

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 4th October 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 3rd October	(Vigil) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass NHS Filipino Nurses 25th Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 4th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass My Family 12.30pm Animal Blessing Service	9.00am Mass James Kitching & Thomas Lawson		
Monday 5th October		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Mary Wilfe & Vincent Atkinson			
Tuesday 6th October		12.05pm Mass RT & M Hey			
Wednesday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary			9.30am Mass Grandsons	
Thursday 8th October			9.30am Mass Steven Tierney		
Friday 9th October	St John Henry Newman	12.05pm Mass Mary O'Connor			
Saturday 10th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sean Charlton Anniversary Bernard Boylan Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Alf Facchini	
Sunday 11th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sister Beatrice Molyneux	9.00am Mass All affected by A66 crash		

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TS24 9LX

St Mary's
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SCHOOL MASSES

No school Masses this week

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



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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - We will shortly begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th November. Application forms are available at the back of our churches and on our website. If anyone in Year 9 or above would like to be Confirmed, please return your completed application form to the parish office.

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 4th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - Please place any Mass request envelopes in the collection basket at the offertory of the Mass, ensuring that all details are filled in (especially the telephone number). Mass intentions will be coordinated from the Parish Office. 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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Could those ministers who visit our sick and housebound parishioners on behalf of the parish please ensure the parish office has up-to-date details about whom you are visiting. If circumstances or details change, please let Laura know as soon as possible so we can update parish records.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - As part of our ongoing diocesan-wide discernment, the Parish Pastoral Council have identified various areas which we can develop as a parish. It is proposed that we establish our own parish marriage preparation course. We are looking for volunteers (married couples) to be trained to deliver this course. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Canon Paul.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The Parish Pastoral Council have also proposed that we establish our own bereavement support group. We are therefore looking for volunteers to be trained to deliver this listening support. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Deacon Jeff.

PET BLESSING SERVICE - All pets and their owners are invited to join us for a special Blessing Service, on Sunday 4th October at 12.30pm, at the side of St Joseph's on the grassed area adjoining Hutton Avenue.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - For those who are participating in this pilgrimage, there will be a meeting at 1pm on Sunday 4th October in the Parish Centre Hall. This will be an opportunity to finalise arrangements.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on Saturday 6th March. The theme is 'TAKE COURAGE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with the school chaplain, or Canon Paul if you would like to participate.

TABLETOP - We are planning a Tabletop sale at St Patrick's on Saturday 7th November, 10am - 2pm, and are now taking bookings for tables. £10 per table. If you would like to book a table, please contact the Parish Office. Further details about the event will be announced in due course.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in will be Sunday 8th November 2026. We plan to pay out on Sunday 22nd November 2026.

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 is for CAFOD's Family Fast Day.
The next collection will take place on Prisoner's Sunday, 12th October, for the work of PACT.

First reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

‘The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.’

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

‘Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.’

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 21:33-43**

‘He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.’

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

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.

REFLECTION

Being able to reassure people when things are getting difficult is a tremendous gift; Paul, writing from prison to his friends in Philippi, can see past his own problems and find time to give solace to those who need his strength in their infant church communities. What gives him the power to do this? From somewhere he finds the only answer he can give them; they must pray for those things that worry them and the God of compassion will come to their aid. Prayer is the great consoler; it gives us hope, it frees us from anxiety. and it strengthens those around us. It leads us to the peace of God which, as Paul assures us, is much greater than we can understand.

Today’s passage from his letter to the Philippians shows Paul at his best; when faced with overwhelming odds he always brings us back to the simple truth; If we live in the way that Jesus taught us then no matter what we face we can go forward with hope and the love of God, and those around us, will circle us and give us peace and strength. He urges us to be true, be honourable, be just, be pure, be lovely, be commendable; these Christian virtues are the only real things of value in life, hold to them and by your example others will find strength and consolation.

The first reading and the Gospel both have a common theme; the creation of a vineyard. In Isaiah the vineyard is built for the benefit of the people of Israel. They however will not look after it; they leave it to the briar and the thorn. Instead of the vineyard being a source of wealth it becomes a source of division, and it is laid to waste. In the Gospel the vineyard is rebuilt this time by a owner who wants desperately for it to succeed. However, those who are the tenants, the chief priests and the elders, mistreat the owner’s servants and, when the owner sends his son to them, they seize him and kill him. Jesus foretells his own death through the parable of the vineyard. He warns the people of Israel that if they reject the vineyard once again then it will be taken from them. In our day this story still runs true; we are now the workers in the vineyard; we too must work to ensure only good wine is created for the warning in the parable applies to us today.

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, 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, Dave Nugent, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Nora Rumble, 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: Thomas Collins, Frank Gould, Catherine Blyth. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Edmund Niland, Simeon Fraser, Dorothy Brand, Linda Rackstraw, Joseph Jennings, Josephine Worthy, Dennis Clifford, John Lewis, John Carroll, Kathleen Mitchell, Evelyn Davison, Christine Whitehouse, Arnold Myers, Kathleen Coombe, Michael Thomas Porritt, Eileen Biddle, Edith Waller, William Graham, Fr John Kennedy, Edith Alice Potts, Robert (Bobby) McDonald, Lily Rickerby, Madge Wilson, Peter Carter, Joanne Liddle, Thomas Francis McCarthy, Anne Cole, Clare Marie Jagger, Sheila Jenkins, Steven Tierney, James Kitching, Ernest Crowe, Eileen Foster, Nancy Metcalf, Winifred Atkinson, Nicholas Caden, Doreen Magee, Winifred M Young, Sean Alexander Charlton, Stuart Robert Anderson, Philip Wilkinson, Dorothy Swift, Frank Connor, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

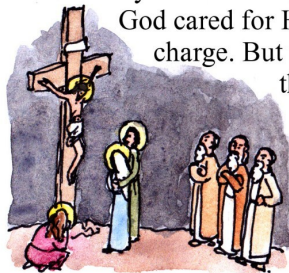
Kids Corner

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.



In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



Answer to front puzzle: They killed him.

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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2026



What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.

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