

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 26th October 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 25th October	(Vigil) 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Peter Willgress Anniversary & Alan Willgress		6.00pm Mass Margaret Lee Birthday Remembrance	
Sunday 26th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Nancy & Stephen Dodds 40th Wedding Anniversary	9.00am Mass Beth & Ian Wilkinson		
Monday 27th October		1.30pm Funeral Service Catherine Skidmore 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass James & Agnes Glover			
Tuesday 28th October	SS Simon & Jude	12.05pm Mass Winifred McDonough Anniversary			
Wednesday 29th October		12.00pm Funeral Service Margaret (Dolly) Gibson		9.30am Mass Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lord	
Thursday 30th October	The Martyrs of Douai College		9.30am Mass Catherine Joan Carter		
Friday 31st October		12.05pm Mass Ken & Cecilia Best			
Saturday 1st November	(Vigil) All Saints	11.30am Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Veronica Readman Birthday Remembrance		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Pat Boagey	
Sunday 2nd November	All Saints	10.30am Mass Cissie & Donald O'Donnell	9.00am Mass The Kitching, Nealon & Murray Families		

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

Restarts 3rd November

Praise & Worship Prayer Group
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

Restarts 4th November

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 5th 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 will be available from the end of October.

200 CLUB - Subscriptions are now due for the 3rd quarter of the year (£6.25) and those who pay half yearly (£25). The club is always open to new members. The subscription is £25 per annum and can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you would like to join, just contact Laura in the Parish Office and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. The September draw will take place this Sunday – good luck to all!

DAY OF REFLECTION AND FORMATION FOR CATECHISTS - As a deanery we want to support and encourage the vital work of our catechists. An initial day will give space for us to reflect together on the task of catechesis and to identify where further support and formation can be given for future days. If you are a catechist already or are considering taking on this role, please come along on 29th November at 10am – 3pm, in St Joseph's Church. The day is free, but please email formation.cleveland@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place to help us anticipate numbers. Participants should bring a packed lunch.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Join us for a fun day out on a trip to Harrogate Christmas Market on Wednesday 10th December. The cost is £15 per person. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND - We will be holding a collection for the Clergy Training Fund on Sunday 2nd November. Your prayers and financial support are vital in helping to form future priests and deacons for our diocese. Thank you for supporting the future of ministry in Hexham & Newcastle.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in is Sunday 2nd November, and we will pay out on Sunday 16th November.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT EMS - You are warmly invited to join us for a Remembrance Service at English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College on Tuesday 11th November. The service will take place in St Francis' Garden, with guests asked to arrive for 10.30am ahead of a 10.45am start. Together, we will honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for peace and freedom. Your presence would be a valued part of this special occasion.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ELWICK GRANGE NURSING HOME - Anyone available to sing on Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 by Tuesday 25th November. Many thanks.

SOCIAL EVENTS - St Patrick's Church will be hosting a Pie and Peas Supper on Friday 28th November, and tickets will be available next week (£5). Future events have been discussed and we will let you have details when they are finalised.

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 - Next Sunday, 2nd November, a collection will be taken for the Clergy Training Fund.

First reading: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

‘The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.’

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Response: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

‘The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.’

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ‘Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’

REFLECTION

Have you ever wondered where God is? We seek Him in so many ways that we can get lost in a world of scripture, prayer, celebration, nature, music, art, literature... perhaps we spend too much time searching and not enough time just sitting and waiting for Him to reveal Himself. The author of Ecclesiasticus gives us an insight into his idea of where God is to be found. The passage speaks to me of the prayers of petition in which we call to God for his help. We are told that God is a judge who does not consider our human ideas of place or station in life but looks deep into the heart of the petitioner and answers our prayer in a way that brings an outcome that we have the strength to accept. There is no one who calls to Him who will not be answered, the waiting time may be long, but the answer is given with love.

Today’s psalm and the Letter to Timothy should be read together for they appear to be in harmony; in the psalm the petitioner is confident that his prayer will be heard and that God will save Him from all that surrounds him. Paul echoes the beautiful message of the psalm as he faces some great difficulty in his life. Paul too is confident that his prayer will be answered.

One phrase stands out in the Gospel; the Pharisee, full of pride, “standing by himself prayed thus “God. I thank you that I am not like other men”; contrast this with the tax collector who calls out in his pain “God, be merciful to me, a sinner”. Now judge whose petition will be heard; Jesus, through the language and tone of the passage leaves us in no doubt. God is to be found everywhere but we need to be prepared to discern his presence even in those places where he seems so far away. When you pray give yourself time to just sit and listen; then speak your petition with a pure heart and wait on God’s time for His answer.

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 Fallow, Catherine Fawcett, David Frank, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, 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, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEneaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, 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, Jane Rookcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, 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: Catherine Skidmore, Margaret (Dolly) Gibson, Sarah Killen. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: 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, John David (Dave) Murray, James Devine, Peggy Hunter, Peter Jenkins, Stella Geraldine Stockdale, Roy Stoddart, Alice Marie Trott, Thomas Boagey, Anne Hogg, Wilfred Hanson, Phil Beattie, Mark Price, Audrey McDonald, Norah Tritschler, Elizabeth McCarte, John Robson, Terence Slater, Kathleen Bloom, Mary Bland, Laurence Tighe, Edward Brown, Moira Pattison, Kenneth Emerson, Robbie Bousfield, John Joseph McKenna, Terence Kidd, Kenneth Gould, Margaret Dawson, Margaret Williams, Bob Hay, Elizabeth Wilkinson, 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:

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?



Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!*

The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025



*What were the two
men in the Temple
saying to God in
today's Gospel
reading?*

*Look in the mirror to
find out!*

Luke 18:9-14