

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 11th May 2025

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

| Date | Feast | Saint Joseph's* | Saint Patrick's | Saint John Vianney's | Saint Mary's |
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| Saturday 10th May | (Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter | 12.00pm First Holy Communions 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass The Branigan Sisters | 2.00pm First Holy Communions | 10.00am First Holy Communions 6.00pm Mass Joan Cooper 5th Anniversary | |
| Sunday 11th May | 4th Sunday of Easter | 10.30am Mass Bernadette Jackson | 9.00am Mass Timothy Wright | | |
| Monday 12th May | | 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass The Hardy Family | | | |
| Tuesday 13th May | | 12.05pm Mass Stephen Herring (2nd A) | | 10.00am Funeral Service Michael Reece | |
| Wednesday 14th May | St Matthias | | 1.30pm Funeral Service Ann Olwen Liddle | 10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Tony Wilkinson | |
| Thursday 15th May | | 11.00am Requiem Mass Michael Maughan | 9.30am Mass Regan, Roach & Dumville Families | | |
| Friday 16th May | | 12.05pm Mass Colin MacDonald (B/Day A) | | | |
| Saturday 17th May | (Vigil) 5th Sunday of Easter | 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thomas Carroll (100th B/Day A) | | 12.30pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass Michael Ryan | |
| Sunday 18th May | 5th Sunday of Easter | 10.30am Mass Marie & Alan Ferguson 4.00pm May Procession | 9.00am Mass Terry O'Conner | | |

SCHOOL MASSES

English Martyrs

Wednesday 14th May - 12.20pm Mass

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
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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

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - This weekend our children, who have been preparing, will celebrate their first Holy Communion. We congratulate our young people as they reach the next stage in their faith journey. Please remember them in your prayers.

MAY PROCESSION - During the month of May, we celebrate in a special way Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too. As a parish community we will honour Mary with devotions and a procession. The procession to Our Lady's statue, led by those who celebrated their first Communion the previous weekend, will culminate with laying flowers before her image. Join us on Sunday 18th May at 4pm, in St Joseph's Church. After the procession there will be refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre Hall.

JUBILEE 2025 - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:

Monday: 6pm - 7pm
Tuesday: 11am - 1pm
Wednesday: By appointment only
Thursday: By appointment only
Friday: 11am - 1pm
Saturday: 2.30pm - 5pm
Sunday: 9.30am - 12pm

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 5th June at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - Whether you're a seasoned reader, or trying for the first time, we would be grateful for any volunteers to read at 4pm Mass on Saturdays. Please pop your name on the sheet at the back of Church to be added to our rota. Many thanks.

CONCERT AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - Hartlepool Ladies Choir, together with Felling Male Voice Choir are holding a concert in St Joseph's Church on Saturday 17th May at 7pm. Tickets are £10 each, available from choir members, by calling 07901457127 or 07905107774. You are also welcome to pay on the door. All are welcome.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL - Significance invites all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 28th June beginning with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. The Department for Formation and Mission is offering a half-day on 'Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today's World', a Year of Jubilee Formation opportunity which will lead into the Festival. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

PIETY STALL - Commemorative Holy Communion cards and gifts are available at the piety stall, at the back of the church. We also have a range of cards and gifts for births/baptism, birthday and bereavement. You are welcome to view and purchase before or after Mass.

ECHOES OF FREEDOM - Join the British Army Band Catterick for a poignant free concert on Friday 30th May from 7pm at St Joseph's Church to celebrate and commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Tickets are available to collect from the Parish Office.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken this weekend. The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

HOLY ISLAND BUS - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 31st May, leaving from St Joseph's Church. Lunch is included. Cost is £15 per person. Payments due by 17th May. Please contact Brenda on 07599511066 for more information.

LAUDATO SI' MASS - Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical - 'Laudato Si'. All are welcome to attend.

Mass of Christ the Saviour

*Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace 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,
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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, 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 to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Thank you.

First reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52

‘Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

‘The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.’

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

‘I give eternal life to my sheep.’

At that time: Jesus said, ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.’

The shepherds of the Old Testament led a lonely, dangerous life. Sheep were an important asset in the economy of their land. They needed to be on their guard against both human and animal predators. Some shepherds were hired hands, but others had close relationships with their flocks, they knew each one by name. They lived in the hills of the high country, beset by the conditions, heat in summer, cold in winter, their nights filled with the sounds of the wind, ever vigilant and far from human company, the smell of the sheep was strong and made them isolated by the nearby village communities.

Shepherds were the first to hear of the birth of our saviour. The wondrous song of the Angels calling them down from the hills to the village of Bethlehem and a wooden stall in a cave where the King of Kings was laid. We hear stories of shepherds throughout the Bible. Abraham had his flocks, Moses minded the flocks of his father-in-law Jethro, the well where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman was built for the flocks of Jacob and his sons. The parable of the lost sheep reminds us of the compassion of God who, forsaking the ninety-nine who are safe, leaves them to search for the one who is missing.

When Jesus says that He is the Good Shepherd he is announcing a message to His people, His flock. Many shepherds were hired men who had no bond with their sheep and when trouble came, they would disappear leaving the sheep to their fate. Jesus knows His sheep and they know Him. He does not run away but stays with his sheep, his people, and sees them through whatever may befall them. We hear his voice each time the Word of God is proclaimed. This is a tremendous gift that we sometimes take for granted; familiar stories often lose their impact through repetition. If Jesus appeared amongst us and spoke, we would be lost for words and cling to his message. He speaks to us in the Gospels, He is really present in the Word we hear at Mass; we must hold each sentence in our hearts, and it will feed us, as the Eucharist feeds us. Never lose your love for the Word for it is a gift from God that will guide, nurture and lead you to eternal life.

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, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, 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, Damian Rafferty, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Martin Murray, Donna McAllister-Smithson, Terence Finn, Ann Olwen Liddle, Michael Reece, Hilda Bruce, Bob Mullins, Pat Sawden, Michael Maughan. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Sarah Jane Salvin, Joan Boddy, Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson, Richard (Barry) Mitchell, James Healey, Michael Regan, Kevin Andrews, John Higgins, James Davies, Thomas Wright, Thomas Hall, Reverend Hugh McCann, Matthew Raymond Black, James Musgrave, Minnie Reid, Lily Warnes, Norah Pounder, Stephen Herring, Ena Graham, Margaret Golaglee, Kevan Colledge, Lillian Gibson, John Joseph King, Alice McDonald, Edna Richmond, Colin Close, Joan Winspear, Francis (Frank) Donnelly, Josephine Kelly, Bill Mulrooney, Patricia Mary Aird, Sarah Wallace, Elizabeth Hall, William Jenkins, Margaret Pegg, Peter Allan, Terrence Collins, Kenneth Morgan, Glen Turnbull, Mary Watson, James Doherty, Thomas Francis McCarthy, Gloria Pearson, John Rooney, Betty Wright, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

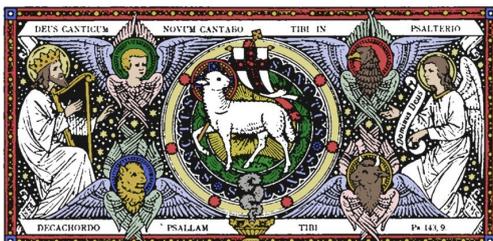
Kids Corner:

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

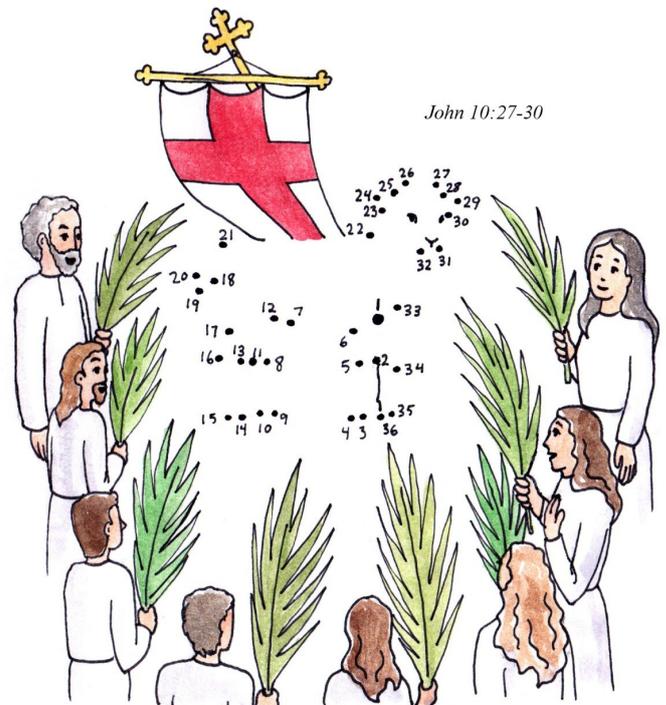
We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 2025



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.