

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 28th June 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 29th June		5.30pm Veneration of the Relics of St Gerard Majella 6.30pm Mass Amanda Gallen 1st Anniversary			
Tuesday 30th June		12.05pm Mass George Hoey 2.00pm Funeral Service Brian Saint			
Wednesday 1st July				9.30am Mass Coghlan Fund	
Thursday 2nd July			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Mary Harris		
Friday 3rd July	St Thomas	12.05pm Mass Dave Moore Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 4th July	(Vigil) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Andrew Longworth		6.00pm Mass Frankie Bone	
Sunday 5th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Ellen McKenna		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Wednesday 1st July - 2.00pm Leavers Mass

St Teresa's

Thursday 2nd July - 9.30am Leavers Mass

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

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.



PETER'S PENCE - This 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.

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 - Further to additional interest, it now appears that the pilgrimage is viable. Could everyone who has expressed an interest please contact the parish office and give your details (name, telephone number, email address) to Laura.

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.

DAY TRIP TO BARNSELY - Our Over 60's Club are organising a day trip to Barnsley, and we'd love for you to come along! The coach will depart from St Patrick's Church at 9am on Friday 3rd July. The total cost is £18 per person. Please contact Roisheen for more information on 07914946316.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBEQUE - Join us for a sizzling afternoon of food and fun at St John Vianney's Church grounds on Sunday 26th July from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets will be available next week at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. 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 this weekend will be for Peter's Pence and Support for the Holy See.

First reading: Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

‘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. 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.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

REFLECTION

There is no doubt that Peter and Paul were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. What is of great consolation to us is that they were also fallible human beings; sometimes headstrong but always steadfast in their Faith. They endured many trials in their missionary work but always kept their eyes on the prize awaiting them.

The first reading is from Acts and recounts the story of Peter’s imprisonment in Jerusalem and his miraculous escape. It strikes me that this story must be from Peter’s own lips. The detail given of the guards and the angel can only come from the one who was there. Peter’s words “Now I am sure” give the impression that he was still not completely trusting in God. Indeed, we know from subsequent chapters of Acts that his coming to Faith was a long and painful process, full of inspiration and misunderstanding. He is indeed a saint with whom we can all associate.

Timothy was responsible for the church at Ephesus; he was a companion to Paul joining him on many of his missionary journeys. This letter appears to be at the end of Paul’s life for the language is of goodbyes and thanksgiving. Paul has no doubt that the Christ he proclaims is the Lord. There is no regret here, just a simple affirmation of faith in the future, a future that must have looked so black yet so full of promise.

The Gospel returns to the relationship between Jesus and Peter. That relationship is so human; we all have those we love and rely on who sometimes let us down. Relationships are fraught with difficulty, but when they are based in love, they can always be reviewed and renewed. Peter was to let Jesus down again in that fatal week in Jerusalem but there is no doubt of his love for his Lord. Today he speaks for all who have faith in Christ; Peter replies to Jesus’ question “Who do you say I am” with words of faith “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” and his reward for his faith is the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whenever you see a statue of Peter you see the keys and, often, they are worn by the touch of countless pilgrims who answer with Peter “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”.

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 McEneaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghie, 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 Roocroft, 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: Brian Saint, Bernard Cooper, John Bailey. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mary King, Amy Michael, Kevin Dixon, Maureen Cormack, Isobel Lawson Gray, Paul Rawlence, Thomas Connor, Patsy McHugh, Agnes Hay, Margaret Willingale, David Jennings, George Weatherill, Patricia Boagey, Rosella Suggitt, Lesley Hart, Amanda Gallen, Peter Higgins, Jack Hansell, Margaret Hanson, Margaret Ann Burn (Ann), Stephen Kealy, Rose Tierney, John Devine, Margaret 'Mary' Wheeler, Stephen Boyd, Mary Boyd, Bob Gillen, Andrea Kyriakou, Edyta Mazurkiewicz, Lena Hay, Gail Laffey, John Ritchie Snr, John Howe, Alan Cowley, Margaret Gaiety, Clarence John Tubb, Annie O'Neil, Nora Pounder, Jane (Jenny) Wilkinson, Patrick Hanson, Norah Richards, James Bone, Tracey Maggee, Beryl Wanley, Mary Gooding, 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: Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love *Good morning, Jesus!* anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

After Mass we can visit Grandma.



I'd like to play but I have to look after my baby brother.

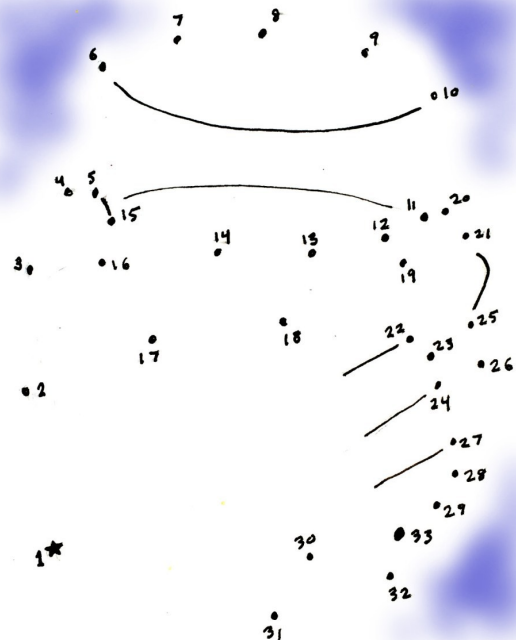


The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28th, 2026



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

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