

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 18th January 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 17th January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am First Reconciliation 11.30am Baptisms 1.00pm Wedding 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Tom Gallen Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Mollie Jenkins	
Sunday 18th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Susan Lynas Scott	9.00am Mass Father Dermot Donnelly		
Monday 19th January		12.00pm Funeral Service Doreen Bennett 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Annette Darcy & Family			
Tuesday 20th January		12.05pm Mass David Denning			
Wednesday 21st January	St Agnes			9.30am Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle	
Thursday 22nd January			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Alice Mary Frank		
Friday 23rd January		12.05pm Mass Julian Gallen Anniversary 1.00pm Funeral Service Belinda Meadows			
Saturday 24th January	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley 2nd Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Richard Powell	
Sunday 25th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's Monday 19th January - 9.30am Mass	Sacred Heart Tuesday 20th January - 9.30am Mass	St Teresa's Thursday 22nd January - 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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TS26 8DP

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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - We are open to new savers, it would be great if we could get some new members and beat last years total raised for the parish! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our church. In each church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Sat 4pm: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray. Many thanks.

SANTO NIÑO - A Novena to Santo Niño will continue daily, concluding on 23rd January. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer in the Day Chapel at St Joseph's Church from 6.30pm (5pm on Monday 19th). The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated with a Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 25th January, followed by food, dancing, a raffle, and games in the Parish Centre Hall. All are welcome.

200 CLUB - The Club is always open to new members. The subscription due in April is £25 per annum and can be paid Yearly, Half Yearly or Quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. Quarter 4 subscriptions are now due: £6.25.

DIOCESAN VACANCY - Education Business Manager, Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. If you are interested in being at the forefront of developing this role please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver Head of Human Resources at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1st February 2026 although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13th February 2026, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19th February 2026.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2026 calendars are available to buy for £4 each from the parish office or from our church piety stalls.

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. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

SPECIAL THANKS - Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Door throughout 2025, especially those who generously gave their time to man it during the year, and to all who helped make the closing Mass so special. Bishop Stephen was truly overwhelmed by the generosity and warmth shown by the people of Hartlepool.

STELLA MARIS - A huge thank you to Canon Paul and everyone who responded so generously to our appeal before Christmas. A thank you card is available on the church noticeboard to express our gratitude. Donation bins are available in our churches if anyone has any warm coats, sweaters, joggers, etc they would like to donate. Thank you once again.

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 is for the work of the SVP. Our next collection for the work of the SVP will be on 15th Feb.

First reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

'I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Response: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

REFLECTION

Have you ever had the opportunity to rise early in the morning and watch the sunrise in a clear sky? The light finds all the dark corners and transforms them making them shine so that all is revealed. There is something mystical in the way light transforms the darkness.

In today's reading from Isaiah, we are called to be the light of the nations. The people of Israel believed they were chosen by God. This belief was founded on the good things that God has done for them; they were a small community living in a very violent age, but through God's help they survived and prospered. Now Isaiah is calling on them to fulfil the mission that God has given them. They must go out and speak of their God to all the nations of the world so that God's "salvation may reach to the ends of the earth".

Paul, in his time, is prepared through prayer and sacrifice to do his part in this calling. In the opening chapter of Corinthians, he sets out the task that lies before him. He sets the foundation of his mission in the prayer of the people. When we are called to speak of God's love for others, we too must place our trust in prayer.

The Gospel of John was written when the Apostle was in old age and looks back, with remarkably clear insight into the days of Jesus. John lived through the greatest century that mankind has ever known; through John, Jesus, the man, comes to life in a special way. Today we have an account of the baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist calls him "the Lamb of God". This title has great significance for the Jews for the lamb is the one who takes on a nation's sins and leads them to repentance. In other translations He is also called "the chosen one of God"; in our time we too are chosen to make God known in our world; let us pray for the gift of the spirit to descend on us also so that we too may become "a light for the nations".

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, Terence Gollogly, 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, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Rookcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, 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: Shirley Burton, Doreen Bennett, Belinda Meadows, José Maria Goncalves Espinheira, Joan Scott, Leanne Barker. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Arthur Brian Donnelly, Pat Dobson, Bob Bew, Christine Norah (Nora) Moore, Eamon Murphy, Anne Patricia Dobson, William Joseph Docherty, John Young, Joseph Gorman, Kathleen Woodhall, Raymond Gallagher, Denis Waller, Daniel Phillip Madge, Henry Ford, Michael Devine, Christine Hansell, George Short, Emily Adams, Julian Joseph Gallen, Ronald Leonard, Mary Mason, Tom Gallen, Jean Garrett, Maurice Usher, Lilian Bowes, Thomas Wilkinson, David Denning, Josie Harvey, Neville Bloom, Joseph Devine, Julianne Milburn, Patrick Boreland, Doreen Newson, Geoffrey Fearnley, Marjorie Smith, Michael Rutter, Mary Cawley, John Thomas, Helen Bradley, Nora Selena Andrews, Joseph Hughes, Ellen Shadforth, Lena Andrews, Douglas Boreland, Christopher (Chrissy) Ardlie-Cox, Josie Allenby, Hugh Mathieson, T. William Andrews, Cissie O'Donnell, 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: John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?

Repent!



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



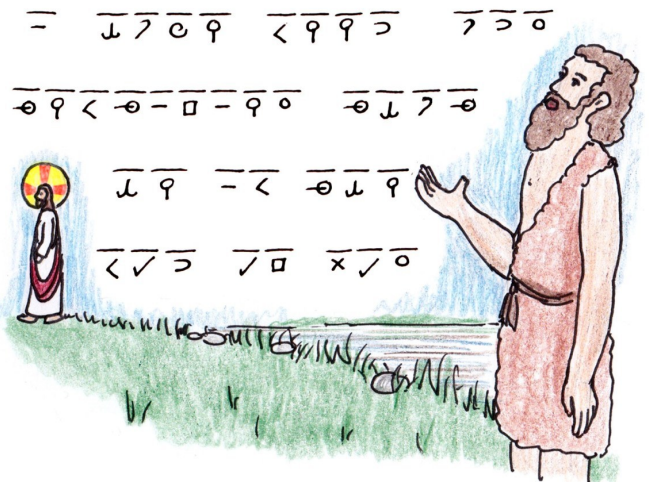
What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?

Use the code to figure it out!

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