

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 4th January 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Mon 5th January			6.30pm Epiphany Vigil Mass Maurice Brown		
Tues 6th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	6.30pm Closing Mass of the Holy Year Margaret & Jim Chaplin		9.30am Mass Special Intention	
Wed 7th January				9.30am Mass Special Intention (For My Mother)	
Thurs 8th January			9.30am Mass Roly Thompson		
Fri 9th January		12.05pm Mass Mary Fletcher			
Sat 10th January	(Vigil) The Baptism of the Lord	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Peter Lynch Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Ernie Watson	
Sun 11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes	9.00am Mass Tom Hammond		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

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

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 meeting is on Wednesday 7th January at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHOIR PRACTICE - The next practice will take place after the evening Mass at 7pm on Monday 5th January at St Joseph's Church.

SANTO NIÑO - A Novena to Santo Niño will begin on Thursday 15th January, and will continue daily concluding on 23rd January. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer. The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated in Hartlepool with a Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 25th January.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - The Club restarts this weekend. It would be great if we could get some new members and beat last years total! 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- Vigil Mass: 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.

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

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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

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

Sat: As Announced
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

First Reading:

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: ‘Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, “Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance.” From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.’

Response: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

‘He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.’

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5, 9-14

‘The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedale, 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, 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: Margaret Ann (Peggy) Close, Kenneth Beattie, Shaun Kenny, Elizabeth Anne Herrington, Carole Aspinall, Sheila Butcher, Baby Coburn John Garthwaite, Winifred Davison, Celine Everett, Joan Bage, Elizabeth Moran, Maureen Pounder, Joseph Stevenson, Anne (Nancy) Young, Harold Joseph Sweeting, Catherine Stainsby, Alfredo Di Pasquale 2005, Constantino Decosemo, Robbie Ryder, Ernie Hornby, Timothy John Cook, Sheila Clark, Agnes Skinner, Margaret Leonard, Pauline Walker, Josie Cann, Edward Reddington, Jean Brown, Bridget Gough, Sheila McKenzie, Daniel Coggin, Marlene Reed, Claire Tierney, Doreen Watkins, June Longmoor, Aria Esposito, Eleanor Weatherill, Janet Arnell, Harry Gordon, John Cann, Bill Parry, Thelma Strickland, Etty Jordan, Bernadette Bryan, Edward McCrossan, Florence Mitchell Bates, Patrick Gallagher, Steve Gowler, Mary Ellen Nealon, Margaret Smalley, Jean Taylorson, Kenneth Sanderson, Enderlino Recinto, Kevin Coniff, William Broom, Joan Hamblett, Veronica Timlin, Brian Gill, Jean Clarke, Kenneth Williams, Elizabeth Gill, Norah Hastings, Alan Risebury, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.**
Amen.