

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 28th December 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 27th December	(Vigil) The Holy Family	11.00am Altar Servers Mass Living & Deceased Members of the Fernie & Fearson Families 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Michael O'Hickey 5th Anniversary		6.00pm Mass George & Peggy Heal	
Sunday 28th December	The Holy Family	10.30am Mass Sheila Dobing Anniversary	9.00am Mass Sarah Cain		
Mon 29th December	St Thomas Becket	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Kevin Mathieson			
Tues 30th December		12.05pm Mass Nancy & Harry Wilkinson			
Wed 31st December				9.30am Mass Thelma Strickland	
Thurs 1st January	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	11.00am Mass Bob Storer 2nd Anniversary			
Fri 2nd January	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	12.05pm Mass World Peace			
Sat 3rd January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Christmas	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass William & Dorothy Newstead		6.00pm Mass Susan Hay	
Sun 4th January	2nd Sunday of Christmas	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher 2nd Anniversary	9.00am Mass Ian Wakeling		

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS - The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 5th January. Any voicemails left during this period will be responded to after New Year. In an emergency, please phone the presbytery on 01429 272985.

CLOSING MASS OF THE HOLY YEAR - Bishop Stephen will be celebrating the closing of the Holy Year with Mass at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 6th January at 6.30pm.

THANK YOU - Special thanks from Canon Paul, Fr Joseph and Deacon Jeff for the cards, gifts and generosity they have received across the parish over the Christmas period.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - The Club will restart on Sunday 4th January 2026. Many thanks.

CHOIR PRACTICE - The next two practices will take place after the evening Masses at 7pm on Monday 29th December and Monday 5th January.

SPECIAL THANKS - to all who enabled the celebration of Christmas in our Churches, to all who attended, and for the kindness shown in the Christmas collection.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - The next Preparation Meeting is on Wednesday 7th January at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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

Restarts 12th January
Praise & Worship Prayer Group
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

Restarts 13th January
Lunch Club @ Parish Centre Hall

Restarts 6th January
Over 60s Club @ St Patrick's Hall

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

First Reading:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

‘He who fears the Lord honours his parents.’

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Response: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:12-17

Family life in the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;

let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

‘Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.’

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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 Gologly, 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, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O’Connor, 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 Spindlow, 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.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Molly Elliott, Francis Patrick (Frankie) Linighan, John Nicolson, Glenn Harbron, Joan Galvin, Terence Milburn, Patricia Hill, Gerard Rhodes, Patricia Mary Ray, Fr John F Brady, Daniel McHugh, Tony Ellett, Peter Hutchinson, John Larkin, James O’Connor, Christopher Swales, Tommy Egglestone, Gertie Kloyed, Marlin Joyce, Joan Galvin, Jane Shaw, Lawrence Burns, Leila Gibson, Pamela Jayne Bates, Frederick Weegram, Stanley Sedgwick, Norma Bentham, Robert Storer, May Hume, John Graham, Sheila Dobing, Denis Rowntree, Kevin J Maxwell, Terry Mahoney, Margaret Rudge, Frederick Butler, Mary Gallagher, Thomas Carberry, George Flounders, Kevin O’Connell, Marie Breen, John Garvin, Thelma Mathieson, Ellen Watt, Constance Fraser, Anthony Peter Vincent Carter, Angiolina Pigliacampo, Liam Gough, Ian Wakeling, John Grocott, Eric William Relton, Herbert Healey, Fr Peter Windram, Harry Bentham, Esther Margaret King, Gary Dodd, John Dawson, Philip Mahoney, Mary Musgrave, Mary Sullivan, Peter Jukes, Ann Draper, Florrie McKie, May Bostock, Richard William Hallett, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**