people as well as bad. Elisha, the prophet, saw the condition of Naaman and realised that God was calling him to do something for this leper. Through the power of God, Naaman was cured and was changed, not only in a physical sense, but in his heart, as he realised that the God of the people of Israel was the one true God and he began to worship him.

In Paul's letter he speaks of a saying; "If we have died with him, we will also live with him, if we endure, we will also reign with him" read this carefully for it contains a very great statement of faith. It speaks of Baptism, of Confirmation and how the path of faith will lead us to eternal glory. It reminds us that even if we walk away from Him, he will not abandon us. We give thanks for the God who loves each one of us despite our faults and we know that if we turn back to Him his arms are open to receive us.

Are we always grateful for the good news of Christ? Do we say thank you to God every day for his goodness to us? How often do we pray for something, our prayers are answered, but we forget to thank the one who responded to our prayer? We may criticise the nine, who were cured but did not give thanks, but would we have acted differently? The Gospel and the first reading passages concern two outsiders, one a pagan and the other an outcast, a Samaritan, who receive the gift of new life from God and give thanks to him. The truth is that we often fail to thank God for his generosity to us, often his help comes from another's hand, his voice from another's mouth, his love from another's heart but do we give thanks to both the giver and the creator? Faith and gratitude go hand in hand; in this year of hope let us give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

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, Catherine Fawcett, 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, 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, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Rookcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma 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: Thomas Hay, Peter Wilson, Freda Jones, Joseph Larkin. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Kenneth Best, Margaret Tozer, Alf Facchini, Peter Sharpe, Teresa Larkin, Beth Wilkinson, John Dolan, Joan Proud, Jacob Jenkins, Janet Burnett, Ronald Muller, Catherine (Kitty) Dodsworth, Marie Grayson, Thomas Marquess Harrison, Doris Connor, William James Hartshorn, Rhys Hewitt, Jennifer Noddings, Rita Shave, Margaret Eglintine, Jean Casey, Joan Linighan, Lawrence Atkinson, Theresa Brzezinska, Doris Carney, Ellen Elizabeth Healey, Ronald William Muller, Jennie Readhead, 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:

thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME RECEIVE YOU!



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

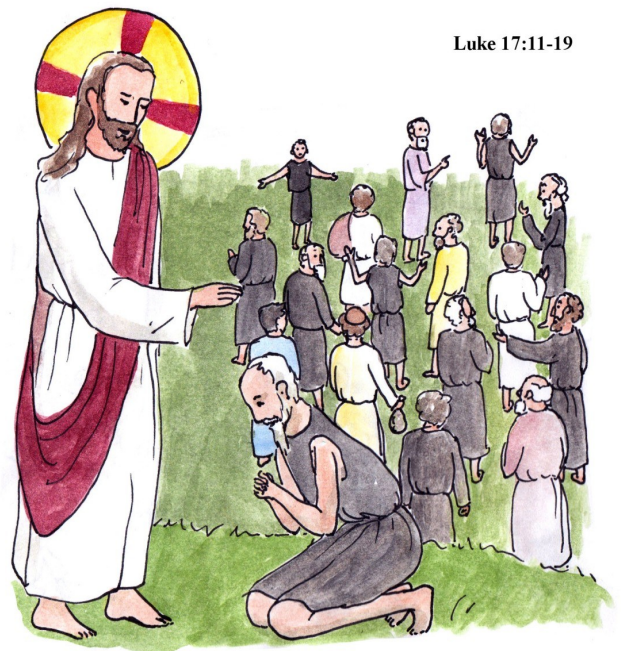
Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2025

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

Luke 17:11-19



Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

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