

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 25th May 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 24th May	(Vigil) 6th Sunday of Easter	11.30am Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bill Gaskarth	1.00pm Wedding	6.00pm Mass Tom Reece Birthday Remembrance	
Sunday 25th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Alice Mary Frank (In Remembrance)		
Monday 26th May	St Philip Neri				
Tuesday 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury	12.05pm Mass Mavis Garthwaite 1.30pm Requiem Mass Monica Chimutsa			
Wednesday 28th May				6.30pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of The Ascension George & Peggy Heal	
Thursday 29th May	The Ascension of the Lord	12.05pm Solemnity of The Ascension David & Michael Windram B/Day Anniversary	9.30am Solemnity of The Ascension Pope Francis (In Remembrance)		
Friday 30th May		10.00am Wedding 12.05pm Mass Bernadette Jackson			
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)		

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.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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

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: 11am - 1pm

Wednesday & 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 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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Roman Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, there are Masses in each of the churches of our parish.

HOLY ISLAND BUS - The bus is now full, but please contact Brenda if you would like to be added to the reserve list. The bus will be leaving from St Joseph's at 8.30am on 31st May. A full itinerary will be given on the day.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST - The NCT have launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part. The survey can be found here: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who responded and signed up to our Readers rota at St Joseph's. A new rota is available at the back of Church to reflect the changes.

ECHOES OF FREEDOM - Join the British Army Band Catterick for a poignant free concert on Friday 30th May from 7pm at St Joseph's Church to celebrate and commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Tickets are available to collect from the Parish Office.

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.

200 CLUB - Just a reminder that for some of our members, subs are overdue. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. There are numbers available if you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, £25. Thanks.

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 15:1-2, 22-29

'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.'

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

'He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.'

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

'The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel can be split into several separate statements which speak to us plainly of the message of Christ. Firstly, he equates love with faith; "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word". Then Jesus makes us a promise that the Father's love is ours and our faith will create a home which we will share with the Father and the Son for "we will come to him and make our home with him". However, if we do not keep His word then we turn our backs on the creator God. Jesus then speaks of a helper, the Holy Spirit. He will be a teacher, a guide and an advocate; this Spirit is present in our lives. The Holy Spirit teaches us through scripture, he guides us by our conscience, and he is always ready to stand up for us against the temptations of the world.

God's peace is not man's peace; it is pure gift, it is a lasting peace, the kind of peace we experience in silence, in the wonder of nature, in the calm of a still day and in that gentle acceptance of fate that we witness in those who accept suffering. It is very far from the peace that the world offers; the world's peace is transitory, God's peace is everlasting.

The Apostles must have been frightened by the comments of Jesus when he spoke to them about what would happen in Jerusalem. They loved him, they gave up everything to follow him, they could not believe that he would be betrayed and killed. Jesus tells them "Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid" these things must happen; that he must go back to the Father so that they can go forward and build the Kingdom. They can see no future without his earthly presence, but they will see, as we see, his glory revealed through the works of those he has chosen.

There is no one who is excluded from the love of God and that love is pure and true. All of God's creation is precious to Him and our role here on earth is to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves no matter what religion or culture they belong to. Jesus promises us the gift of peace, but peace can only be achieved when there is no more conflict, and a fair and equal society exists throughout our world — a true New Jerusalem.

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 Mgehe, 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.**

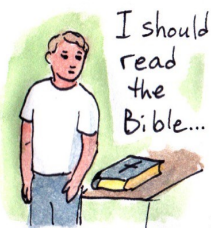
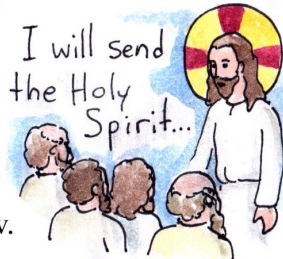
Recently Deceased: Pat Sawden, Monica Chimutsa. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Robert Wilmot, Bridget Howard, Brian Tetlow, Kathleen Jackson, Matthias Gallagher, William Gaskarth, Patrick Finnan, Michael Kelly, Thomas Hay, Peter Fidgeon, Thomas Boagey, George Canavan, Alice Frank, Constance Frances Stelling, Margaret Jean Costello, Joan Cooper, Lawrence Leo Bramley, Redmond Shaw, Andrew Walford, Gertrude Pye, Hilda Smith, Nora Knight, Michael Garrington, Iroulla (Rula) Kyriakou, Anne Parker, Christopher (Kit) Ryan, David Thompson, Donald Colledge, Mary Lawty, Gordon R Griffiths, Beverley Robinson, Lewis Fisher, Joan Pounder, Fr Joseph Parkes, Mary Ollerton, Joan Wheeler, Terence Richardson, Dennis Richardson, Norah Coulson, James McGregor, Joseph Chandler, Margaret Wilson, Kevin Craddy, 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:

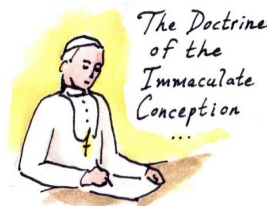
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



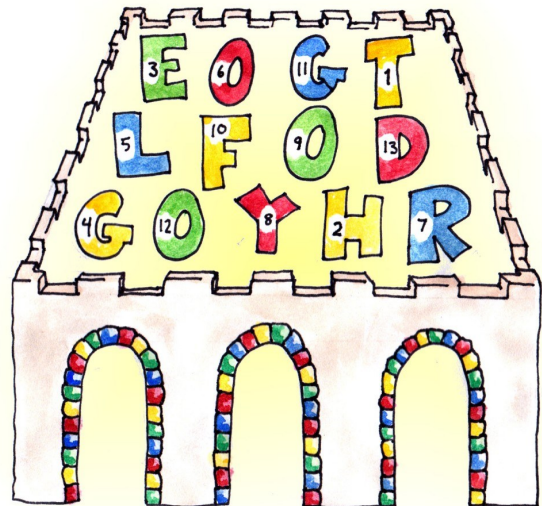
After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 2025



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

will be its light.

Rev. 21:22-23

John 14:23-29 Answer to puzzle on front: The glory of God.

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