

# 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 16th February 2025

\*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 15th February	(Vigil) 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.00am Mass of Healing (Our Lady of Lourdes)</b> Living & Deceased Healey & Fernie Families <b>3.00pm Exposition &amp; Confessions</b> <b>3.30pm Rosary</b> <b>4.00pm Mass</b> Peter Lynch (5th A)		<b>12.30pm Baptism</b>  <b>6.00pm Mass</b> Joan Malone	
Sunday 16th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30am Mass (Hartlepool Civic Dignitaries)</b> Jimmy Dohing (90th B/Day)	<b>9.00am Mass</b> Barry & James Parkes		
Monday 17th February		<b>6.00pm Exposition &amp; Confessions</b>  <b>6.30pm Mass</b> Nellie & Jimmy Elener			
Tuesday 18th February		<b>12.05pm Mass</b> Joan Malone			
Wednesday 19th February		<b>12.00pm Requiem Mass</b> Alan Willgress		<b>9.30am Mass</b> Holy Souls	
Thursday 20th February			<b>9.30am Mass</b> Annette & Eric Tunstall		
Friday 21st February		<b>12.05pm Mass</b> Terry King  <b>1.00pm Requiem Mass</b> Patricia Ibbotson			
Saturday 22nd February	(Vigil) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>3.00pm Exposition &amp; Confessions</b>  <b>3.30pm Rosary</b> <b>4.00pm Mass</b> Veronica Bradley (B/Day)		<b>6.00pm Mass</b> John Croft	
Sunday 23rd February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30am Mass</b> Edward Garthwaite (A)	<b>9.00am Mass</b> Special Intention (A Troubled Teenager)		

#### 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.

### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

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**Opening Hours**  
10am - 2pm  
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre  
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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

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

# THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

**JUBILEE 2025** - We're all invited into an encounter with Jesus Christ, as his disciples of mercy, forgiveness, and social action, and to celebrate our communities. The Holy Door will be open during this Year of Jubilee, where pilgrims are invited to enter and receive a plenary indulgence. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. To gain a plenary indulgence, a person is invited to complete four specific acts: passing through a Holy Door, go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It's a way to show your commitment to living a better life and growing closer to God.

**Week beginning 17th February Holy Door opening times:**

**Monday: 6pm-7pm**

**Tuesday: 11am-1pm**

**Wednesday: By appointment only**

**Thursday: By appointment only**

**Friday: 11am-1pm**

**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 12th March at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are open until 31st March 2025. If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: [lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation. <https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/> Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

**GIFT AID** - We are coming to the end of the financial year and shortly we will be issuing envelopes for 2025-2026. Please note those who use envelopes may find the envelope number has been changed. This is to try and simplify the issue of envelopes and reduce wastage. In future we will be unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. There will be an opportunity to join the scheme in March, 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. I can be contacted through the Parish Office. Many thanks, Dave

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - There will be a meeting of the Holy Family Social Committee at 12.30pm, after Mass on Friday 21st February in the Parish Centre at St Joseph's to discuss future events. All are welcome.

**HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP** - Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given - Further information can be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or if you'd like to chat about the role, email [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk).

**BRICKLAYER WANTED** - Further to the removal of the hedges at St Patrick's Church, it has become apparent that the boundary wall is in need of minor repairs. If any parishioner has the skills to help, please speak to Canon Paul.

## 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

**‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.’**

Thus says the Lord: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

**Response:** Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

**‘If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.’**

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,  
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading Luke 6:17, 20-26**

**‘Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.’**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’

## REFLECTION

There are basic questions about faith in today's readings. In the passage from the prophet Jeremiah, we are asked to compare the man who puts his faith in the world and the man who puts his faith in God. The Book of Jeremiah is born in exile; it is the story of a people who have turned away from God and who have suffered great hardship exiled in Babylon. They suffer from a hardness of heart and the prophet is trying to change those hearts, to turn the people back to faith in God. There are some who rely on the promises of men; they are like dry scrub in the wasteland, for they do not have faith in God. There are some, the remnant of Israel, who have kept the faith, it blooms in them, like a tree by the waterside, and they are blessed in the eyes of their God.

Paul speaks to us of a faith that is based in Jesus Christ and His promise of eternal life. He reminds us of the power of faith in the resurrection. This is a measure of how faith brings us hope; we believe in the resurrection, the empty tomb, and through that faith we can be confident in God's promise of eternal life.

Today's passage from Luke follows the choosing of the twelve from among His disciples. There are three groups of people on this level piece of ground. The Apostles and disciples, the people who have come to listen to His teaching and a group who are looking for the miracle of healing. There is a real sense of the world being present in the various groups assembled. Jesus begins with a carefully balanced series of blessings and woes. He speaks of a world where the poor, the hungry and the mourner find a place of peace and joy but where there is no place for those who enjoy the richness of life. He echoes the poem of Jeremiah and reminds us that our God is not of this world with its ambitions and callous attitudes but of a world filled with God's love.

So, today, we are called to have faith in the love of God and to rely upon His goodness in the midst of a sometimes, uncaring world; we must choose between dry scrub and green trees, whether to follow the path of faith or to put our trust in the world. It is our choice – choose carefully.

*David Franke*

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, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, 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, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

**Recently Deceased:** Alan Willgress, Patricia Ibbotson, Anne Moat, Kathleen Gordon, Tony Cunningham, Leonard Young. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Brenda White, Nellie Elener, Sylvia Wormald, Sheila Griffiths, Terence McLouglan, Robert Reed, Mary Ellen Elener (Nelly Lynch), Maureen Crowe, Frederick James Hunter, Alice Healey, Veronica Mary Mullins, Theresa McCarroll Campbell, Brian Longmoor, Mary Lynas, Raymond Nicholson, Rosina Dee, Annie Wright, Patricia Stewart, Timothy McCarthy, Maud Guerin, Peter Ditchen, Sheila Gordon, Jack James Langley, Doreen Coulton, Edward Sullivan, Janet Moore, Margaret Palmer, Margaret Burns, Maud Mary Guerin, John Bew, Vera Littlewood, Eileen Czeba, Brenda Cook, Richard Wilson, Philomena Parpa, Agnes Reid, 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:

### Hidden Blessings



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

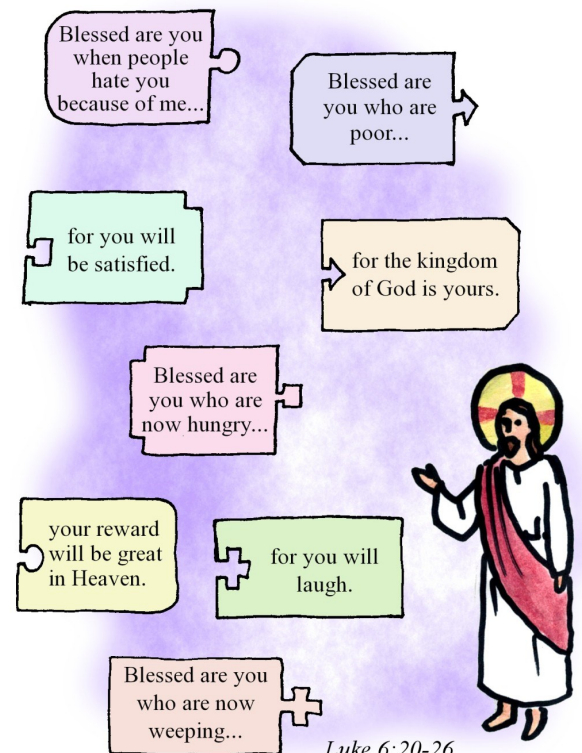
Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



## The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 16th, 2025

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?



Luke 6:20-26