

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 24th March 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 23rd March	(Vigil) Palm Sunday	12.00pm - 2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 4.00pm Mass Kitty Kelly	1.00pm Baptism	6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan	
Sunday 24th March	Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass Sheila Butcher	9.00am Mass Jimmy Docherty (A)		
Monday 25th March		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass The Holy Family & St Gerard (Thanksgiving)		10.00am Funeral Service Elsie Bell 12.00pm Requiem Mass Judith Bentham	
Tuesday 26th March		12.05pm Mass Jimmy Docherty (1st A)	6.30pm Mass Madge & Jack Collier		
Wednesday 27th March		6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		9.30am Mass Michael Jacques	
Thursday 28th March	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Mary Ollerton Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose. Concluding with Night Prayer at 9.00pm			
Friday 29th March	Good Friday	3.00pm Solemn Passion of the Lord	6.00pm Preached Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross	6.00pm Preached Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross	
Saturday 30th March	(Vigil) Easter Sunday	8.00pm Easter Vigil Erno & Eileen Czeba		6.00pm Easter Vigil Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday	10.30am Mass Peter & Annie Allen	9.00am Mass Steven Tierney (B/day Remembrance)		

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.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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

School Masses

(All Welcome)

No School Masses this week

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK - As our Holy Week liturgies are centralised this year, we are looking for volunteers from across the parish to read, minister, and have their feet washed (Maundy Thursday). If you would like to volunteer in any of these capacities, please contact Laura in the office who will hold a centralised list.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - You are warmly invited to join us on Good Friday for our Walk of Witness. The departure time for each church is: 9.50am St Patrick, 10am St Mary & St John Vianney, 11am St Joseph. Those walking from St John Vianney will aim to pass St Thomas More at 10:30am and the group from St Patrick will be passing St Cuthbert around 10:40am, so if you are unable to walk the longer distances please join us at those points to walk the final stage. We will also endeavour to live stream the walk via The Holy Family Facebook page for those who are unable to join us in person so please tune in shortly before 10am on Good Friday to follow the walk digitally.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - This Lenten course provides an opportunity to deepen our faith as we journey towards Easter. We will walk with John's Gospel by looking at key passages to help our understanding of who the person of Jesus is. The final session, The Rising, will take place in the Day Chapel on Wednesday 27th March, 7-8pm. All are welcome.

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 3rd April, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - Dave Frank has visited each Mass over the last two weekends and distributed boxes to those who asked. The rest of the boxes will be left at the churches where their most recent donations have been made. If you cannot find your box, please contact Laura in the Parish Office and we will organise a box for you. Many thanks to our new Gift Aiders. If you have not returned your form, please hand it in to the Parish Office. If you wish to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office. If you wish to change to payment through the bank there are forms at the back of church for you to take to your bank. Please do this before April begins as the administration of the scheme would then be much easier, if possible, ring Laura to inform her of the change. Thank you to all who contribute through the scheme, it is of great value to our parish.

SVP - Our local SVP visit people in care homes who have no family or loved ones living locally. It is humbling to see how much people can benefit from just one visit a week and time for a one-to-one chat together. We are looking to expand the number of people who we can visit but we need more people to be able to achieve this aim. Spending time with a lonely person is a great gift to both visitor and visited. If you feel that you might be interested in helping us expand our visiting service, then please either come to our next SVP meeting on Friday 12th April after the midday Mass at St Joseph's in the Parish Hall or phone Geraldine Martin on 07776210099 and she will be happy to give you more information.

HOLY PLACES - A collection will be taken this weekend for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

PARISH OFFICE - will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Bulletins for next week to be collected on Thursday.

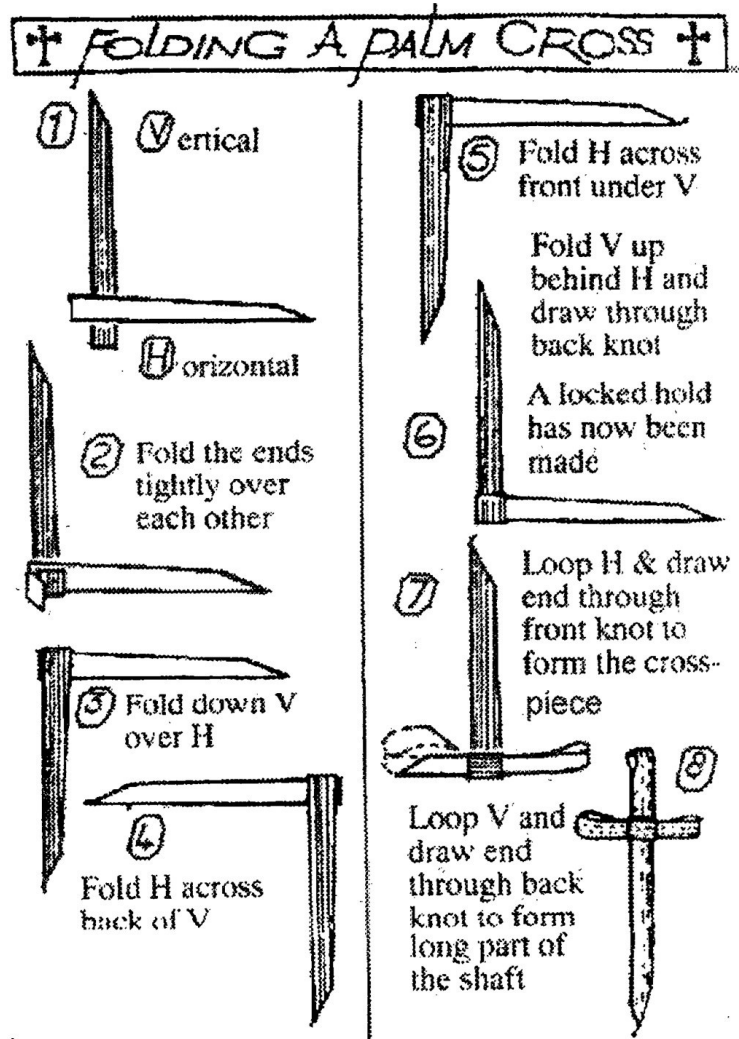
EASTER FAYRE - St Joseph's Primary School are holding an Easter Fayre on Tuesday 26th March from 3.15pm in the school hall, everyone is welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS - We had a great evening last Friday at our Fish and Chip celebration of the Feast of St Patrick. Grateful thanks to all who organised the event, to Ann and her team for cooking the supper, to Shiela for driving, to those who served, to everyone involved, to the ladies who sang and played beautifully and to those who came. We raised £255 for Parish funds.

200 CLUB - Please note Annual Subscriptions £25, Half yearly (£12.50) and Quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are due in March. 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - Holy Family will host a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday 10th April at 8.30am in the Parish Centre Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH - Coffee will be available after the 6pm Easter Vigil Service on March 30th. All are welcome.



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.

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-10

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

REFLECTION

*Son of Man, Word made flesh, came down from above,
Taught us faith, taught us truth, gave us hope and love.*

*But our sin fell on him, He was born to die,
We scorned His words, turned our backs,
ignored his anguished cry.*

*Just a man, just a man, just like you and I.
So we nailed him to a tree, left Him there to die.*

Left him there to die.

Lamb of God, Lord of all, how can you forgive?

Take us to your heart again, teach us how to live.

*Is your love strong enough, can it conquer all,
Can it teach this foolish heart to listen when you call.*

*Just a man, just a man, just like you and I,
He died for us but rose again. Never more to die.*

Now He reigns on high.

This piece was written many years ago but, as with the whole message of Passion Sunday, it contains an unquestionable truth. Jesus died for each and every one of us so that we may live, not in our light, but in His light. Let us take this Holy Week journey and set out to change our lives so that we may serve the God of Love in the way that leads to a better world.

David Franke

Mass Setting

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.

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, 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, Sylvice 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: Lottie Docherty, Judith Bentham, Elsie Bell, Julie Myers, May Hutchinson, Emily Flannery, Pamela Mottram. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

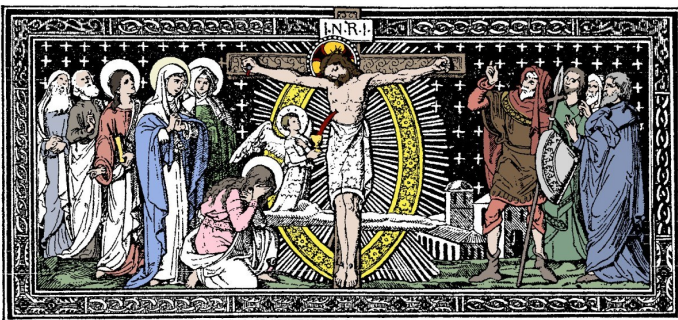
Anniversaries that occur at this time: Michael Judd, Catherine Hadfield, Paul Wilfred Hanson, Margaret Eagle, Joan Tupman, Winifred Joy, Charles Cockerill, Linda Ainslie, Sheila Clark, Edith Walker, John Tomlinson, Annie Charlton, Brian Booth, Williams Nugent, Maureen Hunt, Pamela Judson, Patricia Smith, Patricia Ross, Stephen Anderson, Anne Robinson, Mary Mathews, Robert Turner, Rev. John Jo Donnelly, Linda Ainslie, Celia O'Neil, Harry Bentham, Mary Ann Clark, Joseph Curren, Eileen Agnes Johnson, Baby Elizabeth Robinson, Anthony Tumilty, Margaret (Peggy) Parker, Maureen Ballem, Ronald Harrison, Eva Railton, Michael Macdonald, Jimmy Docherty, Margaret Lamb, May Mary Short, Erno Czeba, Jane Gofton, John Joseph Graves, Celia O'Neil, David Crowe, Maureen Cook, Winifred Ann Joy, 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: Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

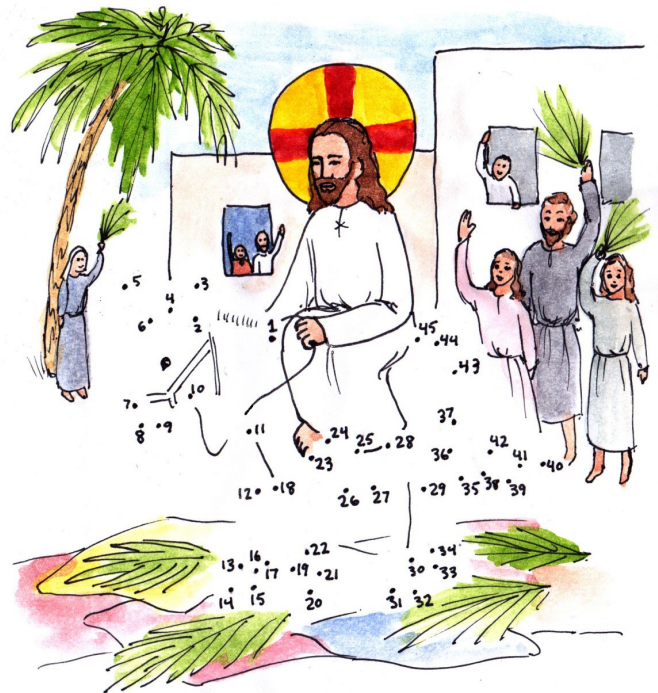
On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



The Kids' Bulletin

*Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024*



*A few days before He died on the Cross,
Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved
palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"
He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times.
What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*