

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 25th October 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 24th 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 Susan Hay Birthday Remembrance	
Sunday 25th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (CE)	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		
Monday 26th October		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Margaret Costello			
Tuesday 27th October		12.05pm Mass Ann & Desmond Gollogly			
Wednesday 28th October	SS Simon & Jude				
Thursday 29th October					
Friday 30th October		12.05pm Mass Suzette Mitzen			
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		

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Owton Manor Lane
TS25 3QG

St John Vianney's

King Oswy Drive
West View Estate
TS24 9LX

St Mary's

Durham Street
TS24 0HD

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week due to Half Term

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

Tu **Restarts 3rd**
Lunch Club
November

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 26th October. 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. Envelopes are now available to take home and return at the beginning of November.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - As part of our ongoing diocesan-wide discernment, the Parish Pastoral Council have identified various areas which we can develop as a parish. It is proposed that we establish our own parish marriage preparation course. We are looking for volunteers (married couples) to be trained to deliver this course. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Canon Paul.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - A Remembrance Mass has been organised by the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage on Friday 20th November 7pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. There are special candles that can be purchased to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones. These are £3 each and available by contacting lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The Parish Pastoral Council have also proposed that we establish our own bereavement support group. We are therefore looking for volunteers to be trained to deliver this listening support. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Deacon Jeff.

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.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - Our next meeting will take place in the Parish Centre Hall on Sunday 25th October following Mass at St Joseph's.

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.

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE - The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November, from 12pm to 3pm, at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Rd, Newcastle. There will be a variety of stalls, including a raffle, tombola, bottle stall, arts and crafts, and a children's stall where everyone is a winner. Refreshments will also be available. 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 opens this weekend.

This Sunday's Readings

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: Exodus 22:21-27

'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

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.

REFLECTION

The message in today's scripture is simple; love must be at the centre of your every thought word and action, to serve God you must serve your neighbour.

The readings begin with a clear statement on some of the actions necessary to accomplish this work. The world is becoming a very small place; sixty years ago, you seldom met anyone who lived outside a small geographical area. The scripture speaks of "sojourners" people who lived in Egypt because of economic circumstances; most of us are descendants of people who came seeking work and security for their families, they came from all parts of the British Isles and beyond and settled in our towns and cities. Today there are many different nationalities living in our town, we meet them in our neighbourhoods, at work and in our parishes. They do not remain strangers but become friends and work colleagues; they are very much a part of our community. To the Jewish people, with their laws and customs, the stranger was outside their society, and it was difficult for them to accept "gentiles" into their lives. We must always be ready to put aside our concern for other cultures and embrace the friendship of the "stranger".

Paul was caught between two worlds; He was a Jew and spoke always to those of his race who would listen to the good news, but he recognised that his mission was also to the Gentiles. He made no distinction between the two. Perhaps this was the way of life that he speaks about today. The church grew as welcoming, embracing church where all worshipped together, jews and gentiles. This was not the normal way that people behaved two thousand years ago. Hopefully we have learned a great deal more tolerance today.

Matthew's gospel speaks of the greatest commandment; the message is clear and concise; it cannot be misunderstood and there are no ifs or buts. Loving everybody is not easy; we each have our own view on society, and some people find it difficult to love, while others are difficult to love, but we must always try. Love needs to be worked at, problems need prayer and sacrifice, sometimes our love seems to be all one way, perseverance is the only way to follow Christ's teaching; the reward for our persistence is God's love.

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, 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. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: 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, Mauree Waller, Hugh Kelly, Bernard Harrison, Elizabeth Mary Murray (Nee Healey), Ellen Robson Murray, Mary Patricia White, Tom Disley, Norma Durkin, Amanda Borrowdale, John David (Dave) Murray, James Devine, Peggy Hunter, Peter Jenkins, George William Stamp, Stella Geraldine Stockdale, Roy Stoddart, Alice Marie Trott, Thomas Boagey, Anne Hogg, Wilfred Hanson, Phil Beattie, Mark Price, David Geen, Audrey McDonald, Norah Tritschler, Elizabeth McCarte, John Robson, Terence Slater, Kathleen Bloom, Mary Bland, Laurence Tighe, Edward Brown, Moira Pattison, 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

The Greatest Commandment



**I WILL DO
EVERYTHING
TODAY FOR
YOU, LORD!**

What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



**I'M SORRY FOR
BEING MEAN TO
MY BROTHER.**

The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows



**GOD WOULD
WANT US TO
BE KIND TO
HER.**

that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind

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The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2026



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
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10 11 12 13 14 15 16



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