

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 July 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 4th July	(Vigil) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Andrew Longworth		6.00pm Mass Frankie Bone	
Sunday 5th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Ellen McKenna		
Monday 6th July		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass William & Elizabeth Carroll			
Tuesday 7th July		12.05pm Mass Edith & Tommy Wigham			
Wednesday 8th July				9.30am Requiem Mass Bernard Cooper	
Thursday 9th July			9.30am Mass Deceased members of the McGarry Family		
Friday 10th July		12.05pm Mass The King Family			
Saturday 11th July	(Vigil) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Nellie & Jimmy Elener		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 12th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Eileen Lyle		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's Monday 6th July - 2.00pm Leavers Mass	St Joseph's Tuesday 7th July - 9.30am Leavers Mass	St Cuthbert's Wednesday 8th July - 2.00pm Leavers Mass
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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
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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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than 17th July 2026. There will be a 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 29th July at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

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.

GARDENING - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL - The school are looking for parishioners to volunteer to work with pupil chaplains in the school. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact them via email on admin@stteresashartlepool.bhcet.org.uk.

FR JOSEPH O'BRIEN - As announced recently, Fr Joseph has been appointed as Parochial Vicar (Curate) to the parish of Holy Family, Hartlepool. He will take up his appointment officially on 1st September 2026, however, Fr Joseph will be visible during the summer whilst on annual leave before taking up his appointment. Fr Joseph will be resident at St Joseph's Presbytery.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Further to additional interest, it now appears that the pilgrimage is viable. This will be a hybrid parish pilgrimage from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026. could everyone who has expressed an interest please contact the parish office and give your details (name, telephone number, email address) to Laura.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBECUE - Join us for a sizzling afternoon of food and fun at St John Vianney's Church grounds on Sunday 26th July from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are available at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. All are welcome. To help us cater for everyone, there will also be a sign up sheet available at the back of church, so please include any dietary needs.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - If you have got raffle tickets for the 2026 Summer Raffle, please can you ensure monies/stubs are returned to Mary Carter at St Joseph's Church as soon as possible.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - The next meeting date is Tuesday 7th July at 6.30pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - There is a meeting on Monday 13th July after 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's. Please meet in the Boardroom.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting of the Social Committee in the Parish Centre to discuss the coming Barbecue on Friday 10th July at 12.30pm after Mass at St Joseph's.

200 CLUB - Due to illness, the June draw will now take place on Sunday 5th July in St Patrick's Coffee Morning after morning Mass.

SVP - SVP are appealing for new members to join us in Holy Family Parish. Please come along to the next meeting in the Parish Centre Hall on Friday 31st July after 12.05pm Mass to find out what we do and how much we need you.

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 12th July for Stella Maris.

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.’

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

‘If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.’

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

‘I am gentle and lowly in heart.’

At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

REFLECTION

How do we come to know God the Father? How do we see Him? This week’s readings give an insight into the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. That insight leads us towards understanding but there is always a sense that we cannot know him until we meet him face to face and that is something that lies in a future time.

The God of the Old Testament always appeared to be distant and unforgiving. An example, perhaps, of a strict father who frightened small children into being good. A fear that is gone now just as an adult leaves childhood fantasies behind when he sees a very different figure emerging in the reality of understanding. Zechariah had a vision of God which was different from that of those around him. While they looked for a God, mighty in battle and prepared to crush those who opposed him, he saw a humble God, one who would bring peace, not at the head of a mighty army, but from the saddle of a donkey. A God not of anger and retribution but of love and forgiveness.

Paul saw God through the light of the sacrifice of Jesus. He recognised him in the Spirit that was flowing through those who believed in him. A God who made his home, not in a palace, but in the hearts of men and women of faith. Paul recognised that those who lived a spiritual life were close to God, that the Spirit of God dwelled within them, and through this closeness they would live forever. He also knew that each of us is capable of this spiritual life if we have the courage to reach out and live it.

How did Jesus see His Father? This passage from Matthew reveals God as a real father figure as Jesus uses very simple language to help us to come to know Him. We do not need to be clever or learned to know the Father. If we come to him as a little child approaches his daddy, then we will find ourselves in tune with the music of his love. We need to trust, we need to take a leap of faith, into his arms and surrender to his love. Then surely our burdens will be lightened, our way clearer and the light that leads us to faith will grow bright and strong.

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 Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Peter Saint, 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.*

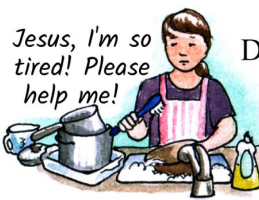
Recently Deceased: Brian Saint, Bernard Cooper, John Bailey, Vera Maureen Sandick. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Joe Garner, Edith McGarry, Freda James, Rex Simmons, Colin Noble, Patrick Gillan, Richard Catterick, Sheila Kelly, David Freeman, Elizabeth Cotter, Hilda Corridon, Stanley Vasey, Linda Mahoney, Vera Stonehouse, Catherine Jennings, Catherine Constantine, Madeleine Hill, Annelie Lucie Marie Wilcox, Joseph Healey, Patricia Raine, Ursula Rowntree, Catherine Jennings, Mary Constantine, Baby Alfie Peter Hart, Bob Garraghan, Ronald Michael Dring, Mary Butterfield, Kenneth Wilson, John Hutchinson, Miriam Fraser, Mary Cooper, Elizabeth Lydia Timlin, Mr. L Willis, Mary Ann Healey, Monica Taylerson, Joyce Armstrong, Timothy Denis Johnston, John 'Robert' Price, Samuel Lewis Everett, Fr Michael Keoghan, Angela Fletcher, Ana Reina Sevillo Portillo, Christopher McDonough, Mary Freeman, Kathleen Harvey, Joan Carney, Thomas Adams, James Neville, Rachel Newbury, Robert Bell, 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:

"I Will Give You Rest"

Today Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." God understands that we get tired and worn out. He wants us to come to Him when we need to rest. He refreshes our souls and gives us the energy and strength to carry on.



Do you ever feel like quitting when a job gets hard? Maybe you get tired of school or helping your Mom or Dad. When you feel like giving up it's time to start

praying! Your work might seem easier when you pray, but even if it still seems hard you will be happier knowing that you are doing it for God.

Jesus tells us to take His yoke on our shoulders. A yoke is a sort of bar that is used to help carry heavy things. Jesus is saying that we should do His work. For some people that means preaching like He did, or healing the sick, or being a priest, but for most people it means just doing everything we have to do out of love for God.

Wow! This all seems easier now!



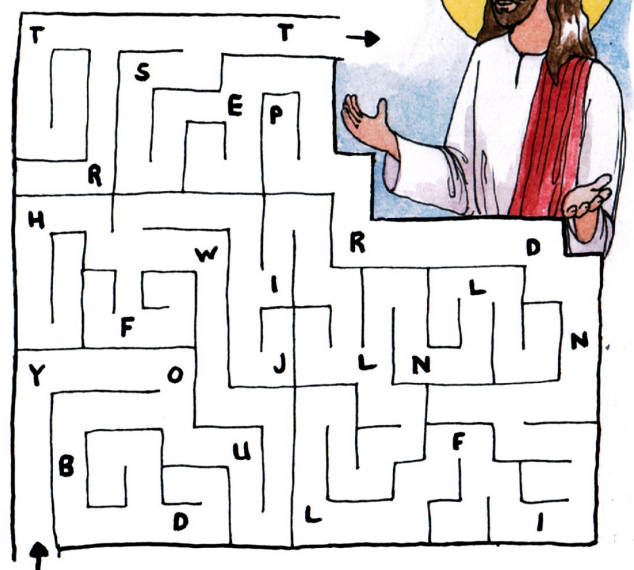
Answer to maze on front: You will find rest.

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The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5th, 2026

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.