

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 15th December 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 14th December	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Advent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Living & Deceased Fernie / Fearon Families		6.00pm Mass The Deceased Larkin & Weir Families	
Sunday 15th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson		
Monday 16th December		11.30am Wedding Adam Thompson & Carolyn Lithgo 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Ken Best			
Tuesday 17th December		12.05pm Mass Elizabeth & George Dixon 6.00pm Civic & Secondary Schools Carol Service			
Wednesday 18th December		1.00pm Funeral Service Doreen Booth 5.00pm Primary Schools Carol Service		9.30am Mass Anne Cole	
Thursday 19th December		6.30pm Reconciliation Service	9.30am Mass Bernadette Jackson 10.30am Funeral Service Michael Liddell		
Friday 20th December		12.05pm Mass Sheila Glover			
Saturday 21st December	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Advent	12.00pm - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Brigid Carroll		6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan (B/Day Remembrance)	
Sunday 22nd December	4th Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Tony Ellett (A)	9.00am Mass Barry Walker		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

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

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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

Restarts 14th January
Lunch Club @ Parish Centre Hall

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club @ St Patrick's Hall

Sat: As Announced
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

‘The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.’

Sing aloud, O daughter of Sion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: ‘Fear not, O Sion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.’

**Response: Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

‘The Lord is at hand.’

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 3:10-18

‘And we, what shall we do?’

At that time: The crowds asked John, ‘What, then, shall we do?’ And he answered them, ‘Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.’ Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, ‘Teacher, what shall we do?’ And he said to them, ‘Collect no more than you are authorized to do.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what shall we do?’ And he said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.’

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. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

Today we celebrate God’s gift of Joy. In our broken world, when joy seems to be missing from so many people’s lives, how do we begin to celebrate this wonderful gift?

To begin we must consider what we have and build upon those strong foundations. We have the gift of life; it is a precious gift for it gives us the time and the energy to change, change not only our own lives but the lives of those around us. We have the gift of family and friendship; there are people around us who are ready to support and nourish us, helping us to find the true path to happiness. We have the gift of faith; we believe in our God of love who is ever forgiving and always there through the joys and sorrows of life.

Zephaniah lived in a world of great inequality, at a time when the morale of his people was at a very low ebb. Yet his words ring with conviction and joy. He knows that God walks with his people and shares with them in the storms of life. He calls to them “Rejoice and exult with all your heart”. He can see a time when everything will be made right because “The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.

Paul speaks to the Philippians, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice”. He urges them to be tolerant of those who have no faith, no hope, no joy. If those who listen seek God with prayer and thanksgiving, then the peace of God will be with them.

John tells us what we must do. Share our gifts, shun complacency, never be content with our lives, strive each day to act justly, show the love of God to all we meet. He assures the people that the Christ is coming and that they must be ready to receive Him into their hearts, This is a season of waiting, the Christ child is near, we must look forward to his coming and build on His promise of a brighter future for all.

David Franke

Mass of Christ the Saviour

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.

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 Mgehee, 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: Doreen Booth, Ann Forster, Brian Watson, Michael Liddell. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: James Pender, Mary Louise Parpa, Mark Linighan, Elsie Close, Patricia Measor, James Gormley, Pauline Taylor, Brigid Carroll, Maurice (Moss) Costello, Fr Joe Travers, John (Curly) Goulding, Eileen Wright, Elizabeth (Liz) Horwood, Kathleen Waugh, Anne Wilkinson, Julia Selina Bosworth, William Spence, Dorothy Birkbeck, Doreen Miller, Fr Kevin Daly, Richard Jacques, John K Judson, Sandra Priestley, Elise Morrison, Evelyn Ryan, Raymond Crawford, Glen Watson, James Duffy, Pat Watson, Elizabeth Cooper, Mrs. A. Robertson, David S Murray, Joan Hall, John Dobing, Kathleen Pickering, Josephine Ibbitson, Peter Measor, Marlene Muers, Audrey Weegram, Louis Martin, Mary Parpa, Joan Burke, George Edward Dickson, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

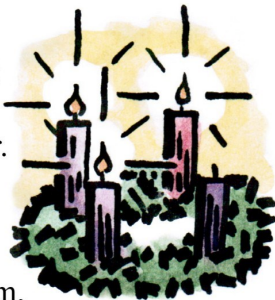
Kids Corner:

Painting the Way to Jesus



In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him,



and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2024

I AM BAPTIZING YOU
WITH WATER, BUT ONE
MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING.
I AM NOT WORTHY
TO UNLACE THE THONG
OF HIS SANDAL.
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.



Luke 3:10-18

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!