

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 1st December 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 30th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Dave Tilley		6.00pm Mass Special Intention For Sick Friends	
Sunday 1st December	1st Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		
Monday 2nd December		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Brian Mongan			
Tuesday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier	12.05pm Mass Phillip Walker 2.00pm Funeral Service Teresa Dodds	6.30pm Mass Doreen & John Ritchie		
Wednesday 4th December				9.30am School Mass Thanksgiving to St Jude, our Blessed Lady & the Sacred Heart	
Thursday 5th December					
Friday 6th December		12.05pm Mass Ian Nichol (Cann)			
Saturday 7th December	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Advent	11.00am - 12.00pm Baptisms 2.00pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Special Intention (J.B.)		1.00pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass George & Peggy Heal	
Sunday 8th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Charles & Elizabeth Hewitt	9.00am Mass Bill Perry		

SCHOOL MASSES

St John Vianney's

Wednesday 4th December - 9.30am Mass in St John Vianney's Church
Refreshments will be served afterwards by the children

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

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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

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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - Please save these dates for your diary over the Christmas period.

Date	Time	Service	Church
Tues 17 Dec	TBC	Civic & Secondary Schools Carol Service	St Joseph's
Wed 18 Dec	5pm	Primary Schools Carol Service	St Joseph's
Sun 22 Dec	4pm	Parish Carol Service	St Joseph's
Tues 24 Dec	4pm	First Mass of Christmas	St J.V.'s
Tues 24 Dec	4pm	First Mass of Christmas	St Joseph's
Tues 24 Dec	6pm	First Mass of Christmas	St Patrick's
Wed 25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day Mass	St Joseph's
Fri 27 Dec	12.05pm	Altar Servers Mass	St Joseph's
Sun 29 Dec	4pm	Mass for the Opening of the Holy Door	St Joseph's
Wed 1 Jan	11am	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	St Joseph's

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 Wed 11th December at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Pope Francis has announced that next years Jubilee will have the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Similar to the last Holy year, he has also enabled Bishops throughout the world to open Holy Doors in their own dioceses so that all of the faithful can participate. Bishop Stephen has asked our parish to welcome pilgrims during this Year of Jubilee and that a Holy Door be opened at St Joseph's Church.

Further to our meeting in which we discussed the practicalities as a parish of hosting the Holy Door, we have established a team of volunteers for each day who will be able to act as welcomers. The welcomers will open the church, prepare for Mass and simply be a presence in the church whilst it is open. There is still need for further volunteers to join the teams, if you are able to help with this, please contact Laura in the office. In addition to our own volunteers, Bishop Stephen has requested for priests and laity from around the diocese to support us in welcoming pilgrims. Initially it is thought that the Holy Door will be open every day, Monday to Friday 11am-2.30pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm, and Sunday 9.30am-Noon.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST PATRICK'S - Due to retirements, we need more volunteers to help with keeping our church clean and tidy. Teams of two clean for about 2 hours in a four-weekly rota. Cleaning times are flexible and coordinated by Jane Barker. If you can help please contact Jane or see Dave Frank at Sunday Mass. Grateful thanks to those who have retired from cleaning after many years of great service.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE INTENTIONS - Each of the Churches of our Parish will be illuminated over the Christmas period with candles representing the intentions of our parish community. The Candle Intentions will be received at the back of each Church of our Parish until the 19th December inclusive. A donation of at least £3 to cover the cost of the candle is suggested. We will make every effort to provide the candle colour of your choice, however we cannot guarantee availability.

MASS INENTIONS - We kindly remind all parishioners that our intention list fills up quickly, and Masses are often booked well in advance. To secure your preferred date, we encourage you to give your intention as early as possible. Unfortunately we may be unable to accommodate intentions at short notice. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PIETY STALLS - We now have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of our churches. We also have Catholic Diaries for 2025. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

200 CLUB - November Draw 1st Prize £150 no 131 Fred Bostock, 2nd Prize £75 No 22 Phillip Robinson, 3rd Prize £25 No 37 Lyn Conroy. Congratulations to all our winners.

WELCOME - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout November: Carter Gaffney, Charles Etubu, Christiana Etubu, Grayson Prest, Harvey Waller, Louis Robertson, Ollie Wilson, Reenie McCormack, Robyn Lawson, Robyn Wilson, Roman Waller, Roman Wilson, Rossi Wilson, and Zeke Lawson.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you to everyone who supported the Savings Club this year. We raised a total of £1709 for Holy Family Parish. It would be great if we could get some new members and beat this total next year! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our Church. You do not have to save the same amount each week. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and amount on. In each Church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Vigil Mass: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray

The Club will restart on Sunday 5th January 2025. Many thanks.

CAROL SINGERS - Anyone available to sing Carols on Wed 11th December at Elwick Grange Nursing Home at 2pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 before 5th December.

ADVENT COURSE: JOURNEY TO THE CRIB WITH LUKE'S GOSPEL - Many of us have heard the Christmas story so often we're sometimes in danger of taking it for granted or overlooking key parts of the story. But do we really know the story as Luke intended? In this series of four talks, we will look again and reflect on the Infancy Narratives of Luke, Chapters 1 and 2. We will meet characters such as Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, the shepherd's, the angels, Anna and Simeon. We will look at the four great canticles of Luke's Gospel; the Magnificat, the Benedictus, the Gloria and the Nunc Dimittis. Join us in the Day Chapel on Monday evenings 7-8pm after the 6.30pm Mass. A great preparation for Christmas!

2nd December: Announcements

9th December: Antiphons

16th December: Arrivals

23rd December: Aftermath

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS - We are now able to take contactless donations. Please scan the QR code to make a donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.



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: **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading **Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

We are at the beginning of a journey through the Gospel of Saint Luke which will lead us, initially, through the weeks of Advent to the coming of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. We will meet people on our journey who will light the way. We are also on a journey to the revelation of God’s plan for humanity, shrouded in mystery, all will be revealed in due time.

God’s revelation was made first to the Jewish people and so the first reading of Advent is from the Book of Jeremiah. Jerimiah speaks to his people promising them a great future with the coming of the Messiah, “a righteous branch to spring up from David”, he urges the people to keep faith. But the people fail to respond, and their fate is deportation to Babylon, leaving Jerusalem in ruins.

Paul begins with a prayer. He prays that their love will grow and that they be filled with the holiness that comes from God. A new covenant with God is being established, the message that Paul is taking to all who will listen is that this is a new time, the old time has gone, the boundaries have been broken, and all, jews and gentiles, will be reborn into a new creation.

Often, in the Gospels, Jesus uses exaggerated language to raise people’s awareness that change is coming. The apostles are moving towards Jerusalem and He is continually warning them of what is to come but, like the Jews of Jeremiah’s time they are not listening. He is signalling the end of the present time and of the emergence of a new day when those who are faithful will emerge from captivity to freedom. But He warns them to “Stay awake and keep praying” for their reward will be “to stand before the Son of Man.

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
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 Follow, 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 McEaney, 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: Cliff Ferness, Christine Priestley, Teresa Dodds, Winnie Oliver, Bernadette Jackson. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: John Charles Reid, Greta Healey, Rosella Thompson, Peter Keegans, Joan Hall, Philip Stokle, Denise Breward, John Mahony, Olwyn Tracey, Madeleine Dawkins, Ronald Dring, Eileen Caden, The Garraghan Family, The Davison Family, The Henegan & Hay Families, The Mitchell Family, Patrick Walsh, Mary Gooding, Mary Cornforth, Patrick Walsh, Irene Aistrup, Jane Wilkinson, Rachel Blair Judge, Harold Coates, Patricia Lawson, Kenneth Day, Catherine Pennick, Rita Elsdon, Ann Foster, Andrew Daley, Alan Ferguson, Maureen Paterson, Dorothy Mason, Mr. G. Robertson, Gladys Bird, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

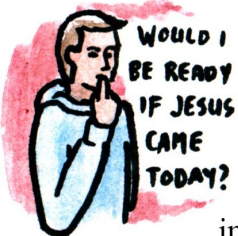
Kids Corner:

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



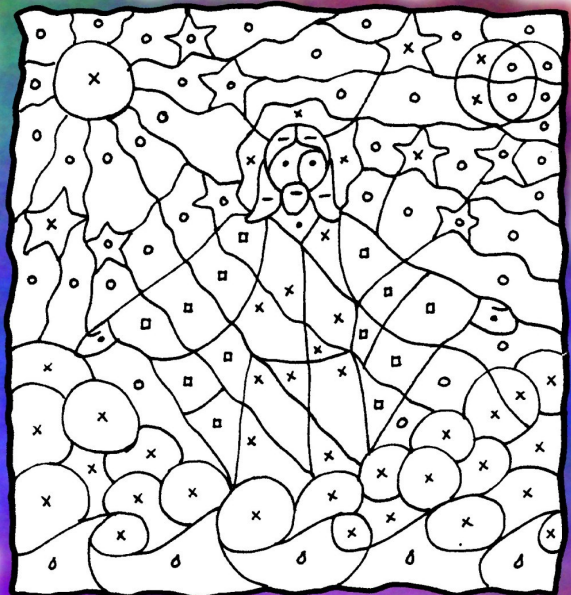
Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!



The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
December 1st, 2024



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

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