

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 31st March 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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)		
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday				
Tuesday 2nd April		12.05pm Mass Raymond Rebello 1.00pm Requiem Mass Pamela Mottram			
Wednesday 3rd April		12.00pm Requiem Mass Julie Myers		9.30am Mass My Grandsons	
Thursday 4th April			9.30am Mass Peggy & Elgar Forster		
Friday 5th April		12.05pm Mass Sarah Dwyer			
Saturday 6th April	(Vigil) Divine Mercy Sunday	11.00am - 1.00pm Baptisms 4.00pm Mass David Cormack		2.00pm Baptism 6.00pm Mass Anne Cole	
Sunday 7th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	10.30am Mass McNally Family	9.00am Mass Shirley Cox		

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY GROUPS

Mon: 10am Praise & Worship Prayer Group Nazareth Room, Vicar's Centre CANCELLED THIS WEEK	Tue: 1.00pm - 2.15pm Lunch Club Pillar Room, Vicar's Centre CANCELLED THIS WEEK	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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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
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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

School Masses

(All Welcome)

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.

Easter Blessings

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE - will be closed on Easter Monday.

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.



200 CLUB - March Draw Winners; 1st Prize £150 Elaine McGarry, 2nd Prize £75 Carolyn Jackson, 3rd Prize £25 Tony Spellman. Congratulations to our winners. 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.

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND - A special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund will take place next Sunday and will be open until the end of April. The fund provides for the needs of the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Grateful thanks for any donations.

THANK YOU - A big thank you to everyone who throughout the year contributes to the care of our Churches, prepare for and contribute to the liturgies. A special thanks to those who have enabled our Holy Week services to be so beautiful and meaningful this year.

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 The Holy Family Account Number: 11173928 Sort Code: 40-34-45 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Response: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Today is a special day, it is a day of joy, a day of celebration. In order to fully understand the meaning of this day we must go back to the first Easter day over two thousand years ago.

John's Gospel tells us that in the early morning of that Sunday Mary of Magdala set off to go to the tomb of Jesus. She must have been a very courageous lady. The men, the apostles, were in hiding, afraid to venture onto the streets but Mary, knowing that the body of Jesus required anointing according to the Jewish tradition, before being sealed in that tomb forever. Was prepared for that final act of love. She must have known that a great stone had been placed across the entrance to the tomb, but she went anyway, hoping that someone would come to her aid. When she arrives, to her horror, she finds that stone has already been moved and the tomb is open. Fearing that the authorities have moved the body she rushes back to Peter.

Peter and another disciple race to the tomb. The other disciple sees the grave clothes scattered on the ground, then Peter goes into the tomb and sees the cloth from around the head of Jesus rolled up, the other disciple goes in and sees the tomb is indeed empty. He sees, and he believes, Jesus, as he promised, has risen from the dead.

Our faith is ultimately based on the empty tomb; we believe that Jesus was the Son of God and he rose from the dead on Easter day. Peter and the other disciple believe because they can see, we believe because of our faith. Saint Paul tells us that "we have been brought back to true life with Christ" Our life of faith sets us apart from those with little or no belief; it is now our responsibility to go out, as the apostles and disciples did after Easter day and proclaim the good news to the world. Last night at the Easter Vigil we welcomed the light of Christ into our lives for Christ is truly risen, and through Him we can rise also to eternal life.

David Frank

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, Julie Myers, May Hutchinson, Emily Flannery, Pamela Mottram, Mary McLeod. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Madge Collier, Anne Moir, Elgar Forster, Alice Mary Waggott, Theresa Lavery, Alice Tomlinson, Gertrude Graham, Andrea Hay Eileen McElhone, Gordon Pearson, Kenneth Abdullah, Margaret Lewis, Alan Price, Eddie Percival, Lawrence Sharratt, Margaret Emerson, Fred Potter, Bill Armstrong, Alan Jackson, Delia Hardy, Olivia Dunn, Jean Liddle, Edith Blakemore, Kenny Lamb, Irene Alton, Cecilia Dagg, Tony Atkinson, James Lynch, Brian Wallace, Alice Maud Heal, Jim Howie Welch, John Kelly, Joe Waller, Marjorie Neenan, Breda Cockburn, Margaret Guffick, Owen & Elizabeth Cawley, Annie Hay, Walter Hay, The Malone Family, Lawrence Larkin, Mattie Purcel, Amelia Dickinson, 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 Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
March 31st, 2024

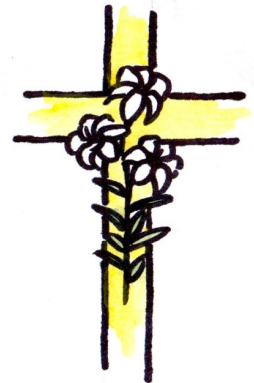


Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone!
Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?



Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
C L O T H S I M O N
F I R S T C S A M A
B N I T D R C G B P
E E S O A I I D E K
L N E N R P P A M I
I W E E K T L L P N
E D E A D U E E T S
V I S M A R Y N Y R
E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the **FIRST** day of the **WEEK**, when it was still **DARK**, **MARY** and Mary **MAGDALEN** and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' **TOMB**. They wondered who would roll away the **STONE**. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was **EMPTY**! They ran and told the disciples. **SIMON PETER** and the other **DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus **LOVED**, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The **LINEN CLOTHS** were lying there, and the **NAPKIN** that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to **BELIEVE**, because they hadn't known the **SCRIPTURE** that said that Jesus must **RISE** from the **DEAD**.