

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 September 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 29th September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Frank Costello			
Tuesday 30th September	St Jerome				
Wednesday 1st October	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	12.00pm Memorial Mass Susan Lynes Scott		9.30am Mass Grandsons	
Thursday 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels		9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Madge Wilson		
Friday 3rd October		12.05pm Mass Edmund Niland			
Saturday 4th October	(Vigil) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Terry Collins		2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 5th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Mary Wilf & Vince Atkinson 30 Years Anniversary	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Teresa's

Thursday 2nd October - 9.30am Feast Day 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: 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

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.

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. 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.

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.

HUGE THANKS - Thank you to the parishioners of Holy Family for the joining our EMS Sixth Form community in fundraising for Macmillan. In total we raised £466.19. A special thank to those parishioners who baked cakes and brought them to share. We look forward to welcoming you to our next event.

VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO - On Tuesday 30 September we welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass. As Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Buendía is Pope Leo's Ambassador to our country and so a sign of our communion with the Church of Rome. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several of our Diocesan institutions as he stays with us.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - Funeral of Richard Carroll at Stranton Crematorium on Friday 3rd October, at 11.00am.

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.

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 6:1a, 4-7

‘The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: ‘Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31

‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.” ’

REFLECTION

This week we continue to reflect on our lives and how we should change our ways while we have the time on earth to do so. The world demands that we seek success in this life, above all other considerations, but being successful often means that we pour all our energy into making earthly gains and fail to build for ourselves treasure in heaven, by doing good to those around us.

The Gospel story today may be very familiar. It is the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Like all the parables told by Jesus it has a much deeper meaning than at first sight. There is a great danger that we may become complacent about our faith and feel that, as long as we come to church each Sunday, we are safe in the barque of Peter. If you recall the recent Sunday readings, you will have noticed a call to us reconsider our attitude to the pursuit of success and to concentrate on what really matters, care, compassion and love for all God’s creation.

The first reading may be about you and your relaxed attitude to your faith. You may not have an ivory bed, but you may still be very comfortable in the life you have created. Beware, for, as the prophet says, “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away”.

The Rich Man (and the Pharisees) are the Gospel’s equivalent of the Old Testament sprawler. They believe they deserve heaven and fail to see the poor man, Lazarus, even though he sits by their gate, a daily reminder that all is not well. Lazarus, with his sores, is an image of Christ, battered and scourged, brought before the power of Rome. Just as Lazarus is treated with contempt; so is Christ. Both represent the poor ignored in their pain.

Perhaps Jesus tells this story to encourage people to change their ways, he understood the human condition and was sad that even this story would not convince the rich to repent and change their ways. With sadness he reflects that “Even if someone should rise from the dead they will not be convinced”. A reminder that the shadow of the cross falls upon each of us and that we must repent and take action to change our ways before it is too late.

David Franke

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 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: Richard Carroll, Celia Best. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Peter Francis Ryan, Frank Stothart, Margaret Kitching, Kathleen Gooding, William Lavender, Ava Turnbull, Alice McGarry, John Judson, Joyce Manson, Edward Gill, Francis Edward Cannell (Eddie), Linda Mary Johns, Sheila Williams, Peter Grieves, Sarah Kellett, Therese Day, Bryan Keenan, Annie 'Maura' Kelly, Nancy Emmerson, Kitty Turnbull, Simeon Fraser Snr, Elizabeth Howard, Mary Howard, William Menary, Blanche Fraser, Thomas Higgins, Georgina Cawavan, Alec Wood, Catherine Jeffrey, Winnie Connor, Mary Wood, Isaac Carrol, Dorothy Northey, Peter Clark, Michael Donnelly, Pauline Webb, Nancy Garraghan, Bridget Howard, Terence Squire Rhoden, Joan Ackroyd, Anne Norah Talbot, 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:

Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

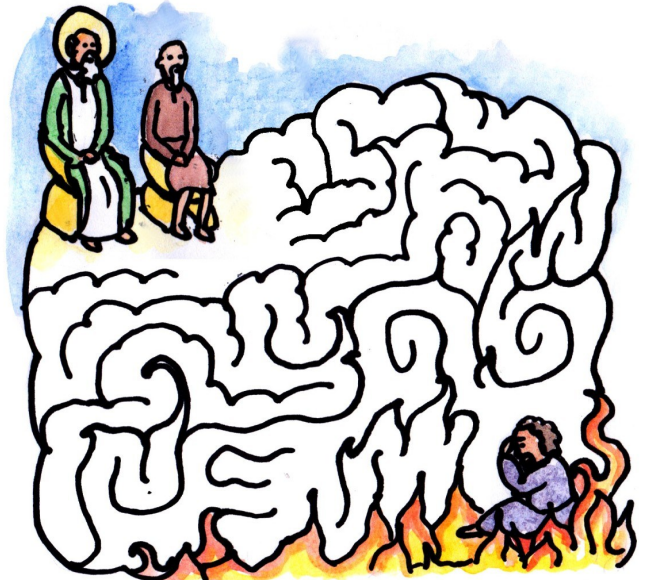
The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



Maze on Front: you can't cross from Heaven to Hell or vice-versa.

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th, 2025



Luke 16:19-31

*In Jesus' parable, the rich man
asks Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.*

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