

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



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Monday to Friday

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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

School Masses

(All Welcome)

St Joseph's

Mon 22nd Apr - 9.30am Mass

Parish Diary — Week beginning 21st April 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 20th April	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter	11.00am - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley		10.00am Baptism 6.00pm Mass Elsie Bell	
Sunday 21st April	4th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Thanksgiving	9.00am Mass Lottie Docherty		
Monday 22nd April		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass McDonald & Hall Families			
Tuesday 23rd April	St George	12.05pm Mass Tony Gorman (A)	1.30pm Requiem Mass Lilly Pitts		
Wednesday 24th April				9.30am Mass Grandsons	
Thursday 25th April	St Mark		9.30am Mass Special Intention (My Grandson)		
Friday 26th April		12.05pm Mass Jim Fletcher (A)			
Saturday 27th April	(Vigil) 5th Sunday of Easter	1.00pm Wedding 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Catherine Butler (8th A)		6.00pm Mass Healing of John Gordon Guest	
Sunday 28th April	5th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Alan Parkes	9.00am Mass May Hutchinson		

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY GROUPS

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	Sun: After 9am Mass Coffee Morning St Patrick's Hall	Sun: After 10.30am Mass Coffee Morning Parish Centre Hall
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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

PARISH REVIEW - The parish review meeting will take place on Sunday 28th April, at 2pm in St Joseph's Church. The meeting, open to all parishioners of the parish, will be facilitated and led by members of the Bishop's Episcopal Council and the Dean of our area.

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 1st May, 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.

GIFT AID ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - If you require a 2022/23 acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please contact the parish office and one will be issued.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND - A special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund is open until the end of April. The fund provides for the needs of the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Grateful thanks for any donations.

HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB - Annual Subscriptions (£25), half yearly (£12.50) and quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are now due. Please see Clare Ferguson or place your payment in an envelope with your name on and give it to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made out to "Holy Family Parish". There are still vacant numbers so if you wish to join the 200 Club please let us know.

VACANCIES - St Joseph's Primary School are looking for a Lunch Time Supervisor and a High Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Please contact the school for more details.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL - A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken this weekend. The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

ITALIAN EVENING - A social evening is planned for Thursday 16th May in the Parish Centre Hall. There will be a choice of menu; either Pizza or Lasagne, and we need to know the preferences of those who want to attend. There are forms at the back of Church for you to register your interest. Please do so as quickly as possible so that arrangements can be made. Thank you for your support. See poster for more details.

FOODBANK DONATIONS - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. They are desperate for any tinned/packet/long life foods that can be stored in a cupboard at the moment. Any help would be massively appreciated.

PIETY STALL - Commemorative Holy Communion cards and gifts are available at the piety stall, at the back of the church. We also have a range of cards and gifts for births/baptism, mother's day, birthday and bereavement. You are welcome to view and purchase before or after Mass.

JOURNEY IN FAITH - There will be a meeting in the board room at St Joseph's Church, 7-8pm on Monday 22nd April. The meeting is open to all adults wanting to become Catholic and for the regular Church goers who want to understand more about their Roman Catholic faith. For more information please contact Deacon Jeff.

PUBLIC LECTURE - The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle, NE2 3JX on Saturday 4th May at 11.30am to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*. Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

ST JOHN VIANNEY COFFEE - There will be a coffee evening after Mass on Saturday 27th April. All are welcome.

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 The Holy Family Account Number: 11173928 Sort Code: 40-34-45 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Easter is the springtime of our lives, a time for growth, a time to renew. We hear, daily, the story of the early church and we wonder at the courage of those men and women who, filled with the Holy Spirit, took their faith out into a hostile world, and began to build God's kingdom here in the muck and glory of our world.

The Apostles took the message to the very top; they challenged the leaders of the Jewish faith to examine their actions and repent. Through the simple human act of healing, of compassion for a suffering beggar, they found the whole authority of the Jewish hierarchy descended upon them. Summoned before the highest religious court in the land they stood there, not as frightened fishermen, but as steadfast committed followers of the Lord and challenged their rulers to change and believe in the Good News.

Each time I read the words of John's letters I am struck by his faith in the love of God. Today he reminds us that we are the children of God. That is a truly awesome statement and one that fills us with hope for if God is on our side who can defeat us! It is up to each of us to live out our lives as children of God, this is not an easy task, there will be many obstacles for us to overcome. It is not a matter of saying we are God's children but of being God's children. Are we ready to put Christ and his church first in our lives?

Whenever I hear the passage about the Good Shepherd, I am reminded of one of the first statements of Pope Francis after his accession to the Throne of Peter. He called on his priests to put on the smell of the sheep, to take the burden of caring for the pastoral needs of the flock of Christ on their shoulders. This is not an easy task, through their ordination priests lay down their personal lives and take up the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people they serve. They do this freely. Throughout their priesthood they are faced time and again with decisions which place our needs before theirs. It is a difficult task. but it can be made easier if we are walking with them in the work in caring for the needs of others.

David Franke

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, 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, 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, Sylvie 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: Lilly Pitts, Margaret Lee, Winifred Stokle. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Stephen Elsdon, Veronica Reay, Margaret Lines, Bartholemew Nealon, Mike Grzelak, Anthony Kearns, Hilda Wilkinson, Margaret Wilkinson, Dennis Grievson, Robert William Weighill, Pauline Talbot, Harold Tubb, Annette Maria Bain, Winifred Decosemo, Kathleen Irvine, Tony Gorman, Charlie Gofton, Sidney Rooke, April 'Kitty' Gillen, Margaret Carter, Thomas Harvey, Stephen Elsdon, Molly Marshall, Ellen Humble, Alex Malone, John 'Brendan' Mahoney, Pauline Charlton, Charles Archbold, Miriam Weegram, Tommy Flounders Waugh, Kathleen Rooke, Jim Neenan, Michael Gunn, Raymond Allan, Veronica McDougall, Rex Harley-Smith, Anthony Gorman, Thomas Newlove, Jackie Reed, Patrick Hanson, Kathleen Noone, Lawrence Goulding, Elizabeth Crane, John Hand, Kathleen Rooke, Seamus McEaney, Margaret Lines, 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:

Our Good Shepherd

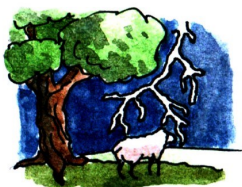


This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



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Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21st, 2024



*Help the sheep
find the Good Shepherd
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*