

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 June 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 31st May	(Vigil) 7th Sunday of Easter	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary Ollerton (Nee Elliott)		6.00pm Mass Hilda & Cliff Smith	
Sunday 1st June	7th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Don Briscoe	9.00am Mass John Darnell (In Remembrance)		
Monday 2nd June		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Christine Hansell			
Tuesday 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	12.05pm Mass Bernadette Jackson			
Wednesday 4th June				9.30am Mass	
Thursday 5th June	St Boniface		9.30am Mass Ellen McKenna 1.30pm Requiem Mass David McCann		
Friday 6th June		12.05pm Mass David Fraser			
Saturday 7th June	(Vigil) Pentecost	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Jacques & Moir Families		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Tom Reece (Anniversary)	
Sunday 8th June	Pentecost	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson		

SCHOOL MASSES

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

Monday: 6pm - 7pm

Tuesday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday: By appointment only

Friday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current 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 Wednesday 17th September at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Church.

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.

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.

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION - We have several First Holy Communion certificates which weren't collected last weekend. They are available from the parish office at your earliest convenience. We also have an abundance of Baptism certificates which have been requested and never collected. Each certificate takes time and resources to produce, we kindly ask that you respect this effort by ensuring your certificate is collected promptly.

BRIDLINGTON TRIP - Our Over 60s Club are organising a trip to Bridlington on Friday 20th June, leaving St Patrick's at 9am, and departing from Bridlington at 5.30pm. The cost is £15 each. Please contact Eileen Barker on 07518796859 if you would like to join us.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025 - The final arrangements are now in place for our pilgrimage to Walsingham. The pilgrimage will take place from 21st July until 24th July (Mon–Thurs), and the cost will be £340 per person; this includes Bed, Breakfast and Evening meal. There will also be a Day Trip. We now need final names for the pilgrimage, please put your name on the list at the back of Church. The money for the pilgrimage can either be paid in installments or in full at the parish office. For more information, please contact Roisheen Hunter on 07914946316.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - A collection will be taken this weekend for World Communications.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE—Raffle tickets for the Summer Draw are available at the back of St Joseph's church. All monies and tickets counterfoils to be returned no later than Sunday 3rd August.

200 CLUB WINNERS - The May draw was made last Sunday and the winners are 1st Prize £150 Ann Maughan, 2nd Prize £75 Sheila Turner 3rd Prize £25 Margaret Robinson. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who donate to the draw

200 CLUB - Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. If you are interested there are numbers available. If you let Laura know in the Parish Office one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Just a reminder that for some of our members subs are overdue. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25.

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 7:55-60

‘I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

‘Come, Lord Jesus!’

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, ‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

‘May they become perfectly one.’

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, ‘[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

REFLECTION

One of the sad features of Christianity is the divisions between believers. Whilst understanding that the love of God, within all denominations, is the driving force of our faith, the fact that we cannot fully worship together tends, I believe, to diminish each of us. In the early church any cause of division was subjected to discussion and, through prayer to the Holy Spirit, decisions could be made, based in compromise, that maintained unity across the emerging church. This was illustrated in last week’s readings when a dispute arose over the law of circumcision. It is a pity that this Spirit of compromise seems to have deserted Christianity over the centuries and resulted in the different communities that worship through Christ today.

Stephen, the first martyr, died for the church of God; he was a Jewish convert and his belief in the message of Jesus led him to his death by stoning. This belief was fanned into a flame by the Holy Spirit and gave him the courage to accept his cruel death and to forgive those responsible. This same Spirit has inspired Christians down the ages; many have suffered, and continue today to suffer, because of their love of Christ.

In the final chapter of the Book of Revelation, which is today’s second reading, the vision for the church, as revealed to John, reaches its climax in the call for all those who believe to “let the one who desires take the water of life without price”. The vision is complete with the promise of the second coming “Surely I am coming soon”. Shall Christ come to a church of many factions, or will He come to a church united in faith and love?

The prayer of Jesus in the Gospel passage is “That they may all be one”. Jesus sees the whole church united with God the Father, Himself and the Holy Spirit as one brotherhood uniting all those who believe. Through the Apostles, this prayer is offered so that the glory of the Son, given by the Father, may pass to the Apostles and all those who come to faith. Our hearts cannot fail to be uplifted by the promise of Jesus, to future generations, about the Father; “I have made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them”

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 Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Ann 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, 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: Pat Sawden, David McCann **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mary Coull, Ted Gray, Youngman Yung, Richard Downes, Doris Downes, Kathryn Port, Josephine Wilson, Susan Westwood, Patricia Lindsay, Daniel & Ethel Richmond, Harry Hay, Mary Jane Hogg, The Matthews Family, Helen Liddell, Alan Porritt 90th Birthday, Agnes Rennie (Nee Dowdle), Isaac Reece, John George Maurice Brown, Joseph Cooke, Peter Dobing, William George (Kish) Kelly, Thomas Mullins, Josephine Wilson, Martin Skeet, Hilda Liddle, Mary Abbott, Nancy Wilkinson, Mary Graham, Angela O'Hara, Joseph Reece, Mary Marsh, Nita Gofton, Jean Angela Humpleby, Doris Vaughan, Maurice Berry, Ann Close, Robert Healey, Francis Carney, Patricia Lancaster, Stephen Sheehan, Kathleen Linighan, Sheila Eggerton, Sheila Swift, Ronald Neesham, Laurence Judge, Doreen Hughes, Ralph Cawley, Paddy Galvin, Margaret Robertson, Thomas Reece, 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:

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

Answers to The Ascension True or False:
1. True, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False, 6. True, 7. True.

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The Kids' Bulletin

**Feast of the Ascension
May 29th or June 1st, 2025**



Luke 24:46-53

Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

*Colour in the spaces with crosses (+)
to find out!*