

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 21st June 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 20th June	(Vigil) 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary's Intentions	11.30am Baptisms	6.00pm Mass Bob Garraghan Jnr	
Sunday 21st June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Christina Buenaflor	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		
Monday 22nd June	SS John Fisher & Thomas More	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass James & Agnes Glover	1.00pm Funeral Service Michael Dickinson	9.30am Requiem Mass John Parsons	
Tuesday 23rd June	St Etheldreda	12.05pm Mass Mary Relton 4th Anniversary 5.00pm Reception of the body of Father Anthony Hogarth			
Wednesday 24th June	Nativity of St John the Baptist	12.00pm Requiem Mass Father Anthony Hogarth		9.30am Mass Urse Netto	
Thursday 25th June		1.00pm Funeral Service Margaret Porritt	9.30am Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle		
Friday 26th June		12.05pm Mass Mary & Ted Wilson			
Saturday 27th June	(Vigil) SS Peter & Paul	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Kevin Dixon Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Madge Facchini	
Sunday 28th June	SS Peter & Paul	10.30am Mass Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anniversary	9.00am Mass Gina Stalley		

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: 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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than 17th July 2026. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

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 July 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 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.

GARDENING - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL - The school are looking for parishioners to volunteer to work with pupil chaplains in the school. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact them via email on admin@stteresashartlepool.bhcet.org.uk.

FR JOSEPH O'BRIEN - As announced recently, Fr Joseph has been appointed as Parochial Vicar (Curate) to the parish of Holy Family, Hartlepool. He will take up his appointment officially on 1st September 2026, however, Fr Joseph will be visible during the summer whilst on annual leave before taking up his appointment. Fr Joseph will be resident at St Joseph's Presbytery.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Having enquired with a number of tour operators, organised pilgrimages are currently very expensive. It is proposed that a hybrid parish pilgrimage to Rome be organised for Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026. This will involve individuals booking their own flights and accommodation, however, once in Rome Fr Joseph and Canon Paul will be present to offer a pilgrimage programme. A preliminary meeting was held on Tuesday last week which indicates that there may be insufficient interest for the pilgrimage to go ahead. If there is anyone who is still interested but did not attend the meeting, please speak to Canon Paul or contact the parish office.

PETER'S PENCE - Next Sunday is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. A Collection for Peter's Pence and Support for the Holy See will be taken on that day.

FR ANTHONY HOGARTH RIP - We are saddened to announce the passing of Fr Hogarth on the evening of 6th June following a short illness. The Reception of the body into St Joseph's will be at 5pm on Tuesday 23rd June. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12pm on Wednesday 24th June. Please remember him and all who mourn him in your prayers.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - To mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard, the relics will be at St Joseph's on Monday 29th June for 6.30pm Mass. They will be available for private prayer from 5.30pm, and blessings with the relics will be offered after the Mass. St Gerard Majella is known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Come along and bring your petitions to this well-known saint.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - Raffle tickets for the 2026 Summer Raffle are available from Mary Carter at St Joseph's Church before Sunday Mass. All monies and ticket stubs to be returned no later than Sunday 6th September. The draw will take place on Thursday 24th September.

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.


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 will be held on Sunday 28th June, for Peter's Pence and Support for the Holy See.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

‘He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.’

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!

‘Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ say all my close friends, watching for my fall.

‘Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.’

But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Response: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

‘The free gift is not like the trespass.’

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

‘Do not fear those who kill the body.’

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: ‘Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.’

REFLECTION

At times, it can be very hard to be a Christian. People today try to ignore those who have faith until something tragic happens. Then something awakens them to a deeper sense within; they turn to their neighbours, their community and to those who want to help. They realise they are not alone and a spirit of unity begins to emerge. We have seen this in the tragic events of recent times. We need always to be prepared to listen to and walk with those who are suffering; our faith comes from God and the path we walk is in the footsteps of Christ.

Our readings today remind us of the problems we will face when living our lives of faith. Jeremiah lived at a time when the people had turned away from God and he faced many hardships when he spoke out against those in power. He realised that he served a greater power than that of kings and religious leaders. He continued to speak out for he knew that the Lord would justify him and “deliver the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.”

It is difficult for us to see and understand the attitude and importance that the early church gave to Adam, as the man who brought sin into the world. We accept sin as the evil that is done in our world by ourselves and others, we do not blame Adam, we blame ourselves and each other. The importance that Paul places on the saving action of Christ when he died for all sin is emphasised by his recalling to us of the fall of Adam who represents all humanity. Paul reminds us that the divine grace given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus, the “free gift”, is far greater than the damage of the fall.

Jesus is sending out his disciples into the world to continue the work of His Heavenly Father. He knows they will face many obstacles, encounter many dissenting voices and even hostility and danger in their mission. He assures them, as he assures us in our day “Have no fear of them”. Our role in this world is to be the voice of Christ; bringing truth to the fore, bringing compassion to those who grieve, hope to those who are distressed, seeing the face of Christ in friend and stranger. We live in dangerous times; our sure hope is that we are loved by God and we are worth “more than many sparrows.”

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, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, 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 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, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mick Readman, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Peter Saint, 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: John Parsons, Michael Dickinson, John Bage, Margaret Porritt, Fr Anthony Hogarth, Brian Saint, Bernard Cooper, John Bailey. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Katherine Neduvellil, Selina Deathers, Gladys Mary Harrion, Martin & Maria Mullins, Sheila Spurs, Philip Eckerman, Kathleen Foster, James William Watling, Lillian Mary Netherwood, Susannah (Sue) Dawson, Jean Kennedy, Ernest Bailey, William Cook, Susan Frances Cogan, Wilf Allenby, Margaret Rose Field, Sheena Frances McGibbon, Margaret McMemeny, Rev Eamonn Croghan, Tommy McMemeny, Madge Facchini, Jolanta Laszczkowska, Harry Wilkinson, Grace Moore, William Bowes, Kathleen Curren (Nee McCarthy), Margaret Parkes, Dorothy Sheader, Margaret Dryden, David Jennings, Winifred Mary Schmidt (Smith), Marjorie Duffy, 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:

Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



*I feel all alone...
But God is still with me!*



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21st, 2026



*In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things.
What little things did He mention?
Connect the dots to find out!*