

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 22nd June 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 21st June	(Vigil) The Body & Blood of Christ	3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley		6.00pm Mass Madge Facchini	
Sunday 22nd June	The Body & Blood of Christ	10.30am Mass Tony Cawley (80th Birthday Remembrance)	9.00am Mass Rose Caffery (Birthday Remembrance)		
Monday 23rd June	St Etheldreda	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Jimmy Ritchie			
Tuesday 24th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist	12.05pm Mass Special Intention (DH) 2.00pm Wedding			
Wednesday 25th June				9.30am Mass Fr Eamonn Croghan	
Thursday 26th June			9.30am Mass Marie Cholmondeley		
Friday 27th June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus	12.05pm Mass Anthony Wilkinson			
Saturday 28th June	(Vigil) SS Peter & Paul	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Kevin Dixon (Anniversary)		6.00pm Mass Pat Boagey (Anniversary)	
Sunday 29th June	SS Peter & Paul	10.30am Mass Michael & David Windram	9.00am Mass David McCann		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Friday 27th June - 9.30am Feast Day 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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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
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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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Ministers of Communion are to renew their commitment today.

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 6th August 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 - If you wish to join the scheme, please complete a Gift Aid form available at the back of church, and return it to the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme, there is no cost to parishioners as the diocese claims the tax paid by Gift Aid members on their offertory donations from the government. If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the scheme.

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.

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

200 CLUB - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES - Please see the poster on the Church noticeboard for Governor vacancies across our schools.

PETER'S PENCE - Next Sunday is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. A collection for Peter's Pence and Support for the Holy See will be taken on that day.

VACANCY - The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is seeking to appoint an Education Administrator on a fixed-term contract for 12 months. Closing date: 25 June 2025. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - The Little Sisters of the Poor (St Joseph's Home), Westmorland Road, Newcastle will hold a Summer Fayre on Saturday 5th July from 12pm - 3pm. All are welcome.

YEAR OF JUBILEE FORMATION OPPORTUNITY - Sharing Our Faith in Today's World, Saturday 28 June, 9.20am-1.30pm, Emmaus Village. All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith! This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival with Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 3pm followed by a BBQ, live music and ceilidh. For more information and booking details visit: <https://bit.ly/DHNWitness-Significance> or contact the Formation & Mission team at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3316.

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: **Genesis 14:18-20**

‘He offered bread and wine.’

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Response: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

‘For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord’s death.’

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 9:11b-17**

‘All ate and were satisfied.’

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, ‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

REFLECTION

Today’s readings may appear to be very brief, a few short lines from Genesis, a familiar passage from Paul to the Corinthians and a miracle story from Luke’s Gospel but beneath the brevity of the words there is a great treasure of understanding. I find it amazing that the simple meal of bread and wine so familiar from the Last Supper passage begins, thousands of years earlier, with Melchizedek and Abraham. Then Paul, in the midst of admonishing the people of Corinth for their lack of respect to the church and one another, takes time to remind them of the central core of their faith; the New Covenant, the Eucharist and the second coming of Christ.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes reminds me that wherever two or three are gathered Jesus promises to be with us, whether in a great cathedral, in a field with thousands of people or a humble chapel with a small group of believers. The Eucharist is there; for us the bread of life, and, for the world, a reminder of Christ’s love for all humanity.

I believe that a church is never empty; it is filled by the memories and the love of all who have worshipped there. When we leave our family and friends before the altar of God for that final parting something of their spirit remains. We can never feel alone in our seats because we are in the presence of God’s love and all who return to Him become part of that love. Coming to Mass or a Service of the Word and Holy Communion can sometimes be difficult, for there are many calls upon our time, but if we see these opportunities as real family gatherings, of old and young, of those who are always with us, then it becomes, each time, a new celebration, one at which the King of Love requests our presence.

Let us share a vision:

And as I raised the Lamb of God,
I saw a wondrous sight
For in the dark and empty church,
I saw a sea of light
And every seat was taken,
by a smiling joyful throng
And the very stones were shaking,
as they joined in heavenly song
And I knew their names and faces,
for they were friends of mine
Long gone but not forgotten,
outside of space and time.

David Frank

Daily Readings



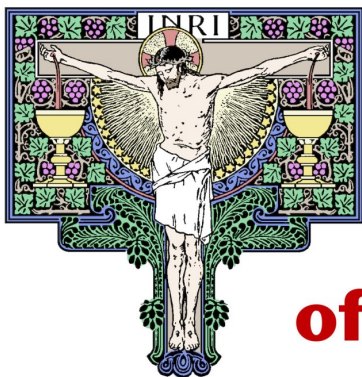
OUR PRAYERS

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, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, 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: Colin Temple, Frank Costello. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Sheila Spurs, Philip Eckerman, James William Watling, Lillian Mary Netherwood, Susannah (Sue) Dawson, Jean Kennedy, Ernest Bailey, William Cook, Susan Frances Cogan, Wilf Allenby, Margaret Rose Field, Sheena Frances McGibbon, Margaret McMemeny, Fr Eamonn Croghan, Tommy McMemeny, Madge Facchini, Jolanta Laszczkowska, Harry Wilkinson, Grace Moore, William Bowes, Kathleen Curren (Nee McCarthy), Margaret Parkes, Dorothy Sheader, Margaret Dryden, David Jennings, Winifred Mary Schmidt (Smith), Marjorie Duffy, Mary King, Amy Michael, Kevin Dixon, Maureen Cornack, Isobel Lawson Gray, Paul Rawlence, Thomas Connor, Patsy McHugh, Agnes Hay, Margaret Willingale, David Jennings, George Weatherill, 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 Body and Blood of Christ

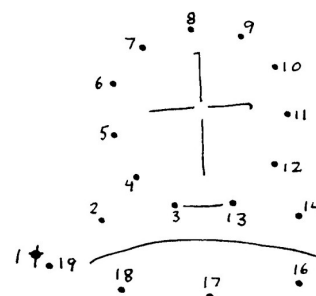
When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!

The Kids' Bulletin

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday June 22nd, 2025**



*Today is the feast
day of the
Body and Blood
of Jesus.*

*When He died
on the cross
He offered up
His Body and
Blood for us.*

*Jesus also gave
us His Body and
Blood to eat and
drink at the Last
Supper.*

*Connect the dots
to see where He
comes to us now!*

Luke 9.11b-17