

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 9th August 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 8th August	(Vigil) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Dorothy Plews		1.00pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass John Bailey	
Sunday 9th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Cecile Miyazaki	9.00am Mass Kath Duffy		
Monday 10th August	St Laurence	11.30am Requiem Mass Talia Foster 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Michael Gerard Conlon			
Tuesday 11th August	St Clare of Assisi	12.05pm Mass Michael & Ceclia McCann			
Wednesday 12th August				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Arthur Vokes	
Thursday 13th August			9.30am Mass In thanksgiving for 90th Birthday		
Friday 14th August	St Maximilian Kolbe	12.05pm Mass Tony Gorman Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 15th August	(Vigil) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Charles & Elizabeth Hewitt	12.30pm Baptisms	6.00pm Mass Lawrence & Doreen Coulton	
Sunday 16th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am Mass Marie & Alan Ferguson	9.00am Mass Ann Parkinson		

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TS24 9LX

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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

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Lunch Club
September

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club
St Patrick's Hall

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
Coffee Evening
St John Vianney's

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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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. Over the summer holidays, we'll be working on finalising a plan and schedule based on the number of applicants. All the details will be confirmed and shared at the 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 9th September at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

SR BEATRICE MOLYNEUX RIP - We are saddened to announce the passing of Sr Beatrice on Sunday 12th July. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Salford, at 11am on Monday 10th August. Please remember her and all who mourn her in your prayers. To follow the Mass on livestream, please use this link, which will become active on Monday and remain available afterwards: <https://www.funeralstreaming.co.uk/pw100826/>

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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 celebration 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.

200 CLUB - Quarterly subs (£6.25) are now due. The Club is always open to new members. The subscription 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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS - Our Parishioners who assisted the Sick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have received many compliments from both near and far. Congratulations to them for the example they have shown and for making Holy Family Parish Hartlepool proud.



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 30th August, for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

First reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

‘Stand on the mount before the Lord.’

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him. And he said, ‘Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.’ And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

‘I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.’

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

‘Command me to come to you on the water.’

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

REFLECTION

Where do you look to find God? How do you seek the God of love? Today's scripture pass these questions but as always God leaves it in our hands so that each of us comes to God in their own unique way.

Do you expect your encounter with God to be a mind-blowing experience, an earthquake to stir you, or a storm to unsettle you? Listen to the first reading; for Elijah, the Lord was not in the storm or the earthquake but in the gentle breeze. Look around your garden, at this time of the year many plants are in flower or turning to seed; when the wind blows it tosses the seed into the corners, on onto the path and the poor soil, but a gentle breeze moves the plants slowly and the seed is deposited in the good soil around the plant where, hopefully it will grow again next year and provide the colour and scent we are familiar with. Seeking God may not be a stormy journey, perhaps you just need to look around you and find Him there, in reach, but just out of sight.

Paul experienced the storms of life; in fact, he chose to go to places where the tempest raged so that he could bring the message to those who needed it most. Today Paul is praying for his people, the Jews; it is a heartfelt prayer he is filled with the need to bring the word of God into their hearts, but they refuse to listen. We too have brothers and sisters, family and friends who, like the Jews in Paul's time, have turned away from Christ. This then is our prayer also to the lost generations of our own lives.

Praying to Our Lord can be a bit like Peter on the lake; we may be bold and impetuous one minute, then sinking into insecurity the next. When we follow the Gospel story, we come closer to Jesus; through the scriptures we can come to know Him and when we do our prayer life changes because we are no longer speaking to an unapproachable God but to a friend and brother. We cannot find God in a distant figure, we need to get up close and personal; God is always looking for us, we just need to turn in his gentle breeze and discover Him in the garden of our daily prayer.

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 Roodcroft, Kathleen Royds, 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: Talia Foster, Edward Hills. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: June Watson, Dennis Gould, Susan Powell, Pamela Noble, Elaine Morrell, Rosemary Brown, Gerry Constantine, Jane (Jenny) Anne Bone, Kath Duffy, Brenda Taylor, Anthony Rowbotham, Joseph Allen Hayes, Ethel Wilkinson, Michael Vasey, Margaret Burton, Veronica Bradley, Leo Dolphin, Margaret Crowe, Eddie Thompson, Thomas Swift, Mary Pickering, Sheila Liddle, Peter Judge, Jacqueline Mahony, James W Lee, Ken McKenna, Betty McKenna, Maria Howard, Billy Hay, Jim Noone, Alf Garthwaite, Stephen Dring, John Watt, Joseph Taylor, Sheila Cope, Peter Pearson, Doreen Beatrice Hall, Lillian Pattison, Jean Tilley, Lynn Ryan, Patricia Foley, Dorothy Readman, Teresa Garbutt, Letitia McLaughlin, John Byrne, Elaine Morrell, Dorothy Northey, Michael McLaughlin, Thomas Cussons, Jacqueline Jarvis, 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:

Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on water.

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The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9th, 2026

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?

Use the code to find out!

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