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 November 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 7th November	(Vigil) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**12.30pm Baptisms** **3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Nora Garthwaite Anniversary		**11.30am Baptism** **6.00pm Mass** Michael Linighan	
Sunday 8th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**10.30am Mass** Bob Storer	**9.00am Mass** Bill Parry		
Monday 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	**6.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **6.30pm Mass** Doreen Holdforth			
Tuesday 10th November	St Leo the Great	**12.05pm Mass** November Mass for the Deceased **7.00pm The Source**			
Wednesday 11th November	St Martin of Tours			**9.30am Mass** November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 12th November	St Josaphat		**9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School** November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 13th November		**12.05pm Mass** Jane McEneaney 60th Birthday Remembrance	**1.00pm Funeral Service** Bernadette Bloom		
Saturday 14th November	(Vigil) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Gerald Burley		**6.00pm Mass** David Geen	
Sunday 15th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**10.30am Mass** Brigid & Bunny Garvey	**9.00am Mass** Ian & Beth Wilkinson		

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SCHOOL MASSES

St Joseph's	St Teresa's
Tuesday 10th November - 9.30am Mass	Thursday 12th November - 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	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

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th November at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church. The next preparatory meeting will be on 9th November. If anyone in Year 9 or above would like to be Confirmed, please join us on Monday. If any adults would like to be Confirmed, please speak to Canon Paul or Fr Joseph.

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 6th January at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

NOVEMBER MASSES - During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be Mass offered each week in each church of our parish for our deceased relatives and friends. A basket will be placed in front of the altar in each of the churches of the parish in which you can place an envelope containing the names of those loved ones who have died together with a donation towards the masses that will be offered.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND - At each of our Masses this weekend, there will be Act of Remembrance. There will also be a Children's Remembrance Service at Stranton Grange Cemetery on Saturday 7th November at 11am and a Civic Act of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November at Victory Square at 11am.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - During November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be a Blessing of Graves at each of the cemeteries in the parish. On Saturday 14th November, the blessing will take place at Stranton Cemetery at 11am and Spion Kop Cemetery at 1pm. On Saturday 28th November, it will take place at West View Cemetery at 11am and North Cemetery at 1pm. All are welcome to attend and join in prayerful remembrance of our departed loved ones.

MASS REQUESTS - Please place any Mass request envelopes in the collection basket at the offertory of the Mass, ensuring that all details are filled in (especially the telephone number). Mass intentions will be coordinated from the Parish Office. 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.

MINISTERS ROTAS - Available this weekend is a new parish-wide rota for those who are Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This rota will be renewed quarterly, and it will be the responsibility of the minister, if they are unable to fulfil their duties, to identify a substitute. Would readers please note that the first reader is to read the first reading and the responsorial psalm, and the second reader is to read the Second Reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you to those who have recently volunteered as Ministers of the Word, and thank you to all who continue to minister Word and Sacrament.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on Saturday 6th March. The theme is 'TAKE COURAGE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with the school chaplain, or Canon Paul if you would like to participate.

BRENDA'S BUSES - Our trip to Newcastle Christmas Market on Wednesday 2nd December is fully booked. The cost is £15 per person, and seat allocations remain provisional until payment is received. If you would like to be added to a reserve list in case a seat becomes available, please contact Brenda on 07599511066.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We are collecting chocolate to help bring some extra Christmas cheer to those seafarers in need. We are also looking for donations of clean, warm winter men's clothes, especially coats, jumpers, and fleeces. Bins are available to at the back of church to leave any donations. Thank you for your generosity and support.

THE SOURCE - Young People in Year 9 and above: Join us at St Joseph's for our next Source gathering on Tuesday 10th November at 7pm. Bishop Stephen will lead Adoration, with Ingrid Edouard Szot sharing live music and testimony. Sixth form students from across the parish will lead music and reflection, including much-loved worship songs from previous festivals. The evening will conclude with free pizza and an opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new. All young people in Year 9 and above are warmly welcome!

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in is this Sunday, 8th November 2026. We plan to pay out on Sunday 22nd November 2026.

200 CLUB - Congratulations to our winners of the October draw: 1st Prize £150 no. 3 Alf Carney, 2nd prize £100 no. 173 Sue Harrison, and 3rd prize £50 no. 14 Patricia McDonald.

SVP COLLECTION - This Sunday's collection for the SVP is extra special. The funds raised will be used to bring gifts to care home residents and those who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Many have no family or visitors, and your generosity helps make sure they're not forgotten. Every donation, big or small, brings warmth, kindness, and a little joy to someone in need. Many thanks.

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 collection this weekend is for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

This Sunday's Readings

32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: **Wisdom 6:12-16**

'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:1-13**

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

REFLECTION

Have you ever thought about wisdom? Imagined what it would mean to be "truly wise".

Today's readings explore Wisdom and help us to shape our thoughts and understanding that we may become a source of wisdom and counsel to those we meet. Solomon was a King of Israel known for his wisdom. When he became King, he asked the Lord for wisdom above all the gifts that were available to him. The Books of Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and Wisdom are ascribed to Solomon and are the source of real teaching on how we should approach the gift of Wisdom. In today's passage wisdom is described as "radiant", in some versions "luminous", reminding us that wisdom casts a light on everything we do. We are assured "she is easily discerned by those who love her and found by those who seek her".

Paul was constantly alert to the needs of the communities he helped to establish. He moved from place to place, and he relied on those he taught to give him feedback from their communities. The Thessalonians were worried that people were dying before the promised return of Our Lord. Paul reassures them that all who believe, living and dead, will be received into the kingdom. In this month of November, when our thoughts are centered on our friends and relatives who have died, this message is important to us too.

Jesus tells a simple story today. One that is human and understandable. He is teaching us about wisdom but through the frailties of the human spirit. Every person is different; sometimes we are careful and plan ahead; whilst at other times we are not so careful and are caught out. We each need the gift of wisdom; we need to be patient and prepared for every eventuality. The parable is about five bridesmaids who are wise and five who are foolish. The foolish bridesmaids find they are unprepared when the bridegroom comes. They feel that the wise bridesmaids should help them, but they cannot, and the foolish bridesmaids are locked out of the wedding hall. Do we rely upon others when we should be making our own precautions? Are we ready to meet God or do we put things off "till later"; wisdom teaches us to always be prepared; for as scripture says "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Lord will call.

David Frank

Daily Readings

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.

OUR PRAYERS

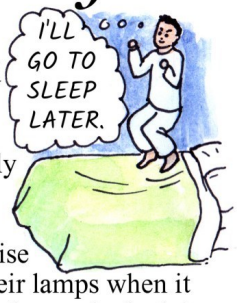
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael 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, Mary Reed, 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, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. *Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.*

Recently Deceased: Sr Kate Frost, Keith Galloway, Nora Winkcup, Bernadette Bloom, Walter Heal. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Susan Totty, John Joy, Margaret Amelia Taylor (Peggy), Doreen Ritchie, Celia Riches, Gwendoline Douglas, John O'Donovan, Thomas Hutchinson, Dorothy Swain, Elizabeth Styles, Thomas Swales, Annie Murphy, Joan Coates, John Whitehead, Doreen Hudson, Martha Spence, Brian Ashford, Alan Anthony Mulcahy, Frances Stallard, Margaret Corr, Francis Whitehead, Jimmy O'Connor, Margaret McGarry, Catherine Fawcett, Dorothea Lillian Swain, Ann Roe, Philip Hickey, John Oliver, William Vincent Lithgo, John Kelly, Jean King, Barry Hogan, Peggy Heal, Lenny Boagey, Edward Joseph Sullivan, Joan Hanson, Jimmy Gaffney, Rosemary Calvert, Mavis Stainsby, Christine Cafferkey, John Walsh, Margaret Ayres, Eileen McConnell, Catherine Pamela Middleton, Emily Thornton, Mary Stamp, Pam Middleton, Terry King, Teresa Dodds, Helen (Nellie) Johnson, Margaret Rose Rutter, Patrick Price, Andrew Parsons, Dennis Hooks, Peter Ayre, Thomas Cawley, 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

Always be Ready

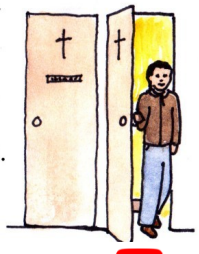


Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.

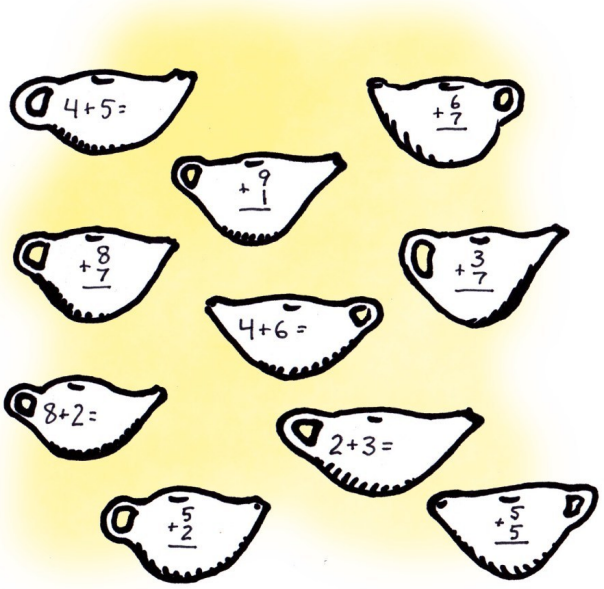


Answer to front puzzle: 5 had extra oil.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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November 8th, 2026



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency(CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.
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