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 15th November 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 14th November	(Vigil) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Gerald Burley		**6.00pm Mass** David Geen	
Sunday 15th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**10.30am Mass** Brigid & Bunny Garvey	**9.00am Mass** Ian & Beth Wilkinson		
Monday 16th November		**6.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **6.30pm Mass** Cath Fawcett First Anniversary			
Tuesday 17th November		**12.05pm Mass** John Jackson			
Wednesday 18th November				**10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village** Deceased Members of Hartfields Community	
Thursday 19th November			**9.30am Mass** November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 20th November		**10.00am Requiem Mass** Walter Heal **12.05pm Mass** November Mass for the Deceased			
Saturday 21st November	(Vigil) Christ the King	**11.30am / 12.30pm Baptisms** **3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Jacques & Moir Families		**6.00pm Mass** Kevin Mathieson Anniversary	
Sunday 22nd November	Christ the King	**10.30am Mass** Holy Souls	**9.00am Mass** John & Eleanor Hanlon		

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St Mary's
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SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart
Tuesday 17th November - 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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 24th November at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church by Bishop Stephen. This is a parish celebration and it would be wonderful if our church could be filled by parishioners to support those being Confirmed. The final preparatory meeting will be on 16th November, this is a meeting that all who are to be Confirmed must attend.

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

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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - During November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be a Blessing of Graves at each of the cemeteries in the parish. On Saturday 14th November, the blessing will take place at Stranton Cemetery at 11am and Spion Kop Cemetery at 1pm. On Saturday 28th November, it will take place at West View Cemetery at 11am and North Cemetery at 1pm. All are welcome to attend and join in prayerful remembrance of our departed loved ones.

MASS REQUESTS - Please place any Mass request envelopes in the collection basket at the offertory of the Mass, ensuring that all details are filled in (especially the telephone number). Mass intentions will be coordinated from the Parish Office. 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.

MINISTERS ROTAS - Available this weekend is a new parish-wide rota for those who are Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This rota will be renewed quarterly, and it will be the responsibility of the minister, if they are unable to fulfil their duties, to identify a substitute. Would readers please note that the first reader is to read the first reading and the responsorial psalm, and the second reader is to read the Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you to those who have recently volunteered as Ministers of the Word, and thank you to all who continue to minister Word and Sacrament.

BRENDA'S BUSES - Our trip to Newcastle Christmas Market on Wednesday 2nd December is fully booked. The cost is £15 per person, and seat allocations remain provisional until payment is received. If you would like to be added to a reserve list in case a seat becomes available, please contact Brenda on 07599511066.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We are collecting chocolate to help bring some extra Christmas cheer to those seafarers in need. We are also looking for donations of clean, warm winter men's clothes, especially coats, jumpers, and fleeces. Bins are available to at the back of church to leave any donations. Thank you for your generosity and support.

HARTLEPOOL LADIES CHOIR CONCERT - Join us on Friday 4th December at 6.30pm for an evening of singing with the children of Sacred Heart School Choir. Doors open at 6pm. Entry is £5 per adult and £1 per child, payable at the door. There will also be a raffle, with proceeds shared between the choir, the school and the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

ADVENT ADORATION AND DEVOTIONS - How are you going to make the most of this Advent? Keep Christ in Christmas by making Christ the centre of your Advent! Join us on each Sunday during Advent at 4pm in St Joseph's Church for a Holy Hour of Adoration and devotions before the Blessed Sacrament.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION - Next weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service.

PIETY STALLS - We have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of church. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

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 - On 22nd November, our retiring collection will support the work of Youth Ministry Trust, our Diocesan Youth Service.

This Sunday's Readings

33rd Sunday of the Year

First reading: **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

'She works with willing hands.'

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Response: Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21**

'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." '

REFLECTION

There is a crisis of identity in the world today: strident cries for recognition of the many facets of human behaviour which we call life. What is needed is a healthy respect for all humanity and an acknowledgement that every person has a right to live in safety, security and peace in our world. Today's readings are centered on the unique talents of each human being and how by using our talents for good we can achieve equality in this life and create a store of goodness to take into eternity.

In the first reading from Proverbs, we have a beautiful description of the perfect wife. We are each gifted with a certain talent. In the Old Testament the role of Wife and Mother was considered the most suitable for the daughters in a family. Their role was to build a home for their husbands and children. In an economy where the man worked and the woman stayed at home this was accepted as normality and though we may disagree with the imposition of such roles on men and women this was the pattern for many centuries almost up to our present time. However, as the writer of proverbs observes, in a plea for equality, "Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates".

The parable of the Talents in the Gospel continues this theme of the importance of using our gifts wisely and for the benefit of all. The passage looks at three individuals who are entrusted with their master's money. He places his faith in them but realises that they, like us, are gifted in different ways. One is skilful with money and invests it wisely making a good return for his master, the second is not so gifted but still produces a profit even from a smaller resource, the third, however, does not use the gifts he has been given, instead he hides the money so that he can return it when the master comes home. We too have our talents, our gifts. If we choose to use them, we can create a better world for ourselves and those around us. If, however, we choose to hide our gifts and waste our opportunities then we may be faced with God, at the end of our days, when He will ask us what we have done with our lives. I would suggest that none of us would want to face judgement with empty hands and gifts that are tarnished with rust!

David Frank

Daily Readings

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.

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, 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, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. *Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.*

Recently Deceased: Walter Heal, Moira Bryan. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Robert Gardner, Terry Dwyer, Doreen Delafield, Norah Willingham, Thomas Frederick Amerigo, Edith Pearson, George Lancaster, Pauline Fidgeon, Lawrence Timlin, Kathleen McClelland, George William Metcalf, Robert Elliott, Christine Priestley, Margaret Waterland, Violet Joan Dettmer (Joan), Harry McIntyre, Zak Wormald, Albert Henry Burnett, Joan Hanson, Jeffrey Baker, Anita Brown, Christine Taylor, Mary Menary, Mary Collins Wedding, Christine Hughes, Jean Cunningham, Winifred Oliver, Margaret Wilkinson, John Ryan, Anne Lenehan, Alethea Judge, Alwyn Hobson, 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

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

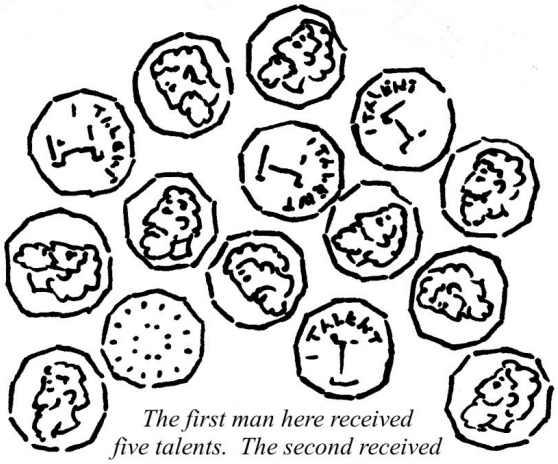


Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.

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The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th, 2026



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sarah Boagey, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk