

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 14th April 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 13th April	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Easter	12.00pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Patrick Northey		6.00pm Mass George Timlin Memorial	
Sunday 14th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Arthur Vokes (55th Wedding Ann.)		
Monday 15th April		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Audrey McDonald			
Tuesday 16th April		12.05pm Mass Deceased Members of the Lambert Family			
Wednesday 17th April				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Tommy & Eileen Connolly - Golden Wedding	
Thursday 18th April		11.00am Funeral Service Peter Jones	9.30am Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle		
Friday 19th April		12.05pm Mass Stephen Herring			
Saturday 20th April	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter	11.00am - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley		10.00am Baptism 6.00pm Mass Elsie Bell	
Sunday 21st April	4th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Thanksgiving	9.00am Mass .Lottie Docherty		

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY GROUPS

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	Sun: After 9am Mass Coffee Morning St Patrick's Hall	Sun: After 10.30am Mass Coffee Morning Parish Centre Hall
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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

School Masses

(All Welcome)

English Martyrs

Wed 17th Apr - 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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH REVIEW - The parish review meeting will take place on Sunday 28th April, at 2pm in St Joseph's Church. The meeting, open to all parishioners of the parish, will be facilitated and led by members of the Bishop's Episcopal Council and the Dean of our area.

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 1st May, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - Dave Frank has visited each Mass over the past weekends and distributed boxes to those who asked. The rest of the boxes will be left at the churches where their most recent donations have been made. If you cannot find your box, please contact Laura in the Parish Office and we will organise a box for you. Many thanks to our new Gift Aiders. If you have not returned your form, please hand it in to the Parish Office. If you wish to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office. If you wish to change to payment through the bank there are forms at the back of church for you to take to your bank. Please do this before April begins as the administration of the scheme would then be much easier, if possible, ring Laura to inform her of the change. Thank you to all who contribute through the scheme, it is of great value to our parish.

GIFT AID ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - If you require a 2022/23 acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office and one will be issued.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND - A special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund is open until the end of April. The fund provides for the needs of the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Grateful thanks for any donations.

HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB - Annual Subscriptions (£25), half yearly (£12.50) and quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are now due. Please see Clare Ferguson or place your payment in an envelope with your name on and give it to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made out to "Holy Family Parish". There are still vacant numbers so if you wish to join the 200 Club please let us know.

WALSINGHAM MEETING - There is a meeting in the Parish Centre Hall after 12.05pm Mass on Friday 19th April for those going to Walsingham. The next instalment of £100 is also due. There are 8 spaces left if anybody else would like to join us, please come along to the meeting.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP - There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

WELCOME - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout March: Nolan Bainbridge, Pennie Clarke, Isla Dolman, Sebastian Gray, Luisa Heap, Nelly Howell, Phoebe Jacques, Max Jones, Archie Langley, Charlie Robinson, CeCe Smith, and Peter Wilgress.

VACANCIES - St Joseph's Primary School are looking for a Lunch Time Supervisor and a High Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Please contact the school for more details.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL - A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken on Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April). The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

HARTLEPOOL CHURCHES TOGETHER - Thanks to all who helped host Wednesday's Prayer Breakfast in the Parish Centre Hall, especially those who cooked and served the bacon butties. Anyone willing to join this second-Wednesday monthly 8.30am prayer group, please ask Laura in the office for details. Next three venues before the August break are- May 8: Church of the Nazarene; June 12: Headland Baptist Church; July 10: Church of the Nazarene.

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 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 24:35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Today, we look back in time to the first few weeks after the death and resurrection of Our Lord and we begin to see a growing realisation from the followers of Jesus of the real meaning of his teaching. We see this very clearly in their new understanding of forgiveness and reconciliation. Looking at the actions of the early church can teach us so much about our own understanding of the message of Christ and remind us again of how the mercy of God affects our lives today. The passage from Acts is a real attempt by the Apostles to reach out to the people of Jerusalem, not in condemnation, but in a spirit of reconciliation. The people may have been ashamed by the events surrounding the Passover and the death of Jesus; now the apostles are appealing to them to reconsider their actions and turn again to God. This is the Christian way; to condemn the sin, but love the sinner. There are many dreadful acts of violence in our world today against Christian churches. If we are to act in the spirit of Jesus, then our response must be to forgive these acts and try to rebuild the relationships that has been broken.

Saint John is writing to the infant church and advising them on their response to personal sin. This letter is a simple explanation of the Sacrament of Penance. It stresses the need to stop the actions which are causing sin, it urges us to turn to God in our sorrow for our actions and it reminds us that after forgiveness comes a firm purpose of amendment when we strive to keep God's commandments and sin no more.

The Gospel story follows the passage on the Road to Emmaus and the scene that the two disciples find when they return to Jerusalem. The disciples are talking about Jesus when he appears in their midst. This is a reminder to us of the truth that when two or three are gathered in his name Jesus is there with them. Jesus then teaches them again about forgiveness and reconciliation. He is not afraid to show his wounds, he reminds us that he, too, knows what it is like to suffer in an unjust world. He reminds them of the power of scripture, and he opens their minds, and ours, to understand the Word of God.

David Franke

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

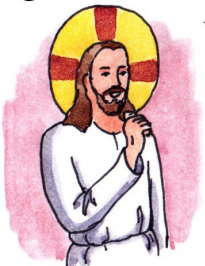
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, 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: Mary McLeod, Dorothy Hiney, Peter Jones, Lilly Pitts, Monsignor Phil Carroll, Margaret Lee. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Beatrice Breward, Maureen Neesham, Mary Treveil, Yvonne Parks, James Lynch, Alison Mullins, Julie Robertson, Mary McGurran, Catherine Mary Monaghan, Frank Rowson, Maria Lynne Burdiss, Pauline Mahoney, Mary Standen, Clarice McCloskey, George Brown, Audrey Pyitt, John Readman, Maureen Ann Slimmings, Margaret Walsh, Robert James Webster, 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' Body Came Back to Life!



When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

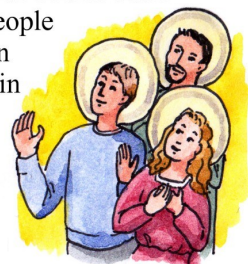
Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!

Alleluia!



The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th, 2024

When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.

To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?

Colour the spaces using this code to find out!

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skin colour .

colour in the blank spaces any colour!

