

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 13th September 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 12th September	(Vigil) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Robert (Bob) Banks Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving for Organ Transplant	
Sunday 13th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Jimmy Dobing Anniversary	9.00am Mass In Thanksgiving for 57 Years of Marriage		
Monday 14th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Jimmy Marshall 3rd Anniversary			
Tuesday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	12.05pm Mass Christine Hansell Birthday Remembrance		10.00am Requiem Mass Michael Readman	
Wednesday 16th September	SS Cornelius & Cyprian			10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Bernard & Margaret	
Thursday 17th September			9.30am Mass Special Intention (SM)		
Friday 18th September		12.05pm Mass Alison Green			
Saturday 19th September	(Vigil) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Michael Jacques		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Bob Garraghan Jnr	
Sunday 20th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes	9.00am Mass Luis Ghaut Memorial & A Special Birthday		

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SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's
Monday 14th September - 9.30am Mass

Sacred Heart
Tuesday 15th September - 9.30am Mass

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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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. There is a meeting for parents of applicants 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 4th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHURCH GREETING ASSISTANCE - Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with Baptisms at St Joseph's. On a rota basis, you will be contacted by the parish secretary to see if you can assist as Baptisms arise.

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. There is often greater availability for Mass intentions at some of our churches, which may allow your intention to be offered sooner. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Join us for our next day out on a trip to Skipton Market on Wednesday 23rd September. Travel will be by luxury coach with toilet facilities, the cost is £16 per person to be paid no later than Wednesday 16th. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

ALTAR SERVERS - If you haven't received a form from Fr Joseph, please get one from him or from the office as soon as possible. We are in the process of updating our records in order to keep all of servers safe and cared for, and in order to bring the parish in line with new legislation. Please speak to Fr Joseph if you have any questions.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Could those ministers who visit our sick and housebound parishioners on behalf of the parish please ensure the parish office has up-to-date details about whom you are visiting. If circumstances or details change, please let Laura know as soon as possible so we can update parish records.

200 CLUB - 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, £50. If you would like to join, let Laura know in the Parish Office, and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - English Martyrs Sixth Form would like to invite members of Holy Family Parish to their MacMillan Coffee Morning, which will take place on Wednesday 23rd September, starting at 10am in the Sixth Form Building. All are welcome.

PET BLESSING SERVICE - All pets and their owners are invited to join us for a special Blessing Service, on Sunday 4th October at 12.30pm, at the side of St Joseph's on the grassed area adjoining Hutton Avenue.

LITTLE SISTERS PIE AND PEA SUPPER - The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Pie and Pea Supper on Wednesday 7 October at 7pm at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Tickets cost £8 and are available from St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - As part of our ongoing diocesan wide discernment, the Parish Pastoral Council have identified various areas which we can develop as a parish. It is proposed that we establish our own parish marriage preparation course. We are looking for volunteers (married couples) to be trained to deliver this course. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Canon Paul.

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 next special collection is on Sunday 20th September, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

First reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

‘Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.’

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.’

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

‘Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, “Pay what you owe.” So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, “You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’

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.

REFLECTION

Can we ever understand the depth of the forgiveness of God. We struggle to forgive; sometimes even the most minor of incidents cause us resentment which can spoil our day. How then can we forgive as God asks us; how do we allow the compassionate forgiveness of God to flow through us and towards the person who has caused us injury. We say sorry, we hear the word from another but is true sorrow at the heart of the message.

One of the dilemmas at the heart of forgiveness is the effect on your own wellbeing. To forgive or not to forgive is your choice. The wise person who wrote the Book of Sirach sets before us today the very heart of the problem. If we do not forgive another, then we suffer from resentment and anger. They may seem justified at the time but they affect our lives, and the lives of those around us, in so many ways. We cannot find peace through anger. We cannot begin to heal if we harbour resentment. Worst of all, if our hurt turns to retaliation, then we hurt God, our families and ourselves, for retaliation is a road to further anger and cannot lead to peace. If you forgive then you will be forgiven – your God is a God of love, leave your anger and resentment in His hands and when you cause another an injury then God will forgive you.

Paul reminds us in a clear message that each of us is part of the love of Christ. As He preached forgiveness and love of neighbour then it is only right that we follow His example and forgive each other.

Perhaps Peter knew someone that was always falling out with him. A fellow fisherman who was trying to fish his favourite fishing hole or one of those irritating people who was always causing an argument. He probably thought Jesus would offer him sympathy. After all, he was generous, offering to forgive his neighbour SEVEN times. Jesus saw an opportunity to teach, and He took that opportunity to remind us that forgiveness is a two-way street. We cannot expect forgiveness if we ourselves do not forgive and the number is irrelevant. We must immerse ourselves in a culture of forgiveness which becomes second nature to us and then, in God’s time we can find God’s peace living in our hearts.

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, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Andrew Kenny, John Kenny Jr, 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, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Dave Nugent, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Nora Rumble, Peter Saint, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, 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: Michael Readman, Mary "June" Reed, Colin Hewitt. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: William Egglestone, Leslie Sothern, Joan Carberry, Robert Pounder, Albert Lindsay, Joanne Gray, Stephen Poll, John Hogan, Jimmy Marshall, Matthew William Daley MBE, Michael Joseph Gallone, Edith Davidson, Laura Jane Relton, Anne Patricia Maughan, Duncan Burdon, Mary Hegarty, Ted Leck, Tony Bentham, Julie Talbot, Michael Collins, Peggy Bentham, Michelle Joynt, James (Jimmy) Dobing, James Glover, Vincent Price, Anne Marie Garthwaite, George Dixon, Ann Horsley, Veronica Thomas, Mary Jukes, Ann Sheridan, Mary Morrow, Olive Carter, George Imray, Mark Proudlock, John Patrick Burns, Peter John Hughes, Fr Owen Murray, Michael Cawley, Stanley Lythe, 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:

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY I RIPPED
YOUR BOOK
A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



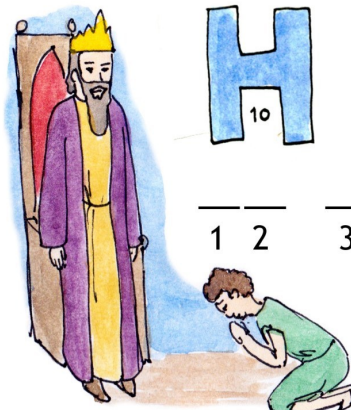
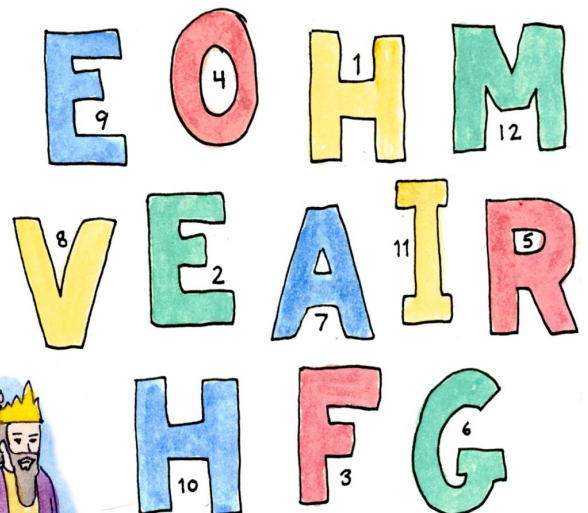
Answer to puzzle on front:
He forgave him.

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The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2026

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12