

# 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 23rd February 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 22nd February	(Vigil) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Veronica Bradley (B/Day)		6.00pm Mass John Croft	
Sunday 23rd February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Edward Garthwaite (A)	9.00am Mass Special Intention (A Troubled Teenager)		
Monday 24th February		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions  6.30pm Mass The Hewitson Family			
Tuesday 25th February		12.05pm Mass Special Intention (Diamond Wedding)			
Wednesday 26th February					
Thursday 27th February					
Friday 28th February		12.05pm Mass George Hoey			
Saturday 1st March	(Vigil) 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms  12.30pm Baptisms  3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass John Howe (5th A)		6.00pm Mass Alfie, Ethel & Sheila McKenzie	
Sunday 2nd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass David Denning	9.00am Mass Bernadette Jackson		

#### SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

#### 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.

### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

Very Rev. Canon Paul Douthwaite  
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#### Secretary

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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

### Cancelled over Half Term

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** - We're all invited into an encounter with Jesus Christ, as his disciples of mercy, forgiveness, and social action, and to celebrate our communities. The Holy Door will be open during this Year of Jubilee, where pilgrims are invited to enter and receive a plenary indulgence. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. To gain a plenary indulgence, a person is invited to complete four specific acts: passing through a Holy Door, go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It's a way to show your commitment to living a better life and growing closer to God.

**Week beginning 24th February Holy Door opening times:**

**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 12th March at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are open until 31st March 2025. If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: [lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation. <https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/> Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - We have provisionally booked St Patrick's Hall for Friday 14th March for a Pie and Peas Supper. There are lists available in each church to book tickets. Tickets will be available next week at £5 each.

**GIFT AID** - We are coming to the end of the financial year and shortly we will be issuing envelopes for 2025-2026. Please note those who use envelopes may find the envelope number has been changed. This is to try and simplify the issue of envelopes and reduce wastage. In future we will be unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. There will be an opportunity to join the scheme in March, 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. I can be contacted through the Parish Office. Many thanks, Dave

**HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP** - Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given - Further information can be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or if you'd like to chat about the role, email [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk).

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND CAFOD** - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd to 27th June in London. Candidates must be aged have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**WEBINAR: SEEDS OF HOPE** - You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) in a webinar to find out more about the DEG and what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment. Date: Saturday 8 March 2025  
Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm  
Details, instructions and Zoom link available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4cmj99>

## 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:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**‘The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord’s anointed.’**

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, ‘God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.’ But David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless?’ So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul’s head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, ‘Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord’s anointed.’

**Response:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**‘Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.’**

Brothers and Sisters: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**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** Luke 6:27-38

**‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

‘If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.’

It is very difficult not to react when someone does something to hurt you. Whether the hurt is physical or verbal, it tears at your heart, and you want to respond in some way; to get even or perhaps to return a blow with something greater than you have received. However, we know that retaliation is not the way of Christ, that He taught us to forgive and, although in some circumstances, forgiveness is far from our hearts, this is the road we must follow if we want to follow Him. The story of Saul and David is one of a great friendship, a loving relationship, broken by jealousy and fear. As he grew to manhood, David became a threat to Saul and a great rift was torn between them. In today’s passage, David has the sleeping Saul at his feet, he has the opportunity to kill his rival, but he shows his compassion and his love by sparing his enemy; perhaps he is hoping for a reconciliation with his former friend, his hopes will prove to be in vain.

Paul uses the example of Adam, the first man, and Jesus, the new man, to teach us about how the world is changed because Christ has lived among us. We are creatures of this world, and our earthly nature makes us prone to conflicting moods. of love, and of hate, of earthly desires, and of heavenly aspirations. Jesus is from heaven, He teaches us how the spirit of God, living in us, has the power to overcome our earthly nature and turn us away from hate to love. We, therefore, have the choice, do we follow our earthly nature, or do we follow Christ?

Healing is greatly needed in today’s world; many people are suffering from the wars and disputes, great and small, that touch our lives. In this, the second part of the Sermon on the Plain, in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is teaching us about forgiveness. Returning a blow for a blow is not the answer to our problems. Every dispute must be settled by reconciliation and healing. We need to find respect for others, even those who hurt us, for it is in this respect that we find healing and love. **“Be merciful even as your Father is merciful”** can be a very hard road to follow but, unless we make a start, we may never find a way to build a peaceful world.

David Franke

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 McEaney, James McGee, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, 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, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

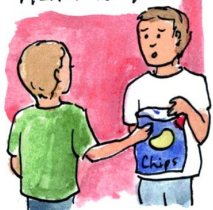
**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Gordon, Tony Cunningham, Leonard Young, Peter McClure. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Elizabeth Crowe, Harry Ryan, Christine Redhead, Irene Nealon, Joseph McHugh, John Peters, Michelle Hughes, Moreen Horseman, Valentine Smith, Sheila Glover, Kevin Michael Lee, Pat Turner, Dorothy O'Neil, John O'Neil, Lily O'Neil, Mrs. C Robertson, George Heal, Stephen Horner, Ann Simon, Edward Garthwaite, Amy Rimington, Agnes Selina Popplewell, Michael Paul Dignen, Sheila Horseman, John & Annie Atkinson, Keir Harrison, John Croft, Marjorie Boagey, Theresa O'Connor, Father Tom Cunningham, Mary Kathleen Keenan, Pat Thubron, Irene Nealom, Julia Patricia (Pat) Wilkinson, Annette Tunstall, Philip Coates, Joseph Michael Hannon, Catherine (Kitty) Tobin, Lena Bianco, John Wilkinson, Margaret Boagey, Barbara Watson, John Howe, Jean Courtney, Ted Strickland, Mary Boylen, Annie Cann, Pat Hurley, Anthony Henegan, Mary E Griffiths, Patrick (Pat) Northey, Oliver Cleary, Evelyn Connor, Gwendeline Hannon, Michelle Frise, Joseph McAllistair, Christine Swinburne, Margaret Waite, 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:

### Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



Answer to Front page: BE MERCIFUL

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### The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23rd, 2025

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading? Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!