

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



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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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: 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

Parish Diary — Week beginning 19th April 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 18th April	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Easter	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Michael Jacquez		6.00pm Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle	
Sunday 19th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass The Raine Family	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		
Monday 20th April		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Celia Best			
Tuesday 21st April		12.05pm Mass The Swift & Moran Families			
Wednesday 22nd April				9.30am Mass Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady for a Successful Operation	
Thursday 23rd April	St George		9.30am Mass Atkinson Fund		
Friday 24th April		12.05pm Mass Tony Gorman			
Saturday 25th April	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Catherine Butler Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Megraw Fund	
Sunday 26th April	4th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Kath Cooms, Rose Hughes & Family	9.00am Mass Kevin Walsh		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart
Tuesday 21st April - 2.00pm Mass

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SICK & RETIRED CLERGY (NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND) - The annual collection for the NBF remains open this weekend for donations.

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 29th April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - If you have not received your box, please contact Laura for collection. We cannot leave boxes without supervision because it is important that the right person receives the correct box for tax purposes. We are unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. To join the scheme, follow the instructions at the bottom of this page.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Please ensure monies are paid by Sunday 19th April for our Leeds day trip on Wednesday 29th April. The cost is £15 per person. Please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited.

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.

CLEANERS WANTED - We're looking for a few helping hands to join our volunteers at St Joseph's Church on Friday mornings from 10.45am until Mass. Many hands make light work, and tea/coffee will be provided. Thank you for your support.

200 CLUB - Annual Subs are due (£25). 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 and £50. Contact Laura to join, and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many Thanks to our supporters.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral service of Joseph Tierney is on Monday 20th April at 2pm at Stranton Crematorium.

ST GEORGE - St George's Day is celebrated annually on April 23 to honour the patron saint of England, commemorating his death in 303AD. In Roman Catholicism, he is also venerated as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints invoked for protection against disease and misfortune.



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 - A collection will be held on 3rd May for St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle.

First reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

‘It was not possible for him to be held by death.’

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

Response: O Lord, you will show me the path of life

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

‘You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.’

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

There is a sense of timelessness in the church which allows us to see events that happened in the past as events which are happening in the here and now. This is how we should experience Easter; the readings may be familiar to us but the sense of newness in the words of Peter and in the Acts of the Apostles is something we need to tune into. This is what makes us an Easter people because we believe that the experience of the first Holy Week and the emergence of the early church in the first Easter are events which are happening today in our hearts and in our communities.

This sense of renewal brings a fresh joy into our lives. We can wonder at the courage of Peter and the Apostles because we can see the courage of people today who are living and dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. Peter speaks to us of the power of the resurrection. Our belief in the resurrection helps us to understand that, through following the teaching of Our Lord, we too can be raised to new life. This is not an easy road to follow but through faith in Christ and living our lives in love and truth we can find that way to our true home.

Mass is at the very centre of our life in Christ. We believe that this celebration brings together the whole church, living and dead, into one great sacrament of praise and thanksgiving. Each time we go to Mass we celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection. Today’s gospel reading of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is often used as an example of the way that our Mass is celebrated. Mass is a real encounter with Jesus; he walks with us, speaks to us and teaches us through His word. Listening to the readings, in the Liturgy of the Word, is listening to Jesus. If we do not listen, then we silence Christ, and His Word falls on arid ground. Only by listening and praying for understanding can we come to truly know Our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist allows us to be present at the last supper with Jesus and his apostles; every time we receive communion, we break that bread with Him as he broke the loaf before his disciples in Emmaus. The disciples’ hearts were on fire with their love for Christ; our hearts too should burn with His love each time we celebrate Mass.

David Franko

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 Gallen, 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, Eileen Lyle, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, 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 Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Carol Thomas, 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: Joseph Tierney, Gina Stalley. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Maureen Ann Slimmings, Yvonne Parks, Christine Veronica Gardner, Terence Finn, Margaret Walsh, Robert James Webster, Mieczyslaw (Mike) Grzelak, Stephen Elsdon, Anthony James William Kearns, Hilda Wilkinson, Margaret Wilkinson, Dennis Grievson, Robert William Weighill, Pauline Talbot, Harold Tubb, Annette Maria Bain, Winifred Decosemo, Kathleen Irvine, Tony Gorman, Catherine Butler, Charlie Gofton, Sidney Rooke, April 'Kitty' Gillen, Margaret Carter, Michael Reece, Thomas Harvey, Veronica Reay, Molly Marshall, Ellen Humble, Alex Malone, 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:

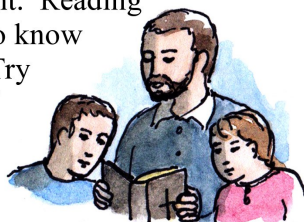
Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



Answer to puzzle on front: In the Breaking of the Bread.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2026



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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually? Use the code to find out!

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