

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 12th January 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 11th January	(Vigil) The Baptism of the Lord	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sheila Dobing		6.00pm Mass Matthew Robson	
Sunday 12th January	The Baptism of the Lord	10.30am Mass Ian Nichol (Cann) (A)	9.00am Mass Eddie Duffy		
Monday 13th January		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass John Duncan Hurst			
Tuesday 14th January		12.05pm Mass Audrey McDonald (B/Day A)			
Wednesday 15th January				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Veronica Readman	
Thursday 16th January			9.30am Mass John Bowron (90th B/Day Remembrance)		
Friday 17th January	St Antony	12.05pm Mass Patrick Northey			
Saturday 18th January	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am First Reconciliation 12.30pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Kathie Reardon		6.00pm Mass Sick Relative	
Sunday 19th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Peter & Annie Allen	9.00am Mass James Kitching & Thomas Lawson		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's
Monday 13th January - 9.30am Mass

St Joseph's
Tuesday 14th January - 9.30am 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
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

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

JUBILEE 2025 - We're all invited into an encounter with Jesus Christ, as his disciples of mercy, forgiveness, and social action, and to celebrate our communities. Throughout the Holy Year, there will be opportunities for people to come and pray and celebrate. The Holy Door will be open during this Year of Jubilee, where pilgrims are invited to enter and receive a plenary indulgence. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. The indulgence is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, in the past, the terms "mercy" and "indulgence" were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds.

To gain a plenary indulgence, a person is invited to complete four specific acts: passing through a Holy Door, go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It's a way to show your commitment to living a better life and growing closer to God. Please see the parish website for our Holy Door opening times at 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 5th February at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you to everyone who supported the Savings Club throughout 2024. It's not too late to join this year! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our Church. For example, if you would like to save £10 you would pay the club £10.50, if you would like to save £20, pay £21. You do not have to save the same amount each week. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and amount on. 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.

SHARING THE ROSARY - You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, and young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith and community. Whether you're new to the Rosary or have prayed it for years, all are welcome. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own - especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share. To join the course, please either telephone 0191 2810940 or email welcome@holynamesjehsmond.co.uk.

WELCOME - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout December: Charlie Conroy, Mabel Sargent, Merel Dos Santos Mateus, Rory Gilbraith, Runor Oghenevona Ohwodiasa, and Scarlett Quinn.

SANTO NIÑO - A Novena to Santo Niño will begin on Thursday 16th January at 7pm online via Zoom, and will continue daily at 7pm, concluding on 24th January. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer. The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated Hartlepool with a Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 26th January. The Zoom meeting ID to join the novena online is 760 137 8981 and the passcode is 1234.

200 CLUB - The December draw took place before Christmas. The winners were 1st Prize £150 No 49 Marianne Vokes, 2nd Prize £75 No 152 Phil Kelly, 3rd Prize £25 No 183 Sheila Crow. Please note Subscriptions are now due for the January to March Quarter - Thanks.

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;
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.
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

Thus says the Lord:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

‘God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

‘When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.’

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

REFLECTION

Baptism is a sacrament; it is a meeting place, a holy place, where we come face to face with God. In Baptism we are named, we are placed into the arms of God and become known to Him in a very special way. We receive a special gift, the Holy Spirit, a companion on our life journey. As we grow, the Spirit, given to us in the sacrament, grows with us and we have the choice whether to use the gift or to let it lie, dormant, until, perhaps on a future day, our hearts are awakened by God’s call.

The people of the Old Testament were forever searching for God. In today’s passage from Isaiah he acknowledges that the search has been long and difficult. He speaks of a time when a highway will be made straight in the desert, when valleys are lifted up, and mountains laid low so that “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. He speaks of the Lord as a shepherd tenderly caring for his flock and gathering the lambs in his arms.

In Paul’s time Baptism involved a great leap of faith, it was a lifelong commitment, often involving danger and martyrdom. Paul announces that “The grace of God has appeared”, that it is time to renounce our previous faults and begin a new life washed clean by the sacrament and filled by the Holy Spirit “whom he poured on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior”. The way we follow leads to the hope of eternal life.

There was great excitement when John appeared in the wilderness announcing the water of repentance. People flocked to him in the hope that he was the Messiah; but he denied this, promising only that another was among them and that, whilst John baptised with water, he would baptise “with the Holy Spirit and fire”. Luke describes in epic language the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice of God. Jesus was at prayer; he would have been aware of the noises surrounding him as John continued to baptise the people. Did Jesus have a sudden revelation that this was a special moment? From this moment the mission of Our Lord begins, His heart is awakened by the Father’s call, and everything changes. The journey begins.

David Franke

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

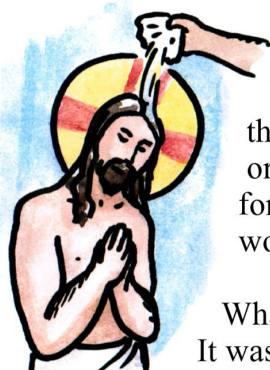
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, 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, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Bob 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, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Kay Wallace, James Walsh, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: John Englishby, Kathleen Gray. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Norah Crossling, Dot Gibbon, Veronica Timlin, Eddie Duffy, Ken Stothart, Allen Thomson, Betty McCluskey, Sheila Allison, Theresa Ruth Lewis, Win Flanagan, Michael Joseph Eccles, Christiana Andrews, Lillian Frances Ayre, Rosa Decosemo, Tom Popplewell, Hilda Murry, Harry Rawson, Catherine (Kitty) Towell, Ann Grieves, James Herron, Michael Stokes, Terence Brian Peat, Ronald James Doughty, Ada Chapman, Thomas Mason, Michael Reddick, Charlotte Elwood, Matthew Clifford, Lillian Sedgwick, Lynn Marie Treveil, Norman Heslop, Margaret Naisbitt, John Donkin, Malcolm (Mally) O'Keefe, Sharon Callaghan, Jean Boagey, Thomas Bone, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Gladys Harrison Bulmer, Sandra Marie Twidale, Arthur Bleasby, Hilda Hamilton, Robert Wallace Reed, Stephen Kelly, John Port, Nora Metcalfe, Anne (Nancy) Snowdon, Mary Elizabeth Walker, Stephen Kelly, Arthur Brian Donnelly, Pat Dobson, Bob Bew, Christine Norah (Nora) Moore, Eamon Murphy, Anne Patricia Dobson, William Joseph Docherty, John Young, 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:

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

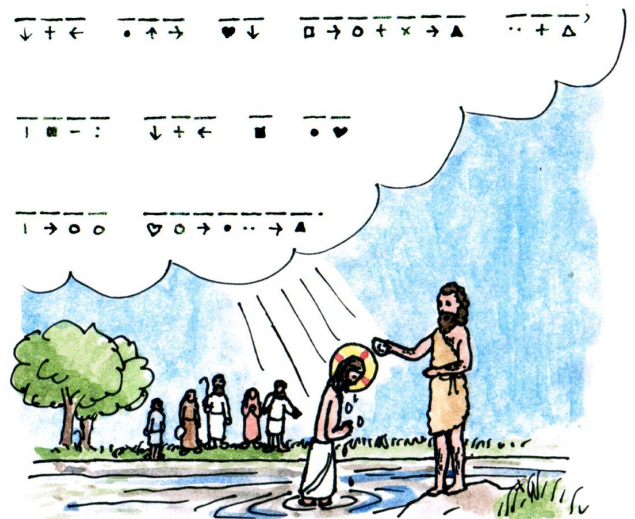
When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say? Use the code to find out!

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Answer to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am will pleased.

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