

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 2nd August 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 1st August	(Vigil) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Jim & Joyce Kealy		6.00pm Mass Pat Boagey	
Sunday 2nd August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass For the Ochuba Family: Thanksgiving for Chizaram's completion of Tina the Musical tour	9.00am Mass For Dementia Sufferers & their Carers		
Monday 3rd August	St Oswald	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Sister Beatrice Molyneux FCJ			
Tuesday 4th August	St John Vianney	12.05pm Mass Alf Garthwaite Anniversary		9.30am Mass Deceased Members of the O'Connell & Plant Families	
Wednesday 5th August					
Thursday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord				
Friday 7th August		12.05pm Mass Shirley Burton Birthday Remembrance	1.00pm Requiem Mass Maureen Trundley		
Saturday 8th August	(Vigil) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Dorothy Plews		1.00pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass John Bailey	
Sunday 9th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Cecile Miyazaki	9.00am Mass Kath Duffy		

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TS25 3QG

St John Vianney's
King Oswy Drive
West View Estate
TS24 9LX

St Mary's
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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

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Lunch Club
September

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club
St Patrick's Hall

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
Coffee Evening
St John Vianney's

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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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL - This weekend we welcome Fr Kevin from the Columban Fathers, who is visiting our parish as part of the annual Mission Appeal. Please give Fr Kevin a warm welcome and keep the Columban missionaries and their work in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. Over the summer holidays, we'll be working on finalising a plan and schedule based on the number of applicants. All the details will be confirmed and shared at the 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 9th September at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

SR BEATRICE MOLYNEUX RIP - We are saddened to announce the passing of Sr Beatrice on Sunday 12th July. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Salford, at 11am on Monday 10th August. Please remember her and all who mourn her in your prayers. Mass will be live streamed, and we will share the details nearer the time.

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH GREETING ASSISTANCE - As you will be aware, we have a number of people who greet people on entering the churches of our parish at the Sunday Masses. This is a very important ministry of welcome. We would like to extend this ministry to other liturgical celebration which take place in our churches. Particularly, we would be grateful if anyone could volunteer, on a rota basis, to welcome people attending the Baptisms at St Joseph's on Saturdays. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

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. 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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBEQUE - A massive thank you to everyone who helped plan and organise our parish barbeque this month, your efforts made it an incredible success! Our chefs deserve special recognition for their hard work at the grill! It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces, great conversations, and good times shared by all. Events like these are a reminder of the amazing community we have here. Thanks again.

200 CLUB - Our July draw winners are: 1st prize no. 32 Mary Linighan £150, 2nd prize no. 65 Brenda Bland £100, and 3rd prize no. 132 Angela Canterdale £50. Congratulations! Quarterly subs (£6.25) are now due.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - This week sees the 100th Pilgrimage of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. Please keep in your prayers our parishioners and young people who will be attending, some as registered helpers.



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 next collection is on Sunday 30th August, for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

This Sunday's Readings

18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

‘Come and eat.’

Thus says the Lord:
‘Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.’

Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

‘Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.’

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

‘They all ate and were satisfied.’

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that although we need food and drink to sustain our physical bodies, we also need the higher gifts to raise us to our life with God. There is an underlying theme in the readings based on the food of the Eucharist through which we are blessed with the love of God in our lives.

The prophet Isaiah lived at a time when famine was a constant worry in the minds of the people. One bad harvest was a disaster; a succession of bad harvests could result in the destruction of a nation. Today's passage is a call to the people from God; He reminds them that his love, his living water, is always there for them. That nothing can really satisfy them unless it comes from God.

The letter to the Romans contains a number of very profound verses; today's message is one of my favourites and gives real solace to those who are suffering in this world. Paul asks us “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” Just take a moment to reflect on this question. It goes to the very centre of our faith; Paul has known suffering, he has been persecuted, beaten, imprisoned and left for dead all because of his work for Christ. Yet he stands firm knowing that God loves him.

John the Baptist died because he would not compromise on his beliefs; he spoke the truth and those who hide from the truth killed him. Jesus knows that this will also be his fate; he will not hide from it, he goes forward in the face of opposition because of His love for the people. He tries to find a haven of peace to grieve for his cousin, but the weight of his responsibilities will not allow him peace. So He goes to the people again, He heals those who are sick and then, in a moment of true compassion He feeds both their physical bodies and their questioning minds. Jesus lives out the prophesy of Isaiah in the hills of Judea and gives the people and his disciples a glimpse of the food that is to come; our Eucharist.

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 Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mick Readman, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, 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, 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: Maureen Trundley, Talia Foster, Edward Hills. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Leo Collins, Kerrianne Thomas, Jenny Odell, Canon Patrick Lacey, Monica Lithgo, Michael & Christine Magee, Stella Nutall, Michael Vasey, Francis Connor, Frederick Vasey, Mark Crawford, Dennis Hanna, Catherine Gofton, James Edward Roche, John Meadley, Teresa Wearmouth, Hilda Walker, John Hall, Martin Emerson, Mary Clyburn, Barbara Horton, Veronica Cochrane, Mildred Ellen Storey, Margaret Leighton, Raymond Charlton Tyreman, Eileen Gardner, Molly Swift, John Dwyer, Teresa Watson, Alfred Garthwaite, Bernard Curren, Joseph Cooke, Patrick Hanley, Derick Leach, John James Hall, Chiara Louise Griffiths, Alice Cormack, Joe Taylor, Thelma Murphy, Joseph Cornforth, Ernest Dawson Curren, Phyllis Glazebrook, Honor 'Nona' Snowdon, William James, June Watson, Dennis Gould, Susan Powell, Pamela Noble, Elaine Morrell, Rosemary Brown, Gerry Constantine, 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:

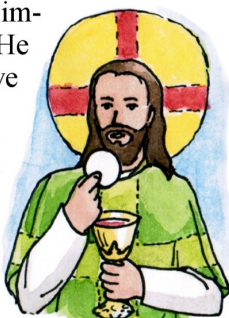
Jesus Feeds Five Thousand with five loaves and two fish



In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

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