

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 13th July 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 12th July	(Vigil) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Hilda Bruce		6.00pm Mass Frankie Bone	
Sunday 13th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Nellie & Jimmy Elener	9.00am Mass Bill & Eileen Roe 65th Wedding Anniversary		
Monday 14th July		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Maureen & Allen Thomson			
Tuesday 15th July	St Bonaventure	12.05pm Mass Edith & Tommy Wigham	10.00am Requiem Mass Kathleen Foster		
Wednesday 16th July				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Special Intention	
Thursday 17th July			9.30am Mass Fr Patrick McGuigan		
Friday 18th July		12.05pm Mass John Howe			
Saturday 19th July	(Vigil) 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am-11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary & Tommy King		12.30pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Ethel & Alfie McKenzie	
Sunday 20th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Alan Porritt	9.00am Mass John Holliday		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Joseph's
Thursday 17th July - 2.00pm Leavers 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 - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:

Monday: 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday: By appointment only

Friday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office **no later than 18th July 2024**. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church for applicants.

GIFT AID - If you wish to join the scheme, please complete a Gift Aid form available at the back of church, and return it to the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme, there is no cost to parishioners as the diocese claims the tax paid by Gift Aid members on their offertory donations from the government. If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the scheme.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - Raffle tickets for the Summer Draw are available at the back of St Joseph's Church. All monies and ticket counterfoils to be returned no later than Sunday 3rd August.

200 CLUB - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

COUNTERS NEEDED - Can you spare 30 mins? The counting team at St John Vianney's Church would like to invite volunteers to assist them. If we can get sufficient volunteers, then it would be once every few weeks. No experience needed, full training will be given. Please see Chris Stott or David Dring for more details.

SEA SUNDAY - A collection will be taken for Stella Maris this weekend.

THANK YOU - Special thanks to all who have assisted and are continuing to assist in the gardening around our Churches. It is much appreciated.

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION - Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

WALSINGHAM PRAYER INTENTIONS - There will be a basket at the back of Church for any petitions you would like taking to Our Lady of Walsingham.

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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

‘The word is very near you, so that you can do it.’

Moses spoke to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

‘For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.’

Response: Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

‘All things were created through him and for him.’

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

‘Who is my neighbour?’

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.” Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’

REFLECTION

In our lives we are surrounded by God's love for us, if we truly want to follow Him and become His disciples, we must take that love and share it with our neighbour. In today's Gospel passage a lawyer asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?". Each of us may answer this in different ways; we each have our own thoughts and opinions. Notice how Jesus calls the morality of His day, and our day, into question as he describes the man who has fallen among thieves and the attitude of those who come across him in his distress.

In the passage from Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the people about the Law and the commandments of God. He stresses that these are not beyond humanities ability to follow; they do not require superhuman effort, they are the voice of God speaking in human hearts and residing in the depths of the human soul. As scripture says "The Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it".

Paul is our teacher and guide; he leads us to the way of the Lord. Today he writes to us a simple Creed; it comes in two parts; the first is a simple announcement of faith in Christ Jesus as the Son of God, the second part reminds us that we are His body, the Church, and speaks to us of resurrection, reconciliation and sacrifice. Each line of this prayer of faith is given to us that we may believe in Christ Jesus and is worthy of our deep reflection.

Whenever Jesus answers a question, He places His answer deep inside the Old Testament scriptures. In this way, he announces to those who listen, that He is the fulfilment of the Old Testament Covenant between God and His chosen people. He speaks of love for God arising from the very heart, soul and mind of each individual and teaches us that this love is for all we meet. The parable of the Good Samaritan questions us about our attitudes and our commitment to share God's love with everyone, no matter what their situation in life. At times it is hard to follow His teaching; perhaps if we were to put ourselves in the position of the man who was ill-treated, then we may begin to start to understand that everyone is our neighbour and all deserve our love.

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, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, 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, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mgehe, 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, Margaret Watt, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Foster, Amanda Gallen, Mary Jean Constantine. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Leatrice Gibson, Liam Rowbotham, Mary Hyllen, John Kealy, Muriel Smith, Fr Dermot O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, Joe Rayment, Marie Day, Susan Lancaster, Tom & John McCluskey, Thomas Baxter, Marjorie Lundrigan, Ethel McKenzie, Sheila Mulcahy, Kerrieanne Thomas, Margaret Dring, Les Parkinson, Sylvia McConnell, Yvonne Stevenson, Jack Hansell, Kathleen Canterdale, Mary Rose Wilberg, Fr Dermott Donnelly, Kathleen Railton, Brian Willingham, Mary Cannell, Mary Grayson, Joan Carney, Thomas Adams, Reginald Coles, Ethel McKenzie, Dorothy Dear, Frank Smith, Ethel Burnett, Jocelyn Lucas, Dawn Ryan, Robert Costello, Fr Patrick McGuigan, Gordon Atkinson, 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:

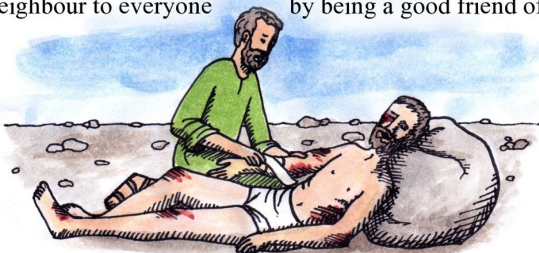
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

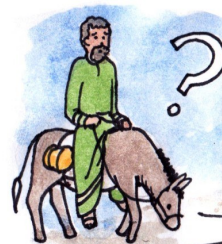
If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



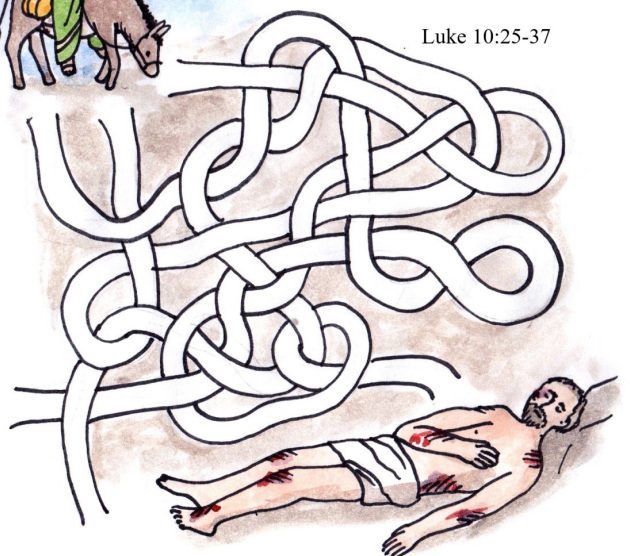
The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025



*Which of the three paths would
the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the
man who was robbed.*

Luke 10:25-37



*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan
to show the people what it means to love your neighbour
after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sarah Boagey, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk