

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 1st March 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 28th February	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass George Hoey 80th Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Kathleen Gray	
Sunday 1st March	2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Sheila Mary Hornby	9.00am Mass In Thanksgiving for 80th Birthday (EB)		
Monday 2nd March		12.00pm Requiem Mass Margaret Costello 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass RT & M Hey			
Tuesday 3rd March		12.05pm Mass Peter Pearson 1.00pm Funeral Service Thomas Waites			
Wednesday 4th March		12.00pm Requiem Mass Michael Fearon		9.30am Mass Muriel Cummings 6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
Thursday 5th March			9.30am Mass Annette & Eric Tunstall		
Friday 6th March		12.05pm Mass Don Brisco			
Saturday 7th March	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Lent	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Tommy Nealon & Family		12.30pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass Susan Hay 1st Anniversary	
Sunday 8th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Sheila & Jimmy Dobing	9.00am Mass In Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday (Millie)		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart
Tuesday 3rd March - 9.00am 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.

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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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Throughout Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction in our parish on a Wednesday evening. Please see below timetable for location. This year, at the Easter Vigil, we will welcome a number of new members into our community of faith. For this reason, it will not be possible to celebrate two Easter Vigils. So each Church of our Parish can have a Mass on Easter Sunday, the times of the regular Sunday Masses will be adjusted slightly for Easter Sunday only.

Date	Service	Church	Time
25/02/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St Patrick's	6.30pm
04/03/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St John Vianney's	6.30pm
11/03/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St Joseph's	6.30pm
18/03/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St Patrick's	6.30pm
25/03/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St John Vianney's	6.30pm
01/04/2026	Chrism Mass	St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle	11.00am
01/04/2026	Stations of the Cross & Benediction	St Joseph's	6.30pm
Maundy Thursday 02/04/2026	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Joseph's	7.00pm
Good Friday 03/04/2026	Solemn Passion of the Lord	St Joseph's	3.00pm
Holy Saturday 04/04/2026	Easter Vigil Mass	St Joseph's	6.00pm
Easter Sunday 05/04/2026	Easter Sunday Mass	St Patrick's	8.30am
	Easter Sunday Mass	St Joseph's	10.00am
	Easter Sunday Mass	St John Vianney's	11.30am

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 1st April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL - We are planning a Social Evening on Friday 20th March in St Patrick's Hall. The evening will include a hearty serving of Mince and Dumplings, and we look forward to enjoying good food and great company together. Tickets are on sale at £5 each, with a sign up sheet at the back of church. Due to the nature of the meal being served, we are aware that we may not be able to cater for all dietary needs. However, we very much want everyone to join us. If you have specific dietary needs, please feel free to come along and bring your own meal. Tickets for those bringing their own food will be £2 each. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a warm and friendly evening!

LENTEN REFLECTION RESOURCES - Lenten resources are available at diocesehn.org.uk. This includes We Dare to Ask which is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Thank you to those of our parish who have agreed to be members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The full list of those who have been appointed will be available at the back of church this weekend. The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday evening, at 6.30pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's. Further to Bishop Stephen's Pastoral letter last weekend, the priority for the PPC will be discerning the call to be a Missionary Church.

200 CLUB - This month's draw winners are: 1st Prize Ann Hoey, 2nd Prize Maureen Trundley, and 3rd Prize Philomena Jackson. Congratulations! Annual subscriptions are due in March (£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, £50. If you would like to join, let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters.

GIFT AID - Envelopes will be distributed across the following Masses: Sunday 1st March in St Patrick's, Saturday 7th March Vigil in St Joseph's, Saturday 14th March Vigil in St John Vianney's, and Sunday 22nd March in St Joseph's. 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.

CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST - Our Fast Day collection will take place this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

LITURGY COMMITTEE - Please meet on Saturday 7th March at 2pm in the Boardroom at St Joseph's. We will be looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter.

PARISH CHOIR - In preparation for the Holy Week liturgies, there will be a choir practice at 7pm on Monday 30th March at St Joseph's, and a further practice on Thursday 2nd April at 5pm.

Mass of Peace

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 CAFOD, will be this weekend, 1st March 2026.

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Response: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

'His face shone like the sun.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

REFLECTION

It is a long journey from the desert of the Temptations to the mountain of the Transfiguration and over the years we have followed Jesus through every step. What makes us do this? Is the love of God so firmly entrenched in our hearts that we feel we must follow him no matter what joys and trials we experience in our lives or are we still searching for that faith that others seem to have but which eludes us. I believe that, in truth, it is partly one and partly the other. We cannot have faith unless we have doubt, they are unlikely bedfellows, but as our life ebbs and flows we are tossed around on the sea of faith. Let us pray that we will be cast, at the last, upon the shores of heaven.

The first reading from Genesis is spoken to Abraham but the message is for each of us. We are asked to leave our homes and kin and follow Him. If we do this then we will receive the blessing that God promised to Abraham as we, too, journey to the home that the Lord has prepared for us. The psalm echoes the promise to Abraham; the Lord will lay His merciful love upon us if we hope in him. If you are going through a difficult time, then keep this psalm close to your heart, for the consolation it promises will help you in your troubles.

Paul's letter to Timothy was written, we believe, from prison and is pastoral in nature. It reminds Timothy's people that though they may suffer for their faith in a crucified Christ they will find their consolation in the risen Christ for through Him death has been abolished and they, and we, have the promise of immortality through Christ our Saviour.

The Transfiguration is a foretaste of what is to come. Through this event Jesus shows to Peter, James and John how the covenant promise of the Old Testament, in the appearance of Moses and Elijah, is being fulfilled in Him. We hear, once again, the voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to Him. If the apostles needed any further assurance that Jesus was the Saviour, then surely this is the time. However, the passage ends with the warning, once again. That Jesus must suffer death and rise again so that the Word can be fulfilled.

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 Follow, 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, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Ntrianni, Joe O'Connor, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roccoft, 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: Margaret Costello, Eileen Mulcahy, Joan Stevenson, John Arthur Smith, Michael Fearon, Olga Hamilton, Thomas Waites. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Harry Ryan, Christine Redhead, Irene Nealon, Joseph McHugh, John Peters, Michelle Hughes, Moreen Horseman, Valentine Smith, Sheila Glover, Kevin Michael Lee, Pat Turner, Dorothy O'Neil, John O'Neil, Lily O'Neil, Mrs. C Robertson, George Heal, Stephen Horner, Ann Simon, Kathleen Smith, June Eglintine, Kathleen Povey, Veronica Dunn, Alfred McKenzie, Ian Edward Liddle, Mary Mincher, Fitzroy (Lewis) Pancho, John Robinson, Ralph Dagleish, Margery Swinburne, William Tindall, Ruby Foreman, William Bell, Frank O'Neil, John Jones, Monsignor Kevin Vasey, Robert Glass, Gary Bousfield, Emily Gowler, Denis Wilson, Thomas Northey, Mary Glover, Mary O'Connell, Keith Tingle, Annie Purdy, Hilda Hay, Patrick Caden, Nicholas Murphy, Peter Casey, Irene Johnson, Joseph Shipley, Pamela Harrison, Olga Errington, Michael Bell, Anthony Morrell, Joseph Briggs, John Phelan, Mary Ann & Billy Beha, John Michael Moor, Mary Purcell, Margaret Beattie, Catherine Robertson, John Dwyer, Judith Bentham, Robert Elsdon, Bernadette Horsefield, David Turnbull, Tommy McCluskey, Robert William Elsdon, Charles Gofton, Tim Mahoney, Christine Mary Curren, Hudson Walton Mordaunt, William August Thygesen, Peter Fitzgerald, Mary Fleet, Kathleen Sweetney, Damian McGlynn, Fr Henry Ryan, Pauline Turner, Joan Stephenson, Maria Cholmondesley, Elsie Bell, John Ness, 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:

Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of that moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1st, 2026

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What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

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