

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 October 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 4th October	(Vigil) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Terry Collins		2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 5th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Mary Wilf & Vince Atkinson 30 Years Anniversary	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		
Monday 6th October		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Tommy & Mary King			
Tuesday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	12.05pm Mass Special Intention (Sick Granddaughter)			
Wednesday 8th October		10.30am Requiem Mass Cecilia Best		9.30am Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle	
Thursday 9th October	St John Henry Newman				
Friday 10th October	St Paulinus of York	12.05pm Mass Holy Souls			
Saturday 11th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sean Charlton Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Alf Facchini	
Sunday 12th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Special Intention (Elsy-Francis and the 25th Anniversary of Mathew)	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

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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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 Wednesday 5th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID ENVELOPE NO 9 - Due to an administrative error, we need the holder of Gift Aid Envelope No 9 to contact the Parish Office to confirm your details. Sorry for the inconvenience. Many thanks, Dave Frank

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - This Family Fast Day, CAFOD is highlighting its work with communities in Ethiopia facing climate challenges, where our donations fund vital water infrastructure projects. This is alongside CAFOD's continued response to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan through trusted local Church partners. There will be a collection this Sunday. Your support enables us to provide practical assistance for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - A call to all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who did not receive a form at the Day of Recollection. Please collect one from the office, complete and return as soon as possible as it is imperative from a safeguarding perspective that we know those ministers who are visiting the sick and who they are visiting. This will enable us to keep our parish records up to date.

200 CLUB - The 200 Club Winners last Sunday were:- 1st prize £150 no. 89 Clare Ferguson, 2nd prize £75 no.35 Elaine McGarry, 3rd prize £25 no.128 Anne Hoey. Half yearly subs (£12.50) and quarterly subs (£6.25) are now due. There are numbers still available if anyone wishes to join. Please contact the parish office. There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we kindly 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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE - Please meet in St Joseph's boardroom at 12.30pm on Saturday 11th October.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Join us in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 11th October, from 10.30am till 1pm. There will be a cake stall, a card stall, tombola, handmade flowers and crafts, as well as tea and coffee.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL VACANCY - EMS are looking for a permanent Chaplain, 37 hrs per week TTO+ 5 days. Applications are invited from compassionate, dedicated and committed practising Catholics, who are innovative and motivated for this role. The appointed person will demonstrate the ability to create a nurturing environment, together with a commitment to bringing out the best in every student. For more information, please contact Lisa Smith on 01429 273790 or via recruitment@ems.bhccet.org.uk. The closing date is 17th October 2025, 12pm.

HARTLEPOOL LADIES CHOIR CONCERT - On Friday 17th October, at 7.30pm in St Hilda's Church, join us for our annual concert, an evening of wonderful music and song. There'll be refreshments available during the interval and, as always, the raffle will be great! Tickets are £10 (under 12's are free but must be accompanied by an adult), available from choir members, or you can pay at the door.

Mass of Christ the Saviour

*Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace 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,
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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, 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 to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Thank you.

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

‘The righteous shall live by his faith.’

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the Lord answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

‘Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.’

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts.’

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

‘Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.’

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever

and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

‘If you had faith.’

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, “Come at once and recline at table”? Will he not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink”? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.” ’

REFLECTION

There are times when the love of God seems to be far from our lives; times when the daily struggle overwhelms us and we cry out to God in anguish. Today’s first reading from the prophet Habakkuk is a powerful reminder that this feeling of isolation is nothing new. He lived in a time of great despair in Judah; the nation was enslaved by the Babylonians and was without hope. The people had lost faith in God and only a remnant remained faithful and turned to God in their prayer for freedom. Habakkuk receives his answer through a vision, a promise: for redemption will come “if it seems slow, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not delay”, So take heart, God will not fail us, He loves us in our faithfulness.

Paul’s mission was to spread the news of salvation to all the world. He was a very astute man, he understood that faith does not come fully grown, that it must be nurtured, worked upon, for it to grow; and it is fragile like a hot house flower, susceptible to the cold reality of the world. He speaks to us today “I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is within you.” Paul reminds us that this gift is not of timidity but of power and love and self- control. His audience would contain a great number of slaves to whom the concept of power would be far from their reality, and he urges them to “share in suffering for the Gospel by the power of God”. This lesson is for us also in today’s world; we may not be slaves in the sense of the first century, but we are enslaved by the pressures of modern life, and we need to be constantly vigilant in protecting the gift of faith given to us by Christ.

Jesus was a very patient man; his apostles always seem to struggle with his teaching, and he leads them slowly to understanding. They have listened to his criticism of the Pharisees, and they seek guidance from him about themselves. He reminds them that they should not act like masters but as servants, always considering others before themselves. We must always be careful that our faith does not become a symbol of superiority, but a sign of God’s love and our duty is to spread that love through our families, friends, neighbours and into the world.

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, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, 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 Rookcroft, 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: Cecilia Best, Thomas Hay, Peter Wilson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

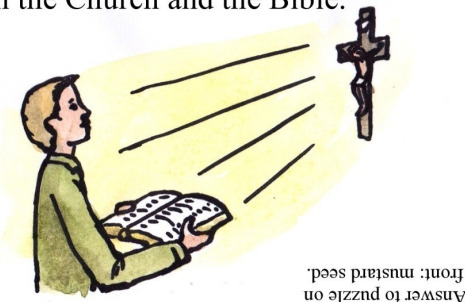
Anniversaries that occur at this time: Eileen Biddle, Edith Waller, William Graham, Fr John Kennedy, Edith Alice Potts, Robert (Bobby) McDonald, Lily Rickerby, Madge Wilson, Peter Carter, Joanne Liddle, Thomas Francis McCarthy, Anne Cole, Clare Marie Jagger, Sheila Jenkins, Steven Tierney, James Kitching, 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: faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



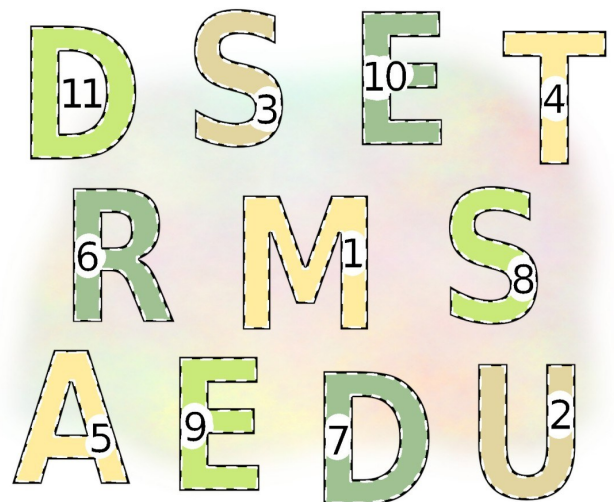
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The Kids' Bulletin

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th, 2025**

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



"If you have faith the size of a

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you.

Luke 17:5-10