

# 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 May 2024

\*Live stream: [www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool](http://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool)

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 11th May	(Vigil) 7th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thanksgiving (Prayers Answered)		6.00pm Mass Michael Ryan	
Sunday 12th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Raine Family 4.00pm May Procession	9.00am Mass Paul Lennard		
Monday 13th May		12.00pm Funeral Service Christine Gardner 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Stephen Herring			
Tuesday 14th May	St Matthias	12.05pm Mass Catherine Braithwaite			
Wednesday 15th May				9.30am Mass Betty & Brian Thompson	
Thursday 16th May			9.30am Mass Jean Jacques		
Friday 17th May		12.05pm Mass Betty Wright			
Saturday 18th May	(Vigil) Pentecost	12.00pm-2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Terry Collins (13th A)		11.00am Baptism 6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving	
Sunday 19th May	Pentecost	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Fr Dermot Donnelly		

### SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

Very Rev. Canon Paul Douthwaite  
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**Opening Hours**  
10am - 2pm  
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre  
Grosvenor Street  
Hartlepool  
TS26 8DP

### 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

### 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.

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**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 at 4pm, in St Joseph's Church. After the procession there will be refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre Hall.



**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 the next Preparation Meeting on Wednesday 5th June, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**GIFT AID** - The new Tax year is upon us, and all envelopes have been distributed. If you have any problems or if you wish to join the scheme, please contact Laura in the Parish Office. If you require a 2022/23 acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office and one will be issued.

**HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB** - April Draw: 1st Prize £150- 157 Pat Hubbard, 2nd Prize £75 - No 29 Mary Lindsay, 3rd Prize £25 No 117 Jean Rayment. There are still vacant numbers so if you wish to join the 200 Club please let us know.

**ITALIAN EVENING** - This social evening is arranged for Thursday 16th May in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's. For those who have booked, tickets are available to purchase after Mass today. There will be a choice of menu; either Pizza or Lasagne and we need to know the preferences of those who want to attend. The evening starts at 6.30pm, Tea, Coffee and Fruit Juice are available but if you wish you can bring your own refreshments.

**LOST PROPERTY** - There are several umbrellas and pairs of spectacles which have been found at St Joseph's. Please check the lost property basket at the back of church just in case they are yours. Thanks.

**DEACON JOSEPH'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** - Deacon Joseph will be ordained in St Mary's Cathedral on 20th July 2024. He will continue his studies in Rome for a further two years, during which he will spend his holidays here in the Holy Family Parish. We will have a collection nearer to his ordination as a present from the parish. Please keep Deacon Joseph in your prayers as he makes his final preparations.

**ST BEGA'S SCHOOL NOTICE** - 15 and 30 hour nursery places are available from September 2024. Please contact the school for more information or to arrange a visit: call 01429 267768 or email [admin@stbegas.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stbegas.bhcet.org.uk).

**HOLY ISLAND BUS** - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 29th June, leaving St Joseph's Church at 9am. Free packed lunch included. Cost is £15 per person. Leaving Holy Island at 7.15pm. There are sign up sheets at the back of each church if you would like to reserve any seats.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** - A collection will be taken this weekend for World Communications.

**THANK YOU** - Thank you to our Catechists and to all those who made the First Holy Communion celebrations possible last week.

**WELCOME** - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout April: Dalia Archer, Dominic Herciu, Ellis Eve, Emily Waller, Ezra Lupton, Isla Garvin, Jacob Sarnicki, Oakley Hall, Oliver Sarnicki, Reef Lilley, and Teo Fewster.

**PRAYERS** - Please pray for all of those young people taking their exams over the coming weeks.

**RECEPTION OF NON CATHOLIC SPOUSES** - Next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**GARDENING** - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

## 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 The Holy Family      Account Number: 11173928      Sort Code: 40-34-45      **Thank you.**

**First Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26**

**'Let someone else take his office'**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

**Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

**Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him**

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading John 17:11-19**

**Father, keep those you have given me true to your name**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

Ordinary people are capable of extraordinary achievements; when we read through the Book of Acts and come to know the individual members of the first Christian communities we stand in awe at their accomplishments. How did this group of individuals find the strength and the courage to stand up in the face of the Jewish and eventually the Roman authorities and show their faith in a crucified Christ? There is no simple answer; but, as we listen to the Easter readings there emerges a story of faith built on the bedrock of scripture and teaching and nourished by the love of God. We cannot fail to be lost in wonder as we walk with the early church through these Easter days.

Sometimes those raised to authority are found to be unworthy. The apostles must have spent a great deal of time discussing the events of Good Friday and the actions of Judas, one of their own. None of them emerged from the events of that day with any credit; they failed Our Lord in so many ways. They must have seen themselves, perhaps, in the image of Judas. The decision to replace him was a simple one, Jesus had called the twelve and now they must replace the one that was lost. Matthias appears only briefly in the scriptures. Today’s reading tells us he was with Jesus throughout His ministry and must have been one of the disciples who followed him. Each of the apostles were called because of what they might become. We can see the hand of the Holy Spirit working through the choice of Matthias; that same Spirit continues to help us to discern those who are placed in leadership roles in our church today.

Leadership is a fundamental need in our church. We have always been blessed by men and women prepared to lead our communities through the storms of our turbulent world. Many of the decisions taken in our church are at an individual level, each question has a pastoral significance and, to be truly the Church of Christ, we must seek to answer each question in a personal, compassionate, and loving way. When we listen to the Gospel and the letters of John we are continually reminded that the love of God is at the centre of all human endeavour. Jesus asks that those who he has chosen be kept safe from the evil one, and that they be consecrated in the truth. Let us pray that all who lead, from our Pope Francis, through our Bishops and priests, down to the humblest chair of the smallest committee in our church, be filled with the joy and love of God.

*David Franke*

Daily Readings





# OUR PRAYERS

**The sick of the Parish:** Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, 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, Cliff Ferness, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, John Howe, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Joan Malone, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEneaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Notrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Christine Priestly, Damian Rafferty, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Honor Snowdon, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, 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:** Christine Gardner. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Richard (Barry) Mitchell, James Healey, Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson, Kevin Andrews, John Higgins, James Davies, Thomas Wright, Thomas Hall, Matthew Raymond Black, James Musgrave, Minnie Reid, Lily Warnes, Norah Pounder, Stephen Herring, Ena Graham, Kevan Colledge, 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, Betty Wright, Dorothy Breckon, Lawrence William Reynolds, 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 has gone back into Heaven!*

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

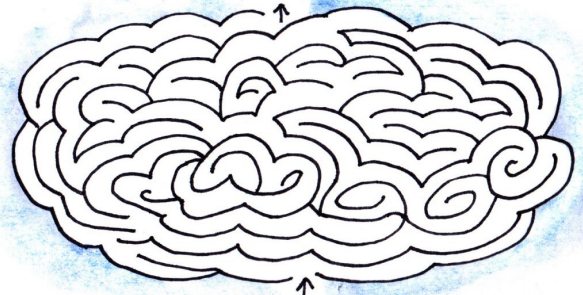
## The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Ascension*  
**May 9th or Sunday May 12th, 2024**

*Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.*

*Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.*

*Can you find your way through the cloud maze?*



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