

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 6th September 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 5th September	(Vigil) 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm - 1.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Wallace James Reed 15th Anniversary		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 6th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Maureen Trundle		
Monday 7th September		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Honor Snowden			
Tuesday 8th September	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.05pm Mass Special Intention			
Wednesday 9th September				9.30am Mass Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady for Prayers Answered	
Thursday 10th September			9.30am Mass Peggy & Elgar Forster		
Friday 11th September		12.05pm Mass Holy Souls			
Saturday 12th September	(Vigil) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Robert (Bob) Banks Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving for Organ Transplant	
Sunday 13th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Jimmy Dobing Anniversary	9.00am Mass In Thanksgiving for 57 Years of Marriage		

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St Patrick's
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St John Vianney's
King Oswy Drive
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TS24 9LX

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Durham Street
TS24 0HD

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's
Monday 7th September - 9.30am Mass

St Joseph's
Tuesday 8th September - 9.30am Mass

WEEKLY GROUPS

Sun: After 9am Mass
Coffee Morning
St Patrick's Hall

Sun: After 10.30am Mass
Coffee Morning
Parish Centre Hall

Restarts 14th September
Praise & Worship Prayer Group
Nazareth 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. There is a meeting for parents of applicants 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 9th September at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHURCH GREETING ASSISTANCE - As you will be aware, we have a number of people who greet people on entering the churches of our parish at the Sunday Masses. This is a very important ministry of welcome. We would like to extend this ministry to other liturgical celebrations which take place in our churches. Particularly, we would be grateful if anyone could volunteer, on a rota basis, to welcome people attending the Baptisms at St Joseph's on Saturdays. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

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. 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.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - We are hoping to meet with members of our ethnically diverse parish community to listen to your experiences and ideas, and to explore how we can become a more welcoming and inclusive parish for everyone. A group meeting will take place on Sunday 6th September, after Mass at St Joseph's, in the Parish Centre Hall during the coffee morning. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their thoughts and suggestions.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Join us for our next day out on a trip to Skipton Market on Wednesday 23rd September. Travel will be by luxury coach with toilet facilities, the cost is £16 per person to be paid no later than Wednesday 16th. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

ALTAR SERVERS - If you haven't received a form from Fr Joseph at Mass this weekend, please get one from him or from the office as soon as possible. We are in the process of updating our records in order to keep all of servers safe and cared for, and in order to bring the parish in line with new legislation. Please speak to Fr Joseph if you have any questions.

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.

LUNCH CLUB - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Lunch Club is cancelled this week and will recommence on 15th September.

DAY TRIP - Our Over 60's Club are planning a day trip to Bury Market on Friday 25th September, and the trip is open to anyone who would like to join us. The cost is £15 per person. The coach will leave St Patrick's Church at 9am and will depart Bury at 4.30pm for the journey home. For more information or to book your place, please contact Roisheen on 07914946316.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Patricia James is on Monday 7th September, at 1pm, at Stranton Crematorium.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - As a reminder, the next meeting date agreed is Tuesday 8th September at 6.30pm. Please meet in the boardroom at St Joseph's.

200 CLUB - Congratulations to the winners of our August draw: 1st Prize No. 135, Sheila Atkinson £150; 2nd Prize No. 75, Lydia Gooding £100; and 3rd Prize No. 186, Kitty Newstead £50.

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 special collection is on Sunday 20th September, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’

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

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet’, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

‘If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.’

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

The question behind today's readings goes to the very heart of the Christian message. How do we treat our neighbour? Do we go out of our way to help them; do we stand aside and ignore them or is our attitude somewhere in-between? Some years ago the church issued a document called “The Common Good”; this document called upon us to care for all the members of our society no matter what their beliefs or social standing.

The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the actions of a wicked man. It stresses our responsibility to speak to the wicked man and warn him of the danger he faces if he persists in his wickedness. If we do this then our responsibility comes to an end; if we fail to do this then his sin is also our sin. This seems harsh but God calls on us to love our neighbour as ourselves and we need to consider very carefully the meaning of this responsibility.

Paul cuts to the crux of the matter; he has this ability to find the words to express relationship at its deepest level. He tells us “Owe no one anything, except to love each other, For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law”. He goes on to speak of the commandments of love and the sins that we must avoid. We know in our deepest being that love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. Do we fail our neighbours if we do not condemn their sinful actions?

The eighteenth chapter of Matthew's gospel is a discourse or reflection on the role of the church. In this chapter are the passages about who is the greatest, on leading others astray, on lost sheep, on brotherly correction and on Jesus' promise to be where two or three are gathered in His name. Today's passage is on brotherly love and reflects the Jewish law regarding disputes with others. One of the aspects of this teaching is that it is our responsibility to act with love in these disputes; we must always seek reconciliation before punishment. This goes to the very heart of the message of Jesus; “love one another as I have loved you”. The final paragraph has been a source of great consolation to the church down the centuries; “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” *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, 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: PC Matthew Blades, Michael Readman, Mary "June" Reed, Colin Hewitt. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Jack Brannan, Walter Hay, Joyce McMorris, Kathleen Peacock, Norah Faulkner, Ray Worthy, Doreen Botham, John Elliott, Wallace Reed, Stephen Gibbon, James Neville, Michael Cooke, Mary Harper, Daniel O'Donovan, Peter Alan Liddle, Maurice Weegram, Christopher Hodgson, David Capocci, Peter Standen, Moira Auton, Doreen Parker, John Larkin, Debra Hall, William Lyle, Clare Caffrey, Owen Cawley, Hugh Bantoft, Tessa Crannage, Norah Belinda Stevens, Leo Elliott, Kenneth Knight, Agnes Taylor, Pauline Foreman, George Jackson, Elizabeth Bradley, Evelyn Carter, Albert Ernest Lindsay, Lisa Harland, Albert Shadforth, Anne Hall, Bob Banks, William Egglestone, Leslie Sothern, Joan Carberry, Robert Pounder, Albert Lindsay, Joanne Gray, Stephen Poll, John Hogan, 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:

*What should I do
when somebody else sins?*

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



Answer to puzzle on front: yes!

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The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6th, 2026

*Sometimes we see other people doing things
that we know are wrong.
When we see other people doing sins, does
Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*

