

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 September 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 20th September	(Vigil) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Baptisms 12.00pm Wedding 2.00pm Wedding 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Ted & Mary Hitchen		6.00pm Mass Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 21st September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bowron & Lannon Family	9.00am Mass Luis Ghaut		
Monday 22nd September		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Peter R Wilson			
Tuesday 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina	10.00am Year 7 Welcome Mass 12.05pm Mass Wallace James Reed (Birthday Remembrance)			
Wednesday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham			9.30am Mass Guild Mass Fund	
Thursday 25th September		9.00am Requiem Mass Caroline Modupe Lawal	11.00am Requiem Mass Thomas Hammond		
Friday 26th September		12.05pm Mass Peter Grieves 3rd Anniversary			
Saturday 27th September	(Vigil) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Holy Souls		6.00pm Mass Megraw Fund	
Sunday 28th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobing	9.00am Mass Steven Tierney		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Tuesday 23rd September - 9.00am Mass

English Martyrs

Tuesday 23rd September - 10.00am Mass in St Joseph's Church

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

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

GIFT AID ENVELOPE NO 9 - Due to an administrative error, we need the holder of Gift Aid Envelope No 9 to contact the Parish Office to confirm your details. Sorry for the inconvenience. Many thanks, Dave Frank

BEFRIENDERS - Members of the SVP have been visiting residents in local care homes, offering companionship and support. We're currently updating our list and would love to know if you have a family member or friend in a care home who would appreciate a visit. Perhaps you yourself may be interested in joining us to visit care home residents yourself? It's a rewarding way to share kindness and brighten someone's day. If you have someone in mind or would like to get involved, please speak to Deacon Jeff, contact the parish office, or speak to any SVP member.

ENGLISH MARTYRS NOTICE - On Wednesday 24th September, English Martyrs School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning. Join us at school from 10:30am, we would love for the Parishioners of Holy Family to come and join our EMS community.

NORTHERN CROSS - The Northern Cross team of volunteers are looking for additional volunteers to help one afternoon a month with the delivery of the Northern Cross. Please phone: 01429 264625 or email: admin@northerncross.org.uk to discuss the details.

DAY TRIP - For those joining our bus trip to York on Wednesday 24th September, please meet at St Joseph's for 8.50am, the bus will be leaving at 9am sharp. The car park will be open. Many thanks.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - This Family Fast Day, CAFOD is highlighting its work with communities in Ethiopia facing climate challenges, where our donations fund vital water infrastructure projects. This is alongside CAFOD's continued response to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan through trusted local Church partners. There will be a collection on Sunday 5th October. Your support enables us to provide practical assistance for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - Funeral of Ben Hudson at Stranton Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd September, at 3.00pm.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - A call to all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who did not receive a form at the Day of Recollection last weekend. Please collect one from the office, complete and return as soon as possible as it is imperative from a safeguarding perspective that we know those ministers who are visiting the sick and who they are visiting. This will enable us to keep our parish records up to date.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY - This Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday). A collection will be taken.

OVER 60S CLUB - The Over 60s Club meets at St Patrick's Hall on Tuesdays from 1pm till 3pm, and we'd love for you to join us! The first session is completely free, so it's the perfect chance to join in, meet new friends, and enjoy the fun. On Tuesday 30th September, we will be joined by a special guest who will be selling a selection of high quality fashion.

200 CLUB - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

Mass of Christ the Saviour

*Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace 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,
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, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, 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 to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Thank you.

First reading: Amos 8:4-7

‘Against those who ‘buy the poor for silver.’

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

‘Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.’

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

‘You cannot serve God and money.’

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’

REFLECTION

Our world is obsessed with money; it seems to be at the root of everything we do. It can make demands on our behaviour and prevents us from being the person that God created. When we have too much, we are bored and indulge in all sorts of foolish behaviour. When we do not have enough, we fight for more and, if we cannot earn more, we resort to borrowing what we cannot repay. Today’s readings are a warning to us of the dangers and unfairness of our obsession with money and are a call to us to change our ways if we are to serve God through the way we live.

We create a world of inequality, of rich and poor. This was certainly true in the time of Amos, the prophet of social justice. Amos speaks for those who have no voice; he reveals to us the God who defends the rights of the poor. Those who “buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals” are living among us today. We need to revisit our option for the poor of this world and try again to change this world of haves and have nots. God calls to us in today’s psalm not to forget the poor and makes this promise “He raises the poor to set them in the company of princes”.

The passage from Paul’s letter to Timothy reminds me of the bidding prayers at Sunday Mass. Paul advises that prayers be offered for everyone; he calls them “supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings,” The Bidding Prayers were introduced to give the lay people a voice in the Mass yet how many of us listen, carefully and prayerfully, when they are spoken. We need to understand that the intercessions are a gift to us, and we need to use them wisely.

One of the problems with money is that it changes the way we are and effects the lives of those around us. The steward in today’s gospel is called astute because he uses his power over his master’s money to ensure that he does not become poor. He draws others into his actions by preying on their need for money. We can condemn his actions but also have a grudging respect for him for he has made his power over money serve him in this life. What is the effect of his actions on his eternal life? That is in God’s hands.

David Franko

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

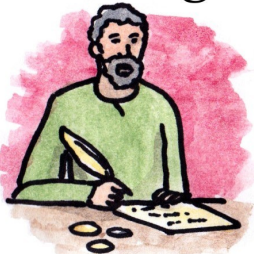
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, 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, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, 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: Thomas Hammond. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Stevie Mullins, Cristine Fiorini, Aubrey Decunha, Audrey Crowther, John Bowron, Rosemary Tobin, Jane McEneaney, Olive Merritt, Ronald Slimmings, William Gallagher, Thomas Mulcahy, Carol McLean, Barbara Murphy, Daniel Cummins, Michael Mulcahy, Edmund Smith, Ann Patricia Robinson, Mrs. M. E. Willis, Stephen John McMorris, Maureen Bailey, Luis Ghaut, Breda Dignen, Kathleen Sylvia Green, Eric Lake, Yvonne Osborne, Beverley Jones, Brian Feeney, Anthony Scott, Audrey Shave, Raymond James Andrews, Richard Gofton, Jack Collier, Kathleen Laffin, Audrey Stuart, Elizabeth Tubb, Monsignor Farrelly, Nora Dwyer, Fr Lawrence Murray, 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:

Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21st, 2025



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Luke 16:1-13



*Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons
Jesus taught from today's parable.*

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.
Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sarah Boagey, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk