

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 18th May 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 17th May	(Vigil) 5th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thomas Carroll (100th B/Day A)		12.30pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass Michael Ryan	
Sunday 18th May	5th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Marie & Alan Ferguson 4.00pm May Procession	9.00am Mass Terry O'Conner		
Monday 19th May		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Gloria Perry	11.00am Requiem Mass Robert Mullins		
Tuesday 20th May		12.05pm Mass David Allenby			
Wednesday 21st May				9.30am Mass Thanksgiving	
Thursday 22nd May			9.30am Mass Bill Cholmodeley		
Friday 23rd May		12.05pm Mass Grandsons			
Saturday 24th May	(Vigil) 6th Sunday of Easter	11.30am Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bill Gaskarth	1.00pm Wedding	6.00pm Mass Tom Reece Birthday Remembrance	
Sunday 25th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Alice Mary Frank		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's

Monday 19th May 9:30am 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.

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Parish Priest

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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: May 24th
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

MAY PROCESSION - During the month of May, we celebrate in a special way Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too. As a parish community we will honour Mary with devotions and a procession. The procession to Our Lady's statue, led by those who celebrated their first Communion the previous weekend, will culminate with laying flowers before her image. Join us on Sunday at 4pm, in St Joseph's Church. After the procession there will be refreshments and cake in the Parish Centre Hall.



JUBILEE 2025 - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:

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 5th June at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - The new tax year is upon us, and all envelopes have been distributed. If you have any problems or if you wish to join the scheme, please contact Laura in the Parish Office. If you require a 2023/24 acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office and one will be issued.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - Whether you're a seasoned reader, or trying for the first time, we would be grateful for any volunteers to read at 4pm Mass on Saturdays. Please pop your name on the sheet at the back of Church to be added to our rota. Many thanks.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL - Significance invites all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 28th June beginning with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. The Department for Formation and Mission is offering a half-day on 'Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today's World', a Year of Jubilee Formation opportunity which will lead into the Festival. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

ECHOES OF FREEDOM - Join the British Army Band Catterick for a poignant free concert on Friday 30th May from 7pm at St Joseph's Church to celebrate and commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Tickets are available to collect from the Parish Office.

HOLY ISLAND BUS - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 31st May, leaving from St Joseph's Church. Lunch is included. Cost is £15 per person. Payments due by 17th May. Please contact Brenda on 07599511066 for more information.

LAUDATO SI' MASS - Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical - Laudato Si'. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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: Acts 14:21b-27

'They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.'

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

'God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.'

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

REFLECTION

Stepping out into the unknown, clothed only with faith in Christ, Paul and Barnabas ventured into their first missionary journey. They took nothing with them but their faith, they had no safe havens to take comfort in, they, quite literally, put their trust in the Lord.

Have you ever thought about how you would have the courage to follow in the footsteps of Paul and Barnabas? Is your faith strong enough to give up everything to follow Christ wherever that may take you? I do not think that I could do such a thing. I am by nature cautious; I try to get as much information as I can before embarking on something new but sometimes, I do make a leap of faith; I cannot understand why I do so, but I know that something deep within gives me the courage. Of course, my leap of faith does not leave me open to angry mobs that want to silence and kill me. Thankfully my journey is not like that; but we all need to consider what do we do when our faith is challenged; do we speak out or do we remain silent.

Jesus speaks of "A new commandment". This is His message of Love, His manifesto for the future where His love for us must be shared. He tells us that "By this all people will know that you are my disciples". He challenges us to show to the world our Faith in Him through our love for all of His creation. This task may not appear to be as daunting as the challenges facing Paul and Barnabas but on a basic individual level it is a task that we are each called to fulfil. How do we appear to those with whom we come into contact? Do they see in us true disciples of Jesus? If we have that love that Jesus speaks about then it will shine out and show, to the people we meet, the love of Christ living within us.

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, 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 McEneaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mgehe, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvie 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, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Hilda Bruce, Bob Mullins, Pat Sawden, Monica Chimutsa **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Dorothy Breckon, James Gibson, John Breward, Alan Parkes. Lawrence William Reynolds, Theresa Storey, George Healey, Jean McDonald, Eric James Copeland, Pat Caley, Fr. Ciaran McDonnell, Kenneth Natt, Jane Ann (Jenny) Hart, Clare Marie Waugh, Mary Wilkie, Jessica Williamson, Terence (Ted) Allen, Anne Freda Larkin, Catherine (Kitty) Marine, Ronald Lawrence Vickers, George Henry Heal Watling, John Swift, John Darnell, Zena Smith, Barbara Gray, Brian Linighan, Bill Cholmondeley, Gene Barker, 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 New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.



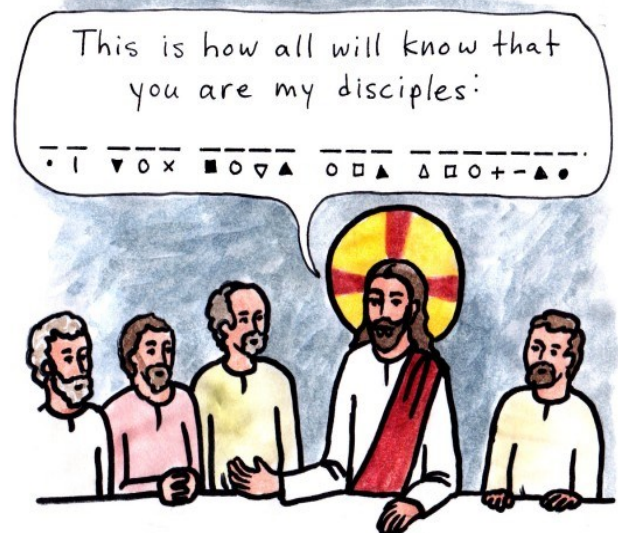
Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

Answer to Word-Find: Jesus comes again.
Answer to front page: If you love one another.

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The Kids' Bulletin

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 2025**



**What did Jesus tell His disciples
in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code below to find out!**

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John 13:31-35