

# 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 30th March 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 29th March	(Vigil) 4th Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass David & Eileen Knight		6.00pm Mass Pat Boagey	
Sunday 30th March	4th Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass David Fraser	9.00am Mass Frances Bamford (100th B/Day Remembrance)		
Monday 31st March		1.00pm Funeral Service Mavis Garthwaite 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Mary Ollerton (Nee Elliott)		10.00am Funeral Service Bernadette Horsfield	
Tuesday 1st April		12.05pm Mass Sarah Dwyer			
Wednesday 2nd April		11.00am Funeral Service Jean Gallagher		9.30am Mass Megraw Mass Fund	
Thursday 3rd April			9.30am Mass Special Intention 6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction		
Friday 4th April		12.05pm Mass Frank Kozorowski			
Saturday 5th April	(Vigil) 5th Sunday of Lent	11.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Terry Collins		6.00pm Mass Margaret Lee	
Sunday 6th April	5th Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass In Thanksgiving	9.00am Mass Steven Tierney (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.

### Parish Clergy

#### Parish Priest

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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

**BISHOP STEPHEN'S VISIT** - Bishop Stephen has sent a very kind message thanking everyone for the welcome and hospitality he received on his visit last weekend. Bishop Stephen was also impressed at "what a joyous and vibrant community Holy Family Parish is in Hartlepool."

**HOLY WEEK** - Last year, with the exception of the Easter Vigil, we celebrated the Sacred Triduum together as a Parish at St Joseph's Church. St Joseph's was chosen because of its centrality in the town and also because of its capacity. This year, at the Easter Vigil, we will welcome a number of new members into our community of faith. For this reason, it will not be possible to celebrate two Easter Vigils. So that each Church of our Parish can have a Mass on Easter Sunday, the times of the regular Sunday Masses will be adjusted slightly for Easter Sunday only. Please save these dates for your diary.

Date	Service	Church	Time
Maundy Thursday 17/04	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Joseph's	6.30pm
Good Friday 18/04	Solemn Passion of the Lord	St Joseph's	3.00pm
Holy Saturday 19/04	Easter Vigil Mass	St Joseph's	6.30pm
Easter Sunday 20/04	Easter Sunday Mass	St Patrick's	8.30am
	Easter Sunday Mass	St Joseph's	10.00am
	Easter Sunday Mass	St John Vianney's	11.30am

**JUBILEE 2025** - The opening times of the Holy Door this week are as follows:

**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 Wed 2nd April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**GIFT AID** - If you have not collected your envelopes for 2025–26, they are available at the back of the church you regularly attend. If you wish to join the scheme please contact Laura in the Parish Office. 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.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST** - A retiring collection will take place this weekend for CAFOD's Family Fast.

**PARISH COMMITTEES** - As a parish, we now have two established committees: the Finance Committee and the Social Committee. Over the coming weeks, two further committees will be established for the practical running of the parish; the Liturgy Committee, and the Buildings Committee. Once these are established, we will then begin to look at the formation of a parish Pastoral Council, focusing on spiritual formation, it will direct the parish in its missionary apostolate. Please be generous in accepting an invitation to join these new committees.

**200 CLUB** - Please note, subs are now due: £25 yearly, £12.50 half yearly, £6.25 quarterly. Thanks.

**RED MISSION BOXES** - Please empty your box into a bag with your name and address on, and bring it either to the parish office or to Mass to be counted. Thank you very much for your support.

**ST TERESA'S SCHOOL APPEAL** - You may have heard, St Teresa's 'Tech Team' has qualified to represent Great Britain in Texas! The school now has to find £20,000 by May for this to happen. St Teresa's Primary School would be ever so grateful if we could hopefully help towards making this opportunity of a lifetime become a reality for the pupils who have worked so hard for this. Donations can be given to the school, or you can donate online at <https://gofund.me/291eb74a>

**HOLY ISLAND BUS** - Brenda Bland is organising a bus to Holy Island on Saturday 31st May, leaving from St Joseph's Church. Lunch is included. Cost is £15 per person. There are sign up sheets at the back of each church if you would like to reserve any seats. Please see Brenda for more information.

**NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND** - Next weekend, 6th April, there will be a collection for sick and retired priests (NBF).

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** - Further to the first reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill which parliament voted for in November 2024, there will be a second reading of the bill at the end of April 2025. There is still a possibility for this bill to be defeated. Further information will be given at a meeting on Monday 31st March at 7pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Coast Road, Blackhall Colliery, TS27 4HW.

## Mass of Christ the Saviour

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: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

**The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.**

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**Response:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

**'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself.'**

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.  
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

**Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**'Your brother was dead, and is alive.'**

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

## REFLECTION

*When we look at a familiar passage from scripture it is very easy to presume that we know the message it contains. Sometimes we fail to grasp the opportunity of looking at the passage through the eyes of today and so we stay with images from our past which can be old and staid. Each time we read a passage we should ask ourselves what is this saying to me now; how relevant is this to who I am today?*

*At the beginning of today's Gospel passage there is a reference to two groups: the tax collectors and the sinners and the Pharisees and the scribes. Jesus, in the parable, is trying to teach us something about our attitudes to people and how we need to embrace change in our lives. We begin with the rebel, the younger son, he is the one we take a dislike to because he offends our sense of morality. He takes the hard-earned money his father has made and wastes it on sex, drugs and rock and roll. When it is gone, he reaches rock bottom and feels sorry for himself; reflecting on his life he realises that even the least in his father's house has much more than he has. He swallows his pride and sets off back towards his home. Just like the tax collectors and the sinners he wants to turn his life round.*

*The Older son looks on his returning brother with disdain. How can this wretch hope for forgiveness, he will always be a waste of space! Why can't my father see through his lies and deceits and turn him away from the door. After all, I am always faithful, I have always led a good life, and I deserve my father's love so much more than he does. Do you recognise the older son? Does he sound like a Pharisee or a scribe, does he sound like someone you know?*

*Saint Paul tells us that there is a new creation. All this is from God who, through Christ, reconciled us to himself and gave us the sacrament of reconciliation. We are ambassadors for Christ; we are to work in his vineyard and give all who dwell there the opportunity to be reconciled to our heavenly Father. There will be saints and sinners, the self-righteous and the down trodden. All need to be welcomed, none turned away. The Father, in today's parable, does not judge but welcomes, does not make rules but embraces the younger son and celebrates. This Lent, today, we are called to do the same.*

*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, Fr Seamus McGivern, 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, Marie Spindlow, 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:** Mavis Garthwaite, Bernadette Horsfield, Jean Gallagher, Margaret Martin, Lynne Morrow. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** David Crowe, Winifred Joy, Charles Cockerill, Maureen Cook, Peter James Jones, Alan Price, Lily Pitts, Edwin (Eddie) Percival, Lawrence Sharratt, Owen & Elizabeth Cawley, Margaret Emmerson, Richard Ian Wilkinson, Linda Ainslie, Sheila Clark, Edith Walker, Thelma Dolman, Annie Charlton, Brian Booth, Theresa Lavery, William Nugent, Gertrude Graham, Pamela Judson, Andrea Hay, Eileen McElhome, Gordon Pearson, Patricia Ross, Anne Robinson, Fred Potter, Bill Armstrong, Alan Jackson, Delia Hardy, Olivia Dunn, Margaret Guffick, Jean Liddle, Annie Hay, Walter Hay, The Malone Family, Lawrence Larkin, Mattie Purcel, Edith Blakemore, Charles Kenneth (Kenny) Lamb, Irene Alton, Cecilia Dagg, Anthony (Tony) Atkinson, Madge Collier, James Lynch, Anne Moir, Brian Wallace, Alice Maud Heal, James (Jim) Howie Welch, John Kelly, Elgar Forster, Joan Mary Arnold, Terence Howe, Thelma Marie Dolman, Joseph Phelan, Cyril Stothard, Irene Reddington, Theresa Lavery, Violet Turner, Keith Higgins, Alice Tomlinson, Derrick Gowland, Gertrude Graham, Winifred Goss, Gordon Pearson, Kenneth Abdullah, Margaret Lewis, Sheila Caden, Ellen Hodgson, Joe Waller, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord*

## Kids Corner: The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!

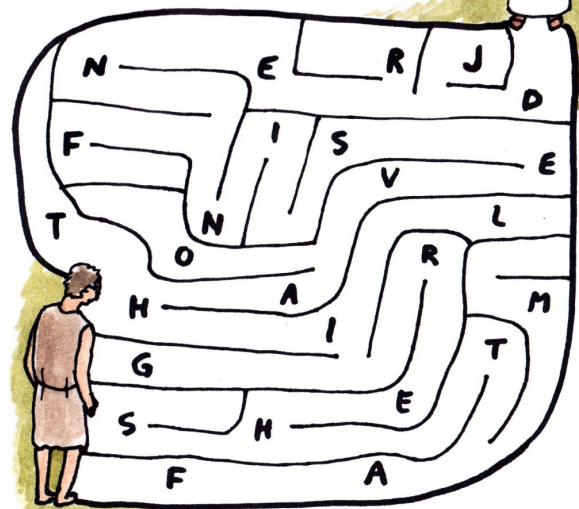
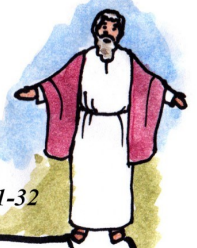


## The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30th, 2025

*What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?*

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



*As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:*

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Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned.

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