

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 20th October 2024

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 12th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Jacques & Moir Families		6.00pm Mass Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 13th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Damien McIntyre		
Monday 14th October		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Mary, Wilf & Vince Atkinson			
Tuesday 15th October		12.05pm Mass Mary Ward (B/Day A)			
Wednesday 16th October			1.30pm Requiem Mass Maura Kelly	9.30am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Arthur Vokes	
Thursday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	11.00am Funeral Service Anthony Scott	9.30am Mass Kevin Walsh		
Friday 18th October	St Luke	12.05pm Mass John Wordsworth			
Saturday 19th October	(Vigil) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Baptism 1.00pm-2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thomas & Brigid Carroll		11.00am-12.00pm Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Alf Facchini	
Sunday 20th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Stothart Family	9.00am Mass Honor Snowdon		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - We will shortly begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 27th November. Application forms are available at the back of our churches and on our website. If anyone in Year 9 or above would like to be Confirmed, please return your completed application form to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Our Confirmation programme will be commencing in mid-October. Current Catechists and anyone interested in assisting in the programme, please meet in the Parish Centre Hall at the amended time of 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th October for a brief meeting to discuss the programme.

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

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Pope Francis has announced that next years Jubilee will have the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Similar to the last Holy year, he has also enabled Bishops throughout the world to open Holy Doors in their own dioceses so that all of the faithful can participate. Bishop Stephen has asked our parish to welcome pilgrims during this Year of Jubilee and that a Holy Door be opened at St Joseph's Church. A meeting will take place on Monday 28th October, after 6.30pm Mass (7pm) in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's for anyone interested in assisting practically around the Church during the Holy Year.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE - Bishops are calling on Catholics to unite in prayer & compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> opposing-assisted-suicide. Thank you for your prayers and action.
- Bishop Stephen

FLAME 2025 - Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). For those students who attend English Martyrs School, please speak with Mr McCartie, and for those young people who do not attend English Martyrs, please contact David or Colleen Proudlock on 07866986747 or 07575653935.

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

PRISONERS SUNDAY - We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our community is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work.

HARTLEPOOL LADIES CHOIR - We write to thank you for the generous donation we received from the church following our recent concert. Hartlepool Ladies Choir have sung in the church on a number of occasions and always enjoy singing in such beautiful surroundings. We also enjoyed the splendid refreshments provided by parishioners. Many thanks again.

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH - Coffee will be available after the 6pm Vigil Mass on October 19th. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - North Tees & Hartlepool Mission to Seafarers Centre are looking for volunteers to welcome seafarers to the Centre, serve behind the shop counter and befriend them. Full training is given. Please contact Aidan Webster for more information on 01642 546424.

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 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Response: Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

REFLECTION

Do you ever take time to sit and reflect upon what is most important to you; family, friends, wealth, fame, happiness, the list can go on and on but - what do you really want? If you think about it most things are fleeting, limited, at times they are important to you then later you have forgotten them. The only thing that truly lasts is love, and that has no limits.

Today's readings speak of that understanding which comes from a deep appreciation of what is possible, what is important, and what is needed, in order that you may live a truly human life. We begin with a very insightful passage about the gift of wisdom. Wisdom does not come naturally, each of us have some wisdom but few of us are truly wise. We must long for wisdom, we must pray for it and keep seeking it all our lives. The Psalm speaks of family, a great source of love in our lives, but sometimes of great sorrow. May each day begin with the psalmist prayer "In the morning, fill us with your love".

The passage from Hebrews speaks of the Word of God. Nothing can hide from the Word. It is the thought that comes to us in every action we make, we can ignore it but it pulls at us and, because of our human nature, we so often turn away from it, from the love it expresses. How important is the Word in your life? Only you can answer that question, and, at your ending, it may be the most important question the Lord asks of you.

The Gospel passage is both a real event and a parable that Our Lord uses to teach His followers. The real event is the request by the man "What must I do to inherit eternal life". The answer Jesus gives is to follow the commandments of God and Jesus is pleased that the man agrees with this, Jesus "looked steadily at him and loved him". However, belief must be followed by action. If the commandments are merely words and the man cannot live them then they are like leaves in the wind, they blow into corners and decay. There is a reward for those whose lives are filled with wisdom and love, eternal life, and we and the apostles, need to understand this, it is the most important lesson we can ever learn.

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, Cliff Ferness, 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, Joan Malone, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Christine Priestly, 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: Anthony Scott, Maura Kelly. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Alf Facchini, Peter Sharpe, Teresa Larkin, Beth Wilkinson, John Dolan, Joan Proud, Jacob Jenkins, Janet Burnett, Ronald Muller, Catherine (Kitty) Dodsworth, Marie Grayson, Thomas Marquess Harrison, Doris Connor, William James Hartshorn, Rhys Hewitt, Jennifer Noddings, Margaret Eglintine, Jean Casey, Joan Linighan, Lawrence Atkinson, Theresa Brzezinska, Doris Carney, Ellen Elizabeth Healey, Ronald William Muller, Jennie Readhead, Thomas Carroll, Matthew Mahony, Jean Jackson, 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:

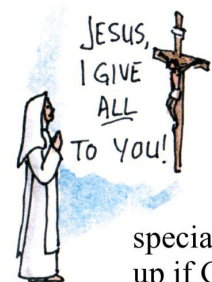
Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13th, 2024

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?

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