

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 19th October 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 18th October	(Vigil) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Thelma & Ted Strickland	
Sunday 19th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Edward Garthwaite	9.00am Mass Kath Foster		
Monday 20th October		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass David Windram Anniversary			
Tuesday 21st October		12.05pm Mass Sheila Glover			
Wednesday 22nd October		11.00am Requiem Mass Joseph Larkin		9.30am Mass Jean Jacques	
Thursday 23rd October		10.45am Funeral Service Joan McKenna	9.30am Mass Sister Philomena O'Grady		
Friday 24th October		12.05pm Mass James Vincent Gibson			
Saturday 25th October	(Vigil) 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Peter Willgress Anniversary & Alan Willgress		6.00pm Mass Margaret Lee Birthday Remembrance	
Sunday 26th October	90th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Nancy & Stephen Dodds 40th Wedding Anniversary	9.00am Mass Beth & Ian Wilkinson		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

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 Wednesday 5th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we kindly 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.

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. Envelopes will be available from the end of October.

THE SOURCE - If any pupils year 9 and above that do not attend English Martyrs would like to come to The Source at St Mary's Cathedral for live music, prayer and food on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm, contact David Proudlock on 07866986747. For more information, check out the Holy Family Youth Instagram: [instagram.com/hfyhartlepool](https://www.instagram.com/hfyhartlepool)

200 CLUB - Subscriptions are now due for the 3rd quarter of the year (£6.25) and those who pay half yearly (£25). The club is always open to new members. The subscription is £25 per annum and can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you would like to join, just contact Laura in the Parish Office and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. The September draw will take place this Sunday – good luck to all!

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in is Sunday 2nd November, and we will pay out on Sunday 16th November.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ELWICK GRANGE NURSING HOME - Anyone available to sing on Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 by Tuesday 25th November. Many thanks.

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 Church. The day is free, but please email formation.cleveland@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place to help us anticipate numbers. Participants should bring a packed lunch.

PEACE SEMINAR 2025 - The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will be holding a Peace Seminar at the Nasir Mosque on Sunday 16th November 2025 at 3pm. If you would like to attend, please email tselby@ahmadiyyauk.org and you will be sent an invitation.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November from 12-3pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. There will be lots of stalls, raffle, home baking and refreshments. All welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - This Sunday is the Day of Special Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World (Mission Sunday). Special collection will be taken for the Missions.

Mass of Christ the Saviour

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.



First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

‘Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.’

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

‘That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.’

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

REFLECTION

It is often difficult to read the scriptures and understand the meaning of a passage. Each Sunday we are fed with a series of snapshots from the Bible and then our priest has five minutes in which to unpack a whole series of insights, of history, of teaching and of encouragement. Year after year we hear the word, but do we ever return to our homes and read the full passage from which they are taken. This is the Word of the Lord; how important is the message? Do we hear the message? What effect does the message have today in our lives? Is it all too much for us; do we persevere, do we seek understanding or do we shake our heads and move on.

The first reading today is about perseverance. It is a strange story to set in God's book; it is a battle between the Israelites and the Amalekites. Moses prays that God will be on the side of the Israelites' and, when his soldiers believe him the battle goes to them. But when Moses tires, and his hands fall, the battle goes against them. How often do your arms fall from prayer, how often do you give up when God does not appear to be listening, today we are urged to persevere in prayer and are assured that God will answer us in his good time.

Paul emphasises the fruits of scripture in this passage from his letter to Timothy. Scripture is our direct link to Christ; through scripture we can grow in the knowledge of Christ and learn how his kingdom of love can be established on earth. “All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”; this is Paul's message, and it is as alive and as relevant today as it was almost two thousand years ago.

The story of the unjust judge and the poor widow is used by Jesus to emphasise perseverance in prayer. When Jesus began his ministry, many people had grown weary of the injustice of life and turned away from perseverance in prayer. There is a phrase from Matthew 24:12 “and because of such great wickedness love will grow cold in many people” which illustrates this point. Jesus compares the absence of prayer with a lack of faith. Prayer comes from faith, the greater our faith the more we need to pray.

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, Catherine Fawcett, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, 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 Mgehee, 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: Joseph Larkin, Joan McKenna. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Thomas Carroll, Matthew Mahony, Jean Jackson, Marie Lynch, John Duncan Hurst, Edward Garthwaite, Catherine Joan Carter, James Joseph Hewitt, John Forth, Kathleen Leighton, Frances Bamford, David Windram, Robert Deathers, Norah Elliott, Doris Marian McLean, Bill Armstrong, Sister Philomena O'Grady, Ann Squires, Karen Mills, Matthew Lawrence Taylor, John Hart, William O'Dell, Mathew Taylor, Elizabeth Grievson, Teresa Larkin, Joan Fraser, Richard Judge, Lyn Boyd, Relinda (Betty) Bleasby, Douglas Allen, William Weatherall, Ruby Cameron, Mary Kelly, Isaac Reece (Snr), Elizabeth Murray, Joan Malone, Peter Wilgress, Patrick Harlow, Jack Simmonds, June Wood, Thomas Reece, Margaret Lavender, Stella Close, Maureen Waller, Hugh Kelly, Bernard Harrison, Elizabeth Mary Murray (Nee Healey), Ellen Robson Murray, Mary Patricia White, 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:

Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.

But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

Never give up!

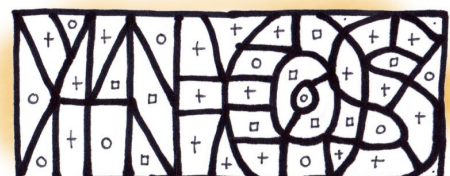


The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19th, 2025



Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?
Only fill in the spaces with '+'s to find out!



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