

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 16th November 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 15th November	(Vigil) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Special Intention (Thanksgiving for Exam Results)		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass George & Peggy Heal	
Sunday 16th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Joan Moore		
Monday 17th November	St Hilda of Whitby	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			
Tuesday 18th November		12.05pm Mass Michael Vincent Donnelly			
Wednesday 19th November		11.00am Requiem Mass Ian Mason		9.30am Mass November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 20th November			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 21st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.05pm Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes			
Saturday 22nd November	(Vigil) Christ the King	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary Ward		6.00pm Mass John Larkin	
Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	10.30am Mass John Larkin	9.00am Mass Wellbeing of Mark & Matthew Lennard		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's Monday 17th November - 9.30am Mass	Sacred Heart Tuesday 18th November - 9.30am Mass	St Teresa's Thursday 20th November - 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

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 7th 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.

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 10am – 3pm, in St Joseph's. While the day is free, email formation.cleveland@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place to help us anticipate numbers. Participants should bring a packed lunch.

PIE & PEA SUPPER - Join us for an evening of good food and even better company! St Patrick's Church will be hosting a Pie and Pea Supper on Friday 28th November at 7pm. Tickets are available at £5 each. To help us cater for everyone, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of Church, so please include any dietary needs. If you have a raffle prize to donate, please drop it in to the Parish Office. Thanks.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Please ensure all bus money for the upcoming trip to Harrogate Christmas Market is paid to Brenda by Sunday 30th November at the latest. Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting of the committee on Friday 21st November in the Parish Centre Hall after Mass at St Joseph's to finalise arrangements for the Pie and Peas supper and consider future events. All are welcome.

PIETY STALLS - We have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of church. We also have Catholic Diaries for 2026. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We rely upon seafarers for nearly all of the produce, consumables and manufactured goods which we find in our stores. At Christmas time when they are far from family and loved ones, Stella Maris reaches out to seafarers in our local ports and delivers Christmas presents in the true spirit of the Holy and festive season. If anybody is able to donate any chocolate for our seafarers, donations can be left in the bins at the back of church. Many thanks for your continued support to Stella Maris.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you to everyone who supported the Savings Club this year. We raised a massive total of £2327 for Holy Family Parish. The Club will restart on Sunday 4th January 2026. Many thanks.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of George Stamp is on Monday 17th November, at 1pm at Stranton Crematorium.

NORTHERN CROSS - The Northern Cross team of volunteers are looking for additional volunteers to help one afternoon a month with the delivery of the Northern Cross. To discuss the details, please phone 01429 264625 or email admin@northerncross.org.uk.

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.

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 collection for the work of Catholic Youth will be on 23rd November, Youth Sunday.

First reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

‘For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.’

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Response: The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

‘If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.’

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

‘By your endurance you will gain your lives.’

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ And they asked him, ‘Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’ And he said, ‘See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am he!” and, “The time is at hand!” Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.’

Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.’

REFLECTION

Today’s first reading begins “Behold, the day is coming”; the words are from the prophet Malachi. and they convey a message of destruction for evil doers and celebration for the righteous. Malachi is the last book of the prophets and is a message of hope to a people surrounded by a faithless society. What emerges is the triumph of those who are faithful to the Lord. Today’s Psalm echoes this idea of the Triumph of God through the reactions of the people, the sea, the rivers, and the hills; all rejoicing “at the presence of the Lord”.

The passage from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians reminds us that we cannot take for granted the idea that we are saved just because we are part of the Church. In Saint Paul’s time there was an expectation that the return of Jesus was imminent and at that time his followers would be justified and emerge triumphant. This led to idleness among the communities and Paul is urging Christians not to act in this way. We need to be careful that we do not see our service to the church as a passive act; that we do not suppose that by merely coming to Mass we are doing our duty to God. In Paul’s time those sorts of people were looked on as the idle; we need each member of the church community to work for the church. We complain that the attendance at Mass is falling away but if our attitude to serving God is not seen then how can His voice be heard, and what example are we giving to those around us.

At the time the Gospel of Luke was written the Jewish world had been split apart by the revolts in Israel against the Romans and their destruction of Jerusalem. Jesus is warning his listeners that there will be many voices claiming to come in his name, we need to keep only to his teaching, not to the words of these false prophets. He reminds us that being a Christian is not an easy choice but that the reward for our faithfulness is that “Your endurance will gain you your lives”. When we consider the themes of resurrection and the life of the world to come it is precisely this new life that we believe in. Not a continuation of our present lives but something greater and perhaps very different.

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, 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, 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: George Stamp, David Geen, Patricia Morfitt, Ian Mason, Kevin Mathieson, Catherine Fawcett. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Norah Willingham, Thomas Frederick Amerigo, Edith Pearson, George Lancaster, Pauline Fidgeon, Lawrence Timlin, Kathleen McClelland, George William Metcalf, Robert Elliott, Christine Priestley, Joan Dettmer, Harry McIntyre, Zak Wormald, Albert Henry Burnett, Joan Hanson, Christine Taylor, Mary Menary, Mary Collins Wedding, Christine Hughes, Jean Cunningham, Winifred Oliver, Margaret Wilkinson, John Ryan, Anne Lenehan, Alethea Judge, Mary Ward, John Timlin, Margaret Melville, Norah Wilson, Felix Magee, John Walsh, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

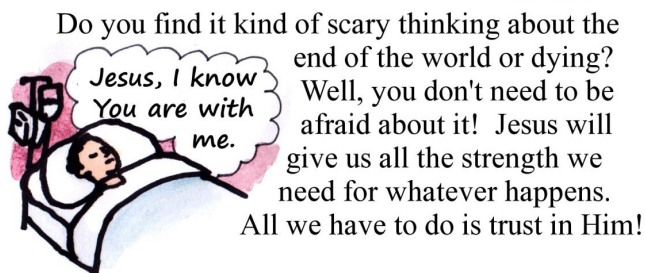
Kids Corner:

God is With Us to the End



Jesus tells the people in today's Gospel reading some of the things that will happen before the end of the world. He says that some people will be arrested and have to speak about Him in front of the leaders and rulers of the people, but He will protect them.

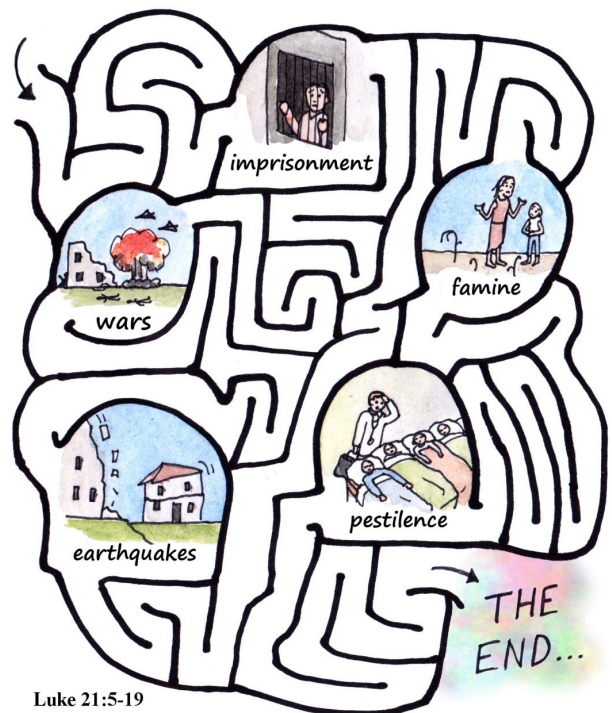
Jesus doesn't want us to worry about what is going to happen at the end of the world, but He wants us to be ready for it when it comes. He also wants us to be ready for the end of our lives, because we don't know when that's going to happen either.



Do you find it kind of scary thinking about the end of the world or dying? Well, you don't need to be afraid about it! Jesus will give us all the strength we need for whatever happens. All we have to do is trust in Him!

The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16th, 2025



Luke 21:5-19

*In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the people some of the things that were going to happen before the end of the world.
You'll find them as you go through the maze!*

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