

# 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 5th April 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 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	
Monday 6th April					
Tuesday 7th April		12.05pm Mass Souls of the Rebello Family			
Wednesday 8th April				9.30am Mass Jean Jacques	
Thursday 9th April			12.00pm Requiem Mass Emma Noble 2.00pm Funeral Service Winifred Mitchelson		
Friday 10th April		12.05pm Mass Patrick Northey			
Saturday 11th April	(Vigil) Divine Mercy Sunday	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mr & Mrs Vaughan		6.00pm Mass Holy Souls	
Sunday 12th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	10.30am Mass Barry Hogan	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		

### Parish Clergy

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Very Rev. Canon Paul Douthwaite  
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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

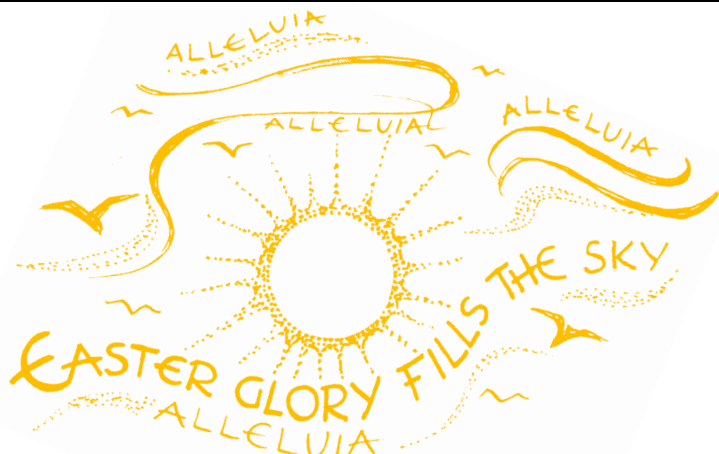
Sun: After 10.30am Mass  
Coffee Morning @ Parish Centre Hall

Mon: 10.30am-11.30am  
Praise & Worship Prayer Group  
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

**Restarts 21st April**  
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



### 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.

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**THANK YOU** - A big thanks to those who have enabled our Holy Week services to be so beautiful and meaningful this year. Special thank you to those who prepared the churches and facilitated the liturgies over the past week.

**SICK & RETIRED CLERGY (NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND)** - The annual collection for the NBF is next week, and will remain open until 18th April.

**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 29th 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.

**"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.

**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. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

**CLEANERS WANTED** - We're looking for a few helping hands to join our volunteers at St Joseph's Church on Friday mornings from 10.45am until Mass. Many hands make light work, and tea/coffee will be provided. Thank you for your support.

**200 CLUB** - The March Draw has been made. Our winners are: 1st prize £150 John Twydale, 2nd prize £100 Mary Linighan, and 3rd prize £50 Denise Morrison. Congratulations to our winners.



## 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** - There will be a collection for sick and retired priests (NBF) this Sunday, 12th April.

**First reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**‘We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.’**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

**Response:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-9

**‘He must rise from the dead.’**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

One approach to the Easter Sunday scriptures is to begin at the Gospel and work your way back to the first reading. Using this approach, you find a new way to look at familiar passages and discover a depth to the readings you may not have noticed before.

Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb early and in darkness. When we began to discover what our faith was about, we were, perhaps, very young and willing to accept what we were taught. After a time, and this happens I suppose to everyone, the darkness of the world that surrounds us begins to hide those early beliefs and can lead us away from God. Last night we celebrated the Mass of Light; light came into the world to banish the darkness. This light is the light of faith and just as it allowed Mary to see that the stone had been rolled away so too this light enables us, and all who seek for Christ, to see and understand, to banish the darkness in our own lives.

Peter and John must have been devastated by the events of the last few days; despite their good intentions; their frail human spirits have let them down. Now they see that something is happening and they race towards it at breakneck speed. Can you imagine the thoughts that are tumbling through their minds; what new torment are they going to endure. The tomb is open; the grave clothes lie empty but carefully wrapped and, instead of fear, their hearts are filled with hope. This is no grave robbery; the tomb is empty, Jesus is risen, and death is defeated because, in truth, death cannot overcome love.

Peter lived through the days of Christ, he walked those dusty ways with Him, every experience is written into his memory. Now he begins to understand and that understanding fills him with the need to tell, everyone he meets, of his life with Jesus. In today’s passage he meets Cornelius who represents the Gentiles; he is a Roman official who is coming to faith, the flickering light he sees is fanned into a flame through his meeting with Peter and by the power of God’s grace that has entered his life. Just as last night’s converts found their courage to say yes to the invitation from Christ to join his church so Cornelius, in his day, adds his acceptance of the way, the truth and the life offered by Our Risen 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.**

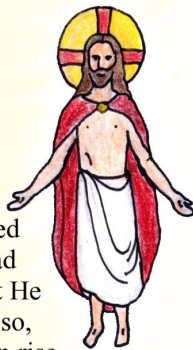
**Recently Deceased:** Emma Noble, Winifred Mitchelson, Joseph Tierney, David Kennedy, Brian Dollin. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** John Kelly, Elgar Forster, Joan Mary Arnold, Terence Howe, Thelma Marie Dolman, Joseph Phelan, Cyril Stothard, Irene Reddington, Theresa Lavery, Violet Turner, Keith Higgins, Alice Tomlinson, Derrick Gowland, Gertrude Graham, Winifred Goss, Gordon Pearson, Kenneth Abdullah, Margaret Lewis, Sheila Caden, Ellen Hodgson, Joe Waller, Marjorie Neenan, Amelia Dickinson, Breda Cockburn, Sandra Heron, William Perry, Marie Baxter, Marlene Crowther, Monica Chimusta, Enda Hildrith, Thomas McGarry, Joan Smith, Marie-Jeanne Storm, Peggy McPherson, Maureen Aisbitt, Catherine Gillen (Kitty), Peter Garthwaite, Matthew (Matty) Purcell, Joe McKie, Winifred Stokle, Margaret Lee, Martin Murray, Canon John Bell, Thomas Harvey, Dennis Grieveson, Bernard Decosemo, Stephen Littlewood, Allen Littlewood, Rita Malcolm, Beresford Hughes, James Taylor, Ann Irene Wharton, John Cavanagh, Margaret Hooks, Ellen Williams, Frederick Parker, 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:

### Alleluia!

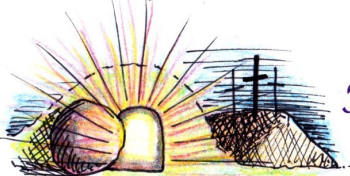
Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

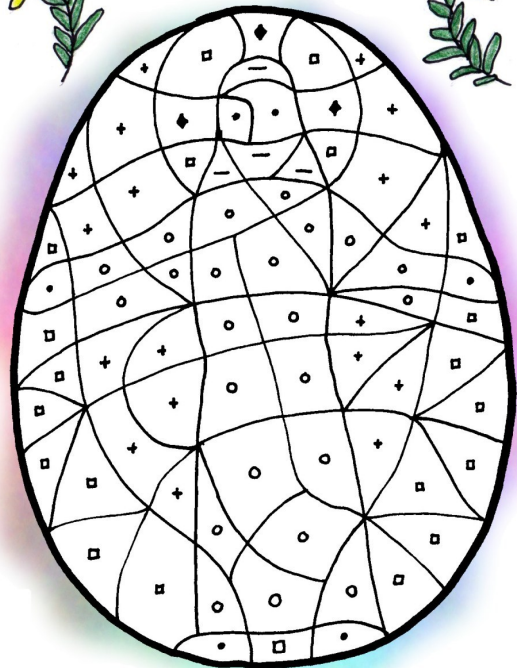
But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day  
for rejoicing!  
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



## The Kids' Bulletin

*Easter Sunday  
April 5th, 2026*



*The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!*

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| ◆ Red    | + Purple | • Skin-colour |
| ■ Yellow | - Brown  | • White       |

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