

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 8th February 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 7th February	(Vigil) 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass of Healing (Our Lady of Lourdes) Frank Costello 11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thomas & Roseann Nealon		6.00pm Mass Graham Connor	
Sunday 8th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Derek Snowdon	9.00am Mass Catherine & Charles Bamford		
Monday 9th February		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Stanislaw Mrozek			
Tuesday 10th February	St Scholastica	12.05pm Mass Aurelia Pesana			
Wednesday 11th February					
Thursday 12th February					
Friday 13th February		12.05pm Mass Thanksgiving (PJ)			
Saturday 14th February	(Vigil) 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Eileen & David Knight		6.00pm Mass Mary Stott	
Sunday 15th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Nellie & Jimmy Elener	9.00am Mass Peter Lynch		

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
 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: 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

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 1st April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - We are open to new savers, it would be great if we could get some new members and beat last years total raised for the parish! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our church. In each church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Sat 4pm: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray. Many thanks.

200 CLUB - Quarter 4 subscriptions are due: £6.25. The Club is always open to new members. The subscription due in April is £25 per annum and can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £100, £50. If you would like to join, let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2026 calendars are available to buy for £4 each from the parish office or from our church piety stalls.

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.

NORTHERN CROSS - This month's Northern Cross features on page 1 our annual Parish Mass for Altar servers which took place on 27th December. It is wonderful to see our parish and our young people being recognised. Once again, a big thank you to our servers for the contribution they make to the life of our parish.

GIFT AID - We are coming up to the end of the financial year and shortly we will be issuing envelopes for 2026–2027. Please note those who use envelopes may find the envelope number has been changed. This is to try and simplify the issue of envelopes and reduce wastage. We are unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please follow the instructions at the bottom of this page. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme, there is no cost to parishioners as the diocese claims the tax paid by Gift Aid members on their offertory donations from the government. If you are a tax payer please consider joining the scheme. Many thanks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Over the coming weeks, we will be establishing a Parish Pastoral Council. Available this weekend at the back of church will be the Constitutions and Statutes. Please feel free to take a copy to read at home. An election will take place at the masses on the weekend of 14/15 February 2026 to elect those members who are not ex officio. As per the Constitutions and Statutes, all parishioners who attend mass that weekend who have reached the age of reason (7 years of age) will have the opportunity to vote for one person. In preparation for this most important event in the life of our parish, please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prior to this vote, please approach the person whom you wish to nominate to receive their consent.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting to discuss coming events on Friday 13th February in the Parish Centre Hall after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

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 for the work of the SVP will be on 15th February.

This Sunday's Readings

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: **Isaiah 58:6-10**

'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:13-16**

'You are the light of the world.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.'

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

REFLECTION

Lent is fast approaching, it is early this year, and our thoughts may be turning to how we are going to mark this Lenten season. When we were children, we were often told to give up something, usually something we liked. Times change and now the current idea is not to give up but to take up during Lent. Today's first reading is very relevant to this idea especially when we look to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Isaiah speaks of a vision that establishes a people who are aware of the world in which they live and how they can serve God through serving others. It is an extension of the thought behind the Beatitudes which we listened to in last week's Gospel. It is a list of practical actions which will benefit those without wealth or power and leads us closer to our loving father. We have the Father's promise "Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am". Read this passage carefully for it can lead you to a new approach as to what you can do to help people during Lent and perhaps for the years to come.

Paul speaks to us of his fears as he journeyed among the nations and spoke of the crucified Christ. He did not come as a powerful orator but as one who wanted to share his faith and help people to change. His purpose was to bring us to faith through the Spirit and power "so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the Power of God"

Salt was an important mineral in the ancient world when preserving food was necessary in the demanding climate that the people lived in. Jesus calls his disciples "You are the salt of the earth" but warns them that salt can lose its effectiveness if it is not used. He also speaks of a lamp which, if put in a basket becomes useless but raised on a lampstand can provide the light that dispels the darkness. In each of these examples he is reminding the people of the words of Isaiah for unless we act as God wants us to and use our gifts to help those in need then we are in danger of becoming worthless salt "no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet" *David Frank*

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

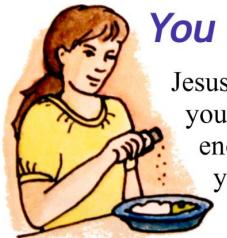
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, David Frank, Lorraine Galen, 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, 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, Sylvie Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John 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: Irena Gibson, Hilda Goodhall, Ronald Joseph Di Duca, Joyce Kealy, Margaret Costello. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Joan Howell, Mary Sawoch, Marjorie Kilvington, Paul Dipper, Hannah Walsh, Hilda Wilson, Kathleen Humphrey, Florence Gofton, Kyle Hess, William Mason, Catherine Gaffney, Mr. T Willis, Margaret Cox, Peggy Armstrong, Ann Moat, Anthony Cunningham, Mark Anthony Knight, Graham Francis Connor, Christine Anne Humbleby, Denis Eldson, John Harrion, George Holtom, Kathleen Gordon, George William (Billy) McDonald, Terry Linighan, Annie Young, Irene Barker, William Stubbs (Billy), James Everett, Mary Margaret Henegan, Terry Jeffries, Betty Hooks, Clara Day, Mary Charlton, Frances Hunter, Eileen Bratt, Sheila Gould, Joan Dixon, John Garthwaite, Lucy Walsh, Josephine Stiven, Francis John Jackson, John McGarry (Jnr), Betty McCluskey, Thomas Hood, Maureen Wallace, John Carter, Martha Cronin, Josephine Stiven, Margaret Bell, Norah Niland, Harold Joseph Twidale, Sheila Laughton, Terence Milburn, Greg Beldon, Mary Frain, Amalia Armstrong, Norah Burnham, Margarita 'Peggy' Thomas, William Kennedy, Janet Lindsay, 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:

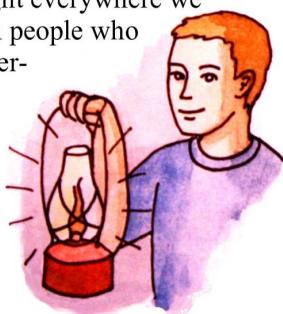
You are the Salt and Light!



Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

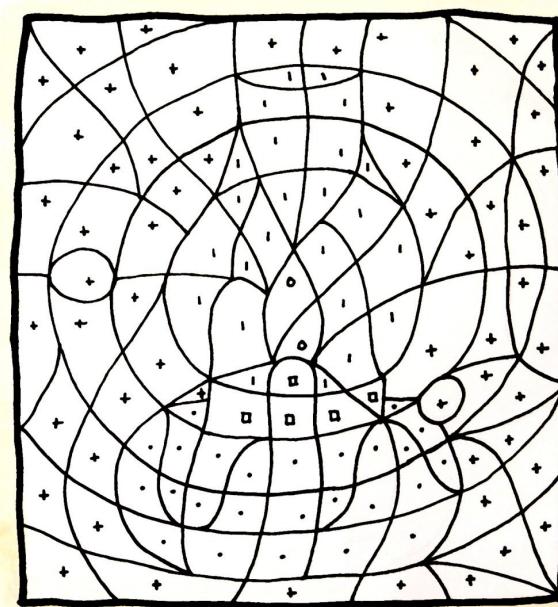
Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.



The Kids' Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8th, 2026



What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

- blue
- white
- orange

- brown
- red