

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 November 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 3rd November	All Souls	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			
Tuesday 4th November	St Charles Borromeo	12.05pm Mass William & Annorah Spalding			
Wednesday 5th November				9.30am Mass November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 6th November			9.30am Mass November Mass for the Deceased 10.30am Funeral Service Edith Henderson		
Friday 7th November	St Willibrord	10.00am Funeral Service Sarah Killen 12.05pm Mass John Cann Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 8th November	(Vigil) The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions Remembrance Sunday 4.00pm Mass Veronica & Alf Aspinall and Family		Remembrance Sunday 6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan	
Sunday 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Mass Nora Garthwaite	Remembrance Sunday 9.00am Mass John & Winnie Oliver		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Joseph's
Tuesday 4th November - 9.30am 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
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: 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 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.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND - We will be holding a collection for the Clergy Training Fund this Sunday. 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.

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.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW - Limited tickets are available at the back of church for £5 each. All proceeds go to Significance, supporting YMT and the Emmaus Village. The draw closes Friday 14 November and will take place on Youth Sunday, 23 November, live from St Mary's, Hexham. Tickets can also be bought by calling Emmaus Village on 01207 592244, or emailing significance316@gmail.com.

PIE & PEA SUPPER - Join us for an evening of good food and even better company! St Patrick's Church will be hosting a Pie and Pea Supper on Friday 28th November at 7pm. Tickets are available at £5 each. To help us cater for everyone, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of Church, so please include any dietary needs. If you have a raffle prize to donate, please drop it in to the Parish Office. Thanks.

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

"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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Summer 2026 is the 100th Pilgrimage of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 31 July to Friday 7 August 2026. If you would like any more information about the pilgrimage, please visit the Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage organisers are also looking for young people (16+) to register as youth helpers. If any young people of our parish would be interested in taking up this opportunity, there may be some sponsorship available, please speak with Canon Paul.

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

200 CLUB - October winners: 1st prize £150 No. 92 Kath Wilkinson, 2nd prize £75 No. 79 Pat Dolan, 3rd prize £25 No. 100 Sheila Simmons. Congratulations!

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, on Sunday 9th November, will be for the SVP.

First reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

‘We shall see God as he is.’

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

REFLECTION

Today we should celebrate, for this is our feast day. We have been called by God to be counted among his saints and if we respond to this call we will become children of God.

The late Pope Francis wrote “The saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed”. The sanctity of God has touched our lives and left a mark upon us so that we have the ability to share his love with all we meet and serve as a beacon of light to all peoples.

Our first reading from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of the gathering of the saints in heaven worshipping God. Our fellow Christians are suffering each day for their faith in many parts of the world. These are our modern martyrs; they follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before. The passage speaks of “a great multitude that no one could number from all tribes and peoples and languages”. They stand in worship before the throne of God. Today we remember them as our departed brothers and sisters in Christ. The psalm speaks of “the people who seek him”. Each of us has a place among these people. We are called to be “Clean of hands and pure of heart” simple as this may seem we are only asked to act always with humanity and love.

The letters of Saint John give us hope in what is to come. He speaks of the love of the Father coming upon His children. We are His sons and daughters, and we stand against the world that does not know Him. Our Christian duty is to bring hope into this world of despair, to bring peace to this world of conflict and inequality.

The Gospel passage from Matthew reminds us of the great blessings that Jesus brings to those who would listen. It is His manifesto, and unlike the political manifestos that we hear from time to time, this is a promise that can be fulfilled. We have the power to comfort those who mourn, to care for the meek, to help feed the hungry and thirsty. We can do this for those around us in so many ways. All we need is to see and respond. We must work for a fairer and better world and, though we are small together we can bring change. We will be met with opposition, with disparaging remarks, with barriers but we are not alone we have our Saviour, standing among us, leading us to His light.

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 Roocroft, 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: Sarah Killen, Edith Henderson, Valerie Twidale. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: John William McHale, Thomas Jackson, Rose Caffrey, John O'Donovan, Thomas Hutchinson, Dorothy Swain, Elizabeth Styles, Thomas Swales, Annie Murphy, Joan Coates, John Whitehead, Doreen Hudson, Martha Spence, Brian Ashford, Alan Anthony Mulcahy, Frances Stallard, Margaret Corr, Mary Elizabeth (Molly) McCarthy, Mary Winspear, Elsie Hornby, Mary Salvin, Mary Howe, Mary Marshall, Brian Wearmouth, Rozalja Poll, Elizabeth Rowson, Nora Spalding, Clifford Lax, Jack Harrison, Olive Thompson, Patricia Orton, Michael Linighan, Donald Strickland, Hannah Huntley, Annie Pounder, Catherine Gill, John Moore, John James William Smith, Doris Scott, Betty Davies, Fr Stephen Johnson, John Morrison, Mary Moore, Susan Totty, John Joy, 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:

Praying for the Holy Souls

All Souls' Day is a special day when we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Do you know what Purgatory is?

*Eternal rest
grant unto
him, O Lord.*



When people die, their souls go either to Heaven or Hell- if they loved God they will go to Heaven, and if they chose not to love God then they will go to Hell. But some people love God and still do sins. Their souls are dirty with the stain of sin, but they did not choose to reject God altogether. Those souls need to be cleaned before they can go into Heaven.

Purgatory is the place where the souls go who are not clean enough to go straight to Heaven. They have to wait until they have suffered enough to make up for their sins.



Probably most people we know who have died are in Purgatory. We should pray for them whenever we think of them- if we see a picture of them, or hear someone talking about them, or if we hear of someone who just died.

God will hear our prayers and accept the sacrifices we make for the holy souls so that they can go to Heaven sooner. Do you think they will pray for us when they get there?



Answer to front page puzzle: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

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What can we do for the souls suffering in Purgatory?

*Use every other letter to fill in the blanks
and you will have a little prayer you can say for them-
every day!*

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