

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 June 2024

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 15th June	(Vigil) 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Baptism 12.00pm-2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Grace & Doug Windsor	11.00am Baptism	6.00pm Mass Sylvia & Kenny Coull	
Sunday 16th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Janice Graham	9.00am Mass Pam Mottram		
Monday 17th June		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Michael & David Windram			
Tuesday 18th June		10.00 Requiem Mass Beverley Robinson 12.05pm Mass William Jenkison			
Wednesday 19th June				9.30am Mass Denis Coull	
Thursday 20th June		3.15pm Funeral Service Gene Barker	9.30am Mass Arthur Vokes (A)		
Friday 21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga	12.05pm Mass Peate Family 1.00pm Funeral Service Michael Garrington			
Saturday 22nd June	(Vigil) 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Michael Jacques		6.00pm Mass Madge Facchini	
Sunday 23rd June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Marie Cholmondeley (100th B/Day wishes)		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's
Mon 17th June - 9.30am Mass

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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

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 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 3rd July, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

THE NEW LECTIONARY - As of Advent this year, the English speaking Churches will be using a new Lectionary. If you would like a part share of a volume of the Lectionary, forms are available at the back of St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Church this weekend. The donors names will be inscribed in the front of each of the volumes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme. The programme is open to children from 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 Tuesday 17th September at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church.

SYNODAL VISION FOR THE DIOCESE - In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family- Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. A copy of the vision is displayed at the back of each church.

DEACON JOSEPH'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Deacon Joseph will be ordained in St Mary's Cathedral on 20th July 2024. He will continue his studies in Rome for a further two years, during which he will spend his holidays here in the Holy Family Parish. Please keep Deacon Joseph in your prayers as he makes his final preparations.

GARDENING - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens. Thank you to all who have been helping over the past few weeks.

DAY FOR LIFE - This Sunday, 16th June, is a Day of Prayer for Human Life. A collection will be taken.

FR SHAUN PURDY - will celebrate his 10th anniversary of priesthood this year. As this is his home parish, we will welcome him back for a celebratory Mass followed by refreshments on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

RECEPTION OF NON CATHOLIC SPOUSES - Next meeting is on Tuesday 25th June at 6pm in the Parish Centre Hall.

WELCOME - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout May: Albie Bobby Staunch, Anthony Gabriel Portillo Jimenez, Eden Avery Brown, and Seth Baggs.

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S CAMP - Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for activities, food, accommodation, and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities & excitement. For further details, please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - Please note the final payment of £85 is now due for the Walsingham pilgrimage (Total cost is £230). Please make out cheques to Holy Family Parish. Cheques or cash in an envelope can be handed in to the Parish Office. Please mark the envelope with your name and "Walsingham Pilgrimage". Thank you.

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

REFLECTION

There is a line in today's Psalm “Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God”. It is one of many references in the Bible to the saying “Grow where you are planted” a phrase that we may hear from time to time especially when people want to move away or change direction and find disapproval for their actions. In this ever-changing world it is sound advice, but it can also be an obstacle to those who are looking for a better life, a more fulfilled life, if we do not follow the promptings of the Spirit, then our lives may wither and not prosper.

In the passage from Ezekiel, we have an image of what the human spirit can achieve when it listens and responds to the Word of God. He speaks of a shoot that, when planted on a high mountain, becomes a great tree providing shelter for many within its branches. It is, I suggest, an image of the church. If we care to look, our landscape is full of spires, they mark out our places of worship, they are signposts between villages. A church which nourishes all that is good, stunting those who grow too tall and encouraging the lowly to rise, all in God's time.

Saint Paul contrasts the spiritual and the earthly. He warns us that if we grow too close to the body, we grow away from the Lord. We need to live a balanced life, taking what the body needs but feeding our spiritual selves so that we never lose sight of our true destiny. When we reach the “law court of Christ” He will not ask us if we have been successful but if we have been true to our neighbours and to God.

Jesus spoke in proverbs so that his listeners would remember and understand his teaching. There is nothing better than a good story. How do you describe the Kingdom of God? He begins by speaking about the miracle of the seed and the crop it produces. We will never fully see the effects of our seed sowing, but we can be sure it will, in God's time, produce a good harvest. Then he describes how even the smallest seed can produce a mighty tree. The mighty Oak trees that litter our landscape come from tiny acorns; how much greater will the Word of God produce when it is spread by faith through all humanity.

David Franke

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

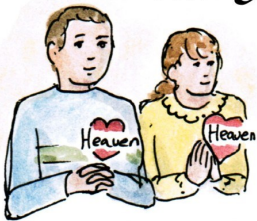
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Tony Cawley, Rita Charlton, Veronica Cochrane, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Natalie Eglintine, Teresa Falkingham, Cliff Ferness, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, 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 McEaney, 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: Gene Barker, Beverley Robinson, Michael Garrington, Janice Gould, Maurice Brown, Dennis Turner. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Patricia Stebbings, Michael Bede Talbot, Mark Proudlock, Mary Hair, John Cambridge, Brian Graves, Carol Hayes, Jimmy McGoogan, Veronica Nicholson, David Thompson, Terence Edward (Terry) Ness, Barbara Charters, Margaret Cowley, Nellie Forrest, Janice Marie Graham, Robert Dryden, Edna Burgon, Jane Elizabeth Graham, Judy Harrison, Gwen Travers, Molly & Mattie Robson, Arthur Vokes, George Boagey, Mary Jane Robson, Mary Tyreman, Rose Hansell, Patrick Cronin, Lily Ingledew, Dorothy Holton, Ken Middleton, Alfred Wood, Francis Albert Keegan, John Mulcahy, Edwin Stockdale, Norman Harker, Dennis Wrightson, Margaret Craddy, Arthur Skinner, Matthew Robson, Clare Witty, Ann Harker, Mary Ingledew, Grace Stabler, Katherine Neduvellil, Selina Deathers, Gladys Mary Harrion, Martin & Maria Mullins, Sheila Spurs, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

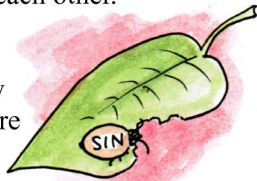
Kids Corner:

the kingdom of heaven

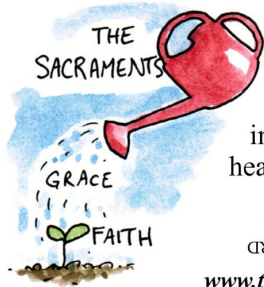


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!



Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED... THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS.

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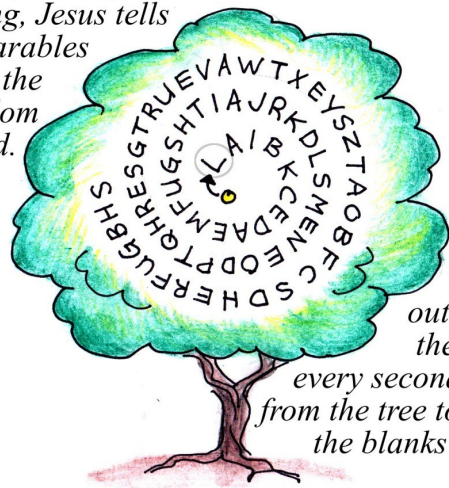
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The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16th, 2024

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.



To find out one of them, use every second letter from the tree to fill in the blanks below.

The Kingdom of Heaven is

When it grows up it becomes



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