

# 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 29th March 2026

\*Live stream: [www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool](http://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool)

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 28th March	(Vigil) Palm Sunday	1.00pm Wedding  3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Pat Hoey 1st Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Kath Gray	
Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass Mary Ollerton (Nee Elliott)	9.00am Mass Jimmy Docherty		
Monday 30th March		12.05pm Mass Rex Johnson  2.00pm Funeral Service Peter Rutter  6.00pm Reconciliation Service			
Tuesday 31st March		10.00am Requiem Mass Dennis Pounder  12.05pm Mass Special Intention Allen & Mark			
Wednesday 1st April		6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction			
Thursday 2nd April	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Steven Tierney			
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday	3.00pm Solemn Passion of the Lord			
Saturday 4th April	(Vigil) Easter Sunday	6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass Bob Storer			
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday	10.00am Mass Alan Parkes	8.30am Mass John & Winnie Oliver	11.30am Mass Margaret Lee	

#### 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.

#### Parish Clergy

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**Opening Hours**  
10am - 2pm  
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre  
Grosvenor Street  
Hartlepool  
TS26 8DP

#### 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

**HOLY WEEK** - This year, at the Easter Vigil, we will welcome a number of new members into our community of faith. For this reason, it will not be possible to celebrate two Easter Vigils. So each Church of our Parish can have a Mass on Easter Sunday, the times of the regular Sunday Masses will be adjusted slightly for Easter Sunday only.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - There will be a service of Reconciliation with individual confession in preparation for Easter on Monday 30th March at 6pm in St Joseph's Church. Please note the parish Mass that day will be at 12.05pm in St Joseph's Church.

**CHRISM MASS** - Bishop Stephen will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend this annual Diocesan Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** - As a parish we will gather at the Parish Centre Hall on Friday 3rd April, at 10.15am, and walk to Victory Square for a short service of witness at 10.30am. After the service, we will return to the Parish Centre for refreshments.

**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 April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - As a reminder, the next meeting date agreed is Tuesday 14th April at 6.30pm.

**GIFT AID** - If you have not received your box, please contact Laura for collection. We cannot leave boxes without supervision because it is important that the right person receives the correct box for tax purposes. We are unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. To join the scheme, follow the instructions at the bottom of this page.

**RED MISSION BOXES** - Please empty your box into a bag with your name and address on, and bring it either to the parish office or to Mass to be counted. Thank you very much for your support.

**PARISH CHOIR** - In preparation for the Holy Week liturgies, there will be a choir practice at 7pm on Monday 30th March at St Joseph's, and a further practice on Thursday 2nd April at 5pm.

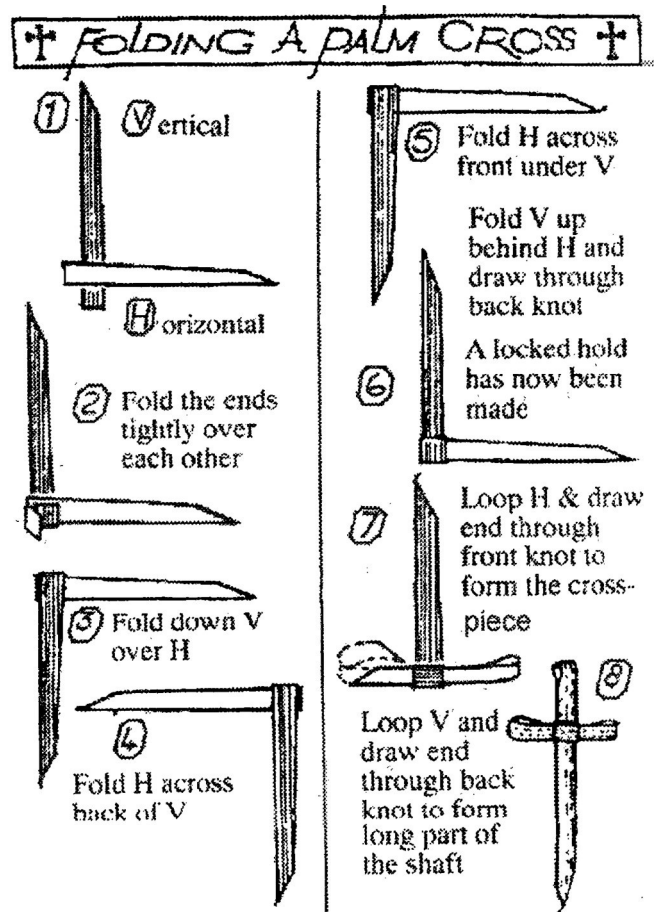
**HOLY PLACES** - A collection will be taken on Good Friday for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

**"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP** - Join us for our next day out on a trip to Leeds on Wednesday 29th April. 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.

**FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM)** - The funeral of Patricia Grey is on Thursday 2nd April, at 10am at Stranton Cemetery Chapel.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** - English Martyrs School will be traveling to Lourdes this Easter with HCPT. If you would like any Prayer intentions taking to the Grotto, please complete the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Fg6bYNHTYQ>

**BONUS BALL** - Winner of Bonus Ball of Saturday 21st March was Number 46 Pam Cook. Thanks to everyone who supported it.



## Mass of Peace


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** - There will be a collection for sick and retired priests (NBF) on Sunday 5th April.

**Gospel reading: Matthew 21:1-11**

**‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’**

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord needs them”, and he will send them at once.’ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ‘Say to the daughter of Sion, “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said, ‘This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.’

**First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**‘I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.’**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

**Response:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

**‘He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.’**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Today’s first and second readings give an insight into what can happen if we respond to the challenge that change makes in our lives. The passage from Isaiah speaks of the trials and triumphs of the life of a disciple. Listen closely to the words of the prophet. To be a disciple requires courage, steadfastness and love. It is not an easy way to live. Parenthood is a form of discipleship. When relationships in families are good it is a relatively easy way to be a disciple, but when there is a breakdown in relationships then I am sure that these words of Isaiah ring very true.

Jesus is the supreme example of a disciple. As Saint Paul explains He was divine, yet he became a man and “emptied himself by taking the form of a servant”. He had the power to work miracles, to raise people from the dead yet he allowed himself to be taken and crucified, not for his own sake, but for the whole of humankind. He was the Son of God but accepted death, death on a cross. Now he is the name above all other names, exalted by the Father, to be Lord forever.

During this week the words of the Passion of Jesus as told by Matthew should be held in our hearts. They tell a very human story of betrayal, denial, injustice and death. Judas, Peter and Pilate are part of our story. Judas could represent the temptations of the world that turn a devoted follower of Christ into a traitor. Peter makes many promises of fidelity to Jesus but, when the time comes, denies him before the servants in the temple. Pilate is the most powerful man in Jerusalem yet orders the death of an innocent man just to please the Jews. And Jesus, through all His trials, stands firm, a good man brought down by others. While they depart in disgrace, Jesus moves on to His glory and His victory over death.

Throughout our lives we live through periods of “letting go” and “moving on”. From childhood, through school, into our working lives and in old age we experience a continuous process of change. In this coming week we walk with Jesus through His most painful period of letting go of His physical human life and moving onto His spiritual life. There are lessons to be learned from these moments, and we have no greater teacher than Our Lord.

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 Follow, David Frank, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Terence Gollogly, 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, Eileen Lyle, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvie Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, 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:** Patricia Grey, Dennis Pounder, Peter Rutter, Emma Noble. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Joan Tupman, Anthony Wilkinson, David Crowe, Winifred Joy, Charles Cockerill, Maureen Cook, Peter James Jones, Alan Price, Lily Pitts, Edwin (Eddie) Percival, Lawrence Sharratt, Owen & Elizabeth Cawley, Margaret Emmerson, Richard Ian Wilkinson, Linda Ainslie, Sheila Clark, Edith Walker, Thelma Dolman, Annie Charlton, Brian Booth, Theresa Lavery, William Nugent, Gertrude Graham, Pamela Judson, Andrea Hay, Eileen McElhome, Gordon Pearson, Patricia Ross, Anne Robinson, Fred Potter, Bill Armstrong, Alan Jackson, Delia Hardy, Olivia Dunn, Margaret Guffick, Terence O'Connor, Hilda Johnson, Jean Liddle, Annie Hay, Walter Hay, The Malone Family, Lawrence Larkin, Mattie Purcel, Edith Blakemore, Charles Kenneth (Kenny) Lamb, Irene Alton, Cecilia Dagg, Anthony (Tony) Atkinson, Madge Collier, James Lynch, Anne Moir, Brian Wallace, Alice Maud Heal, James (Jim) Howie Welch, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

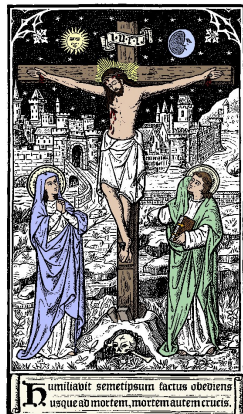
## Kids Corner: Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.

## The Kids' Bulletin

**Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 29th, 2026**

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