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 November 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 31st October	(Vigil) All Saints	**3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Eddie Hills		**6.00pm Mass** Pat Boagey	
Sunday 1st November	All Saints	**10.30am Mass** Veronica Readman Birthday Remembrance	**9.00am Mass** John & Winnie Oliver		
Monday 2nd November	All Souls	**12.00pm Requiem Mass** Catherine (Katie) Armes **6.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **6.30pm Mass** November Mass for the Deceased			
Tuesday 3rd November		**10.00am Funeral Service** Keith Galloway **12.05pm Mass** Alison Green Birthday Remembrance			
Wednesday 4th November	St Charles			**9.30am Mass** November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 5th November			**9.30am Mass** November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 6th November		**12.05pm Mass** John Cann Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 7th November	(Vigil) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**12.30pm Baptisms** **3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Nora Garthwaite Anniversary		**11.30am Baptism** **6.00pm Mass** Michael Linighan	
Sunday 8th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**10.30am Mass** Bob Storer	**9.00am Mass** Bill Parry		

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Monday to Friday

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Durham Street
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SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's
Tuesday 3rd November - 9.30am Mass

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

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - We have begun the preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th November. The next meeting will be on 2nd November, If anyone in Year 9 or above would like to be Confirmed, please join us on Monday.

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 November 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.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND - At each of our Masses next weekend, there will be Act of Remembrance. There will also be a Children's Remembrance Service at Stranton Grange Cemetery on Saturday 7th November at 11am and a Civic Act of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November at Victory Square at 11am.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - During November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be a Blessing of Graves at each of the cemeteries in the parish. On Saturday 14th November, the blessing will take place at Stranton Cemetery at 11am and Spion Kop Cemetery at 1pm. On Saturday 28th November, it will take place at West View Cemetery at 11am and North Cemetery at 1pm. All are welcome to attend and join in prayerful remembrance of our departed loved ones.

MASS REQUESTS - Please place any Mass request envelopes in the collection basket at the offertory of the Mass, ensuring that all details are filled in (especially the telephone number). Mass intentions will be coordinated from the Parish Office. 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. There is often greater availability for Mass intentions at some of our churches, which may allow your intention to be offered sooner. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Nora Winkcup will take place on Tuesday 3rd November, at 3pm in Stranton Crematorium.

READERS AT MASS - We would welcome new people for the ministry of reading at Mass. If you would like to read at any of the Masses in each of the churches of our parish, please speak with either Canon Paul or Fr Joseph. In the coming months, there will be a day of recollection and training for all who are ministers of the Word.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on Saturday 6th March. The theme is 'TAKE COURAGE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with the school chaplain, or Canon Paul if you would like to participate.

TABLETOP SALE - Join us at St Patrick's Church on Saturday 7th November, from 10am until 2pm, for our Tabletop Sale. Entry is just £1 per person, payable at the door, and tea and coffee will be available. There are still a few tables available at £10 each, and we would be particularly pleased to welcome anyone interested in running a handbag or bric-a-brac stall.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in will be Sunday 8th November 2026. We plan to pay out on Sunday 22nd November 2026.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - As a reminder, the next meeting date agreed is Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm. Please meet in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

BRENDA'S BUSES - Join us for a festive day out on Wednesday 2nd December to Newcastle Christmas Market! Our journey will stop at Boundary Mills, where you can visit the newly opened M&S outlet, before we continue on to Newcastle. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and explore the Christmas market, which stretches across Grey Street, Grainger Street and Nelson Street. The area is flat and accessible, making it easier for everyone to get around. The cost is £15 per person. To book your place, please contact Brenda on 07599511066 and arrange payment as soon as possible to secure your seat.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We are collecting chocolate to help bring some extra Christmas cheer to those seafarers in need. We are also looking for donations of clean, warm winter men's clothes, especially coats, jumpers, and fleeces. Bins are available to at the back of church to leave any donations. Thank you for your generosity and support.

THE SOURCE - Young People in Year 9 and above: Join us at St Joseph's for our next Source gathering. Bishop Stephen will lead Adoration, with Ingrid Edouard Szot sharing live music and testimony. Sixth form students from across the parish will lead music and reflection, including much-loved worship songs from previous festivals. The evening will conclude with free pizza and an opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new. All young people in Year 9 and above are warmly welcome!

200 CLUB - The October draw will take place this weekend.

HOLY FAMILY YOUNG CATHOLICS - Join us next Thursday, 5th November, for our next young adults' evening. Holy Hour an d Benediction at 6.30pm, followed by some social time after. Don't be afraid! All are welcome.

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 for the Clergy Training Fund continues this weekend.

This Sunday's Readings

ALL SAINTS

First reading: **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading: **1 John 3:1-3**

We shall see God as he is.'

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12a**

'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

REFLECTION

We all seek the same thing, a place in the Kingdom of Heaven. Today we are presented with a set of stepping stones. We begin at the end of the journey with a reading from Revelations, then we pass through a letter from John, which gives us hope, and finally a passage from the Sermon on the Mount which becomes the beginning of our journey.

The Book of Revelation is a vision of the end days when all those loved by God, for their actions in this world, gather, together, in heaven and offer Him praise for their salvation. The vision is a message of hope to those who faced persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God, their Saviour and symbol of hope. The first followers of Christ were considered small in this world but, in heaven they are marked as "the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb".

Saints are ordinary people, some rise above their station in life by doing extraordinary things, but most are steadfast, faithful, loving and loved. They are truly, as John writes in his letters "children of God". Knowing and believing in God is a special gift; it grants us access to His everlasting love. Many years ago, I heard a speaker talk of "love without limits", he believed that the love of God surpassed everything and that God's forgiveness was also without limits. We are God's children, He loves us and encourages us to live our lives as a testimony to Him: to be vessels of faith, hope, and charity in His world.

When Jesus stood. on that hillside in Galilee, he did not paint a picture that was all beauty and light. He understood that the way he was going, and asking us to go, would not be easy. The Sermon on the Mount is also called the Proclamation of the Kingdom. Jesus speaks of the poor, the humble, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, imprisoned, those who hunger and thirst for what is right; these are the ones he calls as saints. On this the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all those who have gone before us, as saints, into heaven we must remember, also. those who are saints on this earth today and keep them in our prayers.

David Frank

Daily Readings

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.

OUR PRAYERS

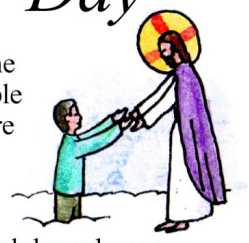
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Andrew Kenny, 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, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Dave Nugent, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Nora Rumble, Peter Saint, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, 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: John Jackson, Katie Armes, Sr Kate Frost, Keith Galloway, Nora Winkcup, Bernadette Bloom. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Kenneth Emmerson, Robbie Bousfield, John Joseph McKenna, Ian Francis Mason, Terence Kidd, Kenneth Gould, Margaret Dawson, Margaret Williams, Bob Hay, Elizabeth Wilkinson, John William McHale, Thomas Jackson, Rose Caffrey, Mary Elizabeth (Molly) McCarthy, Mary Winspear, Elsie Hornby, Mary Salvin, Mary Howe, Patricia Morfitt, Mary Marshall, Brian Wearmouth, Rozalja Poll, Elizabeth Rowson, Nora Spalding, Clifford Lax, Jack Harrison, Olive Thompson, Patricia Orton, Michael Linighan, Margaret Lee (Birthday), Donald Strickland, Hannah Huntley, Annie Pounder, Catherine Gill, John Moore, John James William Smith, Doris Scott, Betty Davies, Father Stephen Johnson, John Morrison, Mary Moore, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

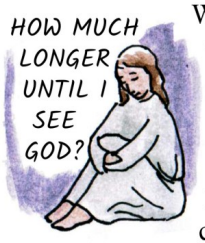
Kids Corner

All Saints' Day



Today is a special feast day in the Church. We celebrate all the people who followed God on earth and are now in Heaven.

Tomorrow, November 2nd, is the feast of All Souls. It is a special day when we remember all the people who are still in Purgatory.



While we are alive we try to love God and do what He asks so that when we die we can go to Heaven to be with Him.

We can also help the souls in Purgatory. They are suffering because they have to make up for the sins they did when they were on earth. They can't go to Heaven until their souls are clean. We can help them by offering prayers and sacrifices to God for them.



The Saints in Heaven loved and served God and made up for their sins. We can pray to them and they can pray to God for us, to help us get to Heaven too!

Saints on the front page: Back row: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Front row: St. Joan of Arc, St. Therese of Lisieux, Our Lady (Mary), St. Jean Marie Vianney, St. Maria Goretti.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of All Saints
November 1, 2026



Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'saints.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.

Here are some saints that you can colour. Do you know who they are?

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency(CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.
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