

# 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 2nd February 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 3rd February		10.00am Funeral Service Shaun Kenny 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Deceased Members of the Crowe Family			
Tuesday 4th February		12.05pm Mass Alf Garthwaite 2.00pm Requiem Mass Frank Kozorowski		10.00am Funeral Service Charles Burdiss	
Wednesday 5th February	St Agatha		11.00am Funeral Service Violet Teresa Wilkinson (Terry)	9.30am Mass Kay Reece (B/Day A)	
Thursday 6th February	SS Paul Miki & his Companions	11.00am Funeral Service Joseph Gorman	9.30am Mass Megraw Fund	1.30pm Requiem Mass Denis Waller	
Friday 7th February		12.05pm Mass Tom Jackson & Deceased Former Parishioners of St Thomas More			
Saturday 8th February	(Vigil) 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Maude Vaughan		6.00pm Mass Graham Connor	
Sunday 9th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Peter Willgress (B/Day A)	9.00am Mass Nealon & Murray Families		

#### SCHOOL MASSES

##### St John Vianney's

Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am Mass in St John Vianney's Church

#### 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

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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

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 3rd 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**

**NEW DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR** - As some of you know, Bishop Stephen has re-organised and enlarged the deaneries. Our deanery is that of Cleveland and South Durham and the first meeting of its clergy will be on Wednesday 12th February. We will meet in St Joseph's Church and inaugurate our new deanery by celebrating Mass together at 12.05pm, and passing through the Holy Door. All are welcome to this Mass at which we hope laity and clergy of the deanery can gather to pray for each other and for God's guidance of our new deanery.

**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.

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

**STELLA MARIS** - 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, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**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 our church piety stalls. They are £3.50 each.

**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.

**200 CLUB** - January Draw has taken place. Winners: 1st prize £150 No 44 Barbara Taylor, 2nd Prize £75 No 93 Christine McMorris, 3rd Prize £25 No 57 Angela Linden. Congratulations to our winners. Please note Subscriptions (£6.25) are now due for the January to March Quarter.

**HARTFIELDS MASS** - The next Hartfields Mass on Wednesday 12th February will take place at 9.30am on this occasion, due to the Deanery meeting taking place that day.

## 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: Malachi 3:1-4**

**‘The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.’**

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Response:** The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

**‘He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.’**

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-32**

**‘My eyes have seen your salvation.’**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord’) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

‘Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

Today is Candlemas, a day on which all the candles to be used in church over the next twelve months are blessed. Candles are important in our liturgy, they shine in the darkness, transforming a dark world into a world of light, they are a symbol of Christ, the true light, the light of the world. During the Baptism ceremony a candle of faith is lit and held by an adult for the child being baptised. In an adult baptism the one being baptised holds their own light to show that Christ has entered into their lives to drive away the darkness and to welcome the light of Faith. At the final event of our lives the Easter Candle is lit at our funeral to remind those present of the promise of resurrection and eternal life. We each have a light, a light that never goes out, it may grow dim, but God’s love sustains its flame.

Malachi is writing 400 years before the birth of Jesus, and he is the last of the Old Testament prophets. Now a silence will descend on Israel which will only be lifted upon the birth of a child. Malachi prophesies the coming of John the Baptist as the messenger of the Lord; he speaks of the Lord suddenly entering his temple, a Lord born in poverty to a Jewish couple from Nazareth, he a local carpenter, she a housewife and mother. Malachi’s message is that this child will come with power and his teaching will change the hearts of the people of Israel and bring them back to God.

The letter from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our brother. He is one of us, born of woman as we are. He is the one who will lead us like a loving, older brother showing us the way, keeping us safe, turning us away from temptation and sin. He will give his life for us and so defeat death and the devil forever. Through his sacrifice he will make us free.

In the Gospel passage we meet Simeon and Anna. It is Simeon who breaks the silence of prophesy as he recognises Jesus as the Christ of the Lord. In his simple prayer, in Latin the “Nunc Dimittis”, he speaks of a “light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel”. Simeon announces that the light of the world has come so that all the people on earth can walk in the light of faith.

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:** Violet Teresa (Terry) Wilkinson, Frank Kozorowski, Charles Burdiss, Joseph Gorman, Shaun Kenny, David Denning, Douglas Boreland, Denis Waller, George Short. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

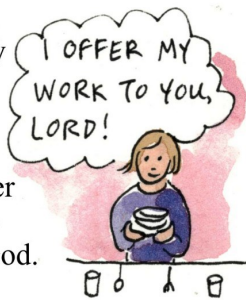
**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Margaret Rose Murphy, Dora Wilkinson, James Wilson, Frederick Donnelly, Ethel Duffy, Anne Thompson, Margaret Barnfather, Peter Ingham, Megan Devine, Albert Griffiths, James Lester, Thomas Leck, George Arthur Docherty, Peter Barker, Joan Howell, Mary Sawoch, Marjorie Kilvington, Paul Dipper, Hannah Walsh, Hilda Wilson, Kathleen Humphrey, Florence Gofton, Kyle Hess, William Mason, Catherine Gaffney, Mr. T Willis, Margaret Cox, Peggy Armstrong, Mark Anthony Knight, Graham Francis Connor, Christine Anne Humpleby, Denis Eldson, 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 Presentation of Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead. Mary and Joseph were poor, so they followed the law by offering a pair of turtledoves.



Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God. A good way to start is to pray a "morning offering" every day. Tell God that you

I OFFER YOU EVERYTHING THIS DAY...



love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!

How can you start offering yourself to God today?

## The Kids' Bulletin

### Feast of the Presentation of Jesus



Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?

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