

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 26th January 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 25th January	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bill Gaskarth		6.00pm Mass Deceased Members of SJV Guild	
Sunday 26th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Alan Parkes	9.00am Mass Jimmy Docherty		
Monday 27th January		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Sarah Cain			
Tuesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas	12.05pm Mass Bernadette Jackson			
Wednesday 29th January				9.30am Mass Anne Cole	
Thursday 30th January		11.00am Requiem Mass Colin McDonald 2.00pm Funeral Service James Walsh	9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Eileen McConnell (in Remembrance)		
Friday 31st January	St John Bosco	12.05pm Mass Eileen Scurrah		10.00am Funeral Service Kenneth Sanderson	
Saturday 1st February	(Vigil) The Presentation of the Lord	11.30am Baptism 12.30pm Baptism 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley (1st A)		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving to our Blessed Lord and Mother	
Sunday 2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord	10.30am Mass Hodge & Feeney Families	9.00am Mass Jimmy, Joan, Alan & Margaret Moore		

SCHOOL MASSES

English Martyrs

Wednesday 29th January - 11.30am Mass

St Teresa's

Thursday 30th January - 9.30am 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
Grosvenor Street
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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

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 27th January Holy Door opening times:

Monday: 6pm-7pm

Tuesday: 11am-1pm

Wednesday: By appointment only

Thursday: By appointment only

Friday: 11am-1pm

Saturday: 1.30pm-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 February at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - It's not too late to join this year! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our Church. For example, if you would like to save £10, you would pay the club £10.50; if you would like to save £20, pay £21; if you would like to save £40, pay £42 etc. You do not have to save the same amount each week. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and amount on. In each Church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Vigil Mass: Ann Howe,

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone,

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding,

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray.

Many thanks.

SANTO NIÑO - The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated with a Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 26th January.

200 CLUB - Subscriptions are now due for the January to March Quarter - Thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS - We kindly remind all parishioners that our intention list fills up quickly, and Masses are often booked well in advance. To secure your preferred date, we encourage you to give your intention as early as possible. Unfortunately we may be unable to accommodate intentions at short notice. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2025 calendars are available to buy from the parish office or from our church piety stalls. They are £3.50 each.

STELLA MARIS - We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated to help our seafarers over the Christmas period. As the colder months continue, we are now asking if anyone is able to donate any warm coats or sweaters, there are baskets at the back of our Churches, Thanks again for your continued generosity and support.

THE TEMPEST - Parishioners are warmly invited to St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School's take on Shakespeare's The Tempest, on Wednesday 19th February at 6pm. We would be delighted if you could join us to support the children, staff and enjoy a wonderful performance. Tickets are priced at £6 each and are available from the school office. Please support us in making this a wonderful occasion for St Cuthbert's. We look forward to seeing you there. The play will end at 7.20pm.

WALSINGHAM 2025 - We are delighted to announce that we will be organising our Pilgrimage this year in July. The exact dates and prices will be announced once finalised. To help us with planning, we kindly ask anyone interested in joining to complete the Expression of Interest form available at the back of church. Stay tuned for updates, we look forward to making this a memorable experience for all!

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK - Bins are available at the back of our Churches, taking donations for Hartlepool Foodbank. Any help would be massively appreciated.

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;
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.
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

‘They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.’

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen,’ lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.’ For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, ‘Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

Response: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

‘You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.’

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;
to proclaim liberty to the captives.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.’

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

In our Mass we have two liturgies, firstly of the Word and then of the Eucharist. Basically, we have a period of scripture and teaching, the Word and then a shared meal, the Eucharist. We are following, in effect, an ancient tradition as we can see from today’s first reading from the prophet Nehemiah. Here we have a ceremony where the people are gathered, and the Jewish Book of the Law is proclaimed. Ezra the scribe was chosen to read, he spoke from an elevated position so that he could be seen. It was important that the people not only heard the word, but they also understood the meaning so, as Ezra paused from time to time, the Levites went among the people and gave the meaning to them. Afterwards they had a feast, and food was distributed to those who could not come to the ceremony.

One of the purposes of the reading of the Book of the Law was to unify the Jewish people with a common purpose. When Paul speaks to the people of Corinth, he is aware of the different factions operating in the city. He needs to bring these diverse groups together and he does so by comparing different parts of the body to show their need to work together for the benefit of all. This unity of purpose is essential in all we do. We cannot survive as a church community if we are divided. We are the body of Christ, one body, blessed by God, formed to be His body on earth. If there are divisions, they must be healed, so that we can walk together on our Pilgrimage of Hope.

In today’s Gospel Jesus goes to an elevated position in the synagogue and reads from the Book of Isaiah, He is repeating the actions of Ezra and, following the example of the Levites, He then begins to teach His listeners, giving the meaning to them. The chosen piece of scripture is a proclamation by Jesus of His ministry. The Spirit of the Lord is working in him. He comes to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and proclaim the year of God’s favour. He then sits down and begins to speak “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”. Can you imagine the reaction of the people? What is your reaction to the challenge set by Our Lord?

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, Kay Wallace, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Kenneth Sanderson, Violet Teresa (Terry) Wilkinson, Frank Kozorowski, Colin McDonald, James Walsh, Charles Burdiss, Joseph Gorman, Shaun Kenny, David Denning. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Edith Annie (Nancy) Hutchinson, Maureen Watson, Thomas William Vasey, Elizabeth Margaret Mullins (Betty), Gladys Burdiss, Patricia Leonard, Olive Lynch, Fiona Waterland, Fr Gerard Monaghan, Richard Bradley, Barry Parkes, Winifred Hoey, Doris Emerson, Michael Rutter, Olga Caden, George William Shave, George Gofton, Sally Burnett, Margaret Ellen Percival, Ruth Hewson, Joseph Leonard Atkins, Evelyn Stewart, Margaret Donnelly, Effie Jardine, Gerald R H Burley, Edward Yarrow, Benjamin Tumilty, John Trundle, Frederick Percival, Christine Franklin, Eileen Ferry, David Crowe, Joe Tierney, David Widdowfield, William John McAlpine, Kenneth Thomas Short, Megan Devine, John Bourne, Michael Hannon, Patricia Atkinson, William Stabler, George Pearce, Noreen Osborne, John Atkinson, Edward Garthwaite, John O'Neill, Ruth Hewson, Millie Pearce, Kevin Kelly, William Donaldson, Sister Fintan, James Lynch, Hector Samuel Everett, The Papa Family, William Everett, Tim & Peggy McCarthy, Alice Healey, Frances Glass, Stuart Simpson, Gareth Bryant, Laurence William Lynch, 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 Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?



Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah. What did it say?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

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