

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



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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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

Parish Diary — Week beginning 6th October 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 5th October	(Vigil) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm-2.00pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sean Charlton	10.00am-11.00am Baptisms	6.00pm Mass Bob & Nancy Garraghan	
Sunday 6th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass McDonough Family	9.00am Mass Steven Tierney		
Monday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	1.00pm Requiem Mass Breda Dignen 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Hardy Family			
Tuesday 8th October		10.00am Funeral Service Aubrey Dechuna 12.05pm Mass Special Intention Joanne Larkin	6.30pm Mass Madge Wilson		
Wednesday 9th October	St John Henry Newman			9.30am School Mass Special Intention My Family	
Thursday 10th October					
Friday 11th October		12.05pm Mass Ken Best (A)			
Saturday 12th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Jacques & Moir Families		6.00pm Mass Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 13th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Damien McIntyre		

SCHOOL MASSES

St John Vianney's

Thursday 9th Oct - 9.30am Mass in St John Vianney's Church
Refreshments will be served afterwards by the children

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - We will shortly begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 27th November. Application forms are available at the back of our churches and on our website. If anyone in Year 9 or above would like to be Confirmed, please return your completed application form to the parish office.

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 6th November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Pope Francis has announced that next years Jubilee will have the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Similar to the last Holy year, he has also enabled Bishops throughout the world to open Holy Doors in their own dioceses so that all of the faithful can participate. Bishop Stephen has asked our parish to welcome pilgrims during this Year of Jubilee and that a Holy Door be opened at St Joseph's Church. A meeting will take place on Monday 28th October, after 6.30pm Mass (7pm) in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's for anyone interested in assisting practically around the Church during the Holy Year.

LITURGY DAYS FOR READERS - The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 9 November at St Augustine, Darlington, DL3 7RG. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. The cost is £15. Details of other Liturgy days are available on the Diocesan website. To book, please visit: bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents for more information.

FLAME 2025 - Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). For those students who attend English Martyrs School, please speak with Mr McCartie, and for those young people who do not attend English Martyrs, please contact David Proudlock

GARDENING - The next gardening day at St Patrick's is Saturday 12th October. We garden from 9.30am to 11.30am and the more hands we have the more that can be achieved. Please come along and join us as we tidy the Church grounds for the coming winter. Please bring your own tools.

200 CLUB - September draw: 1st Prize £150 No 197 Mick Olley, 2nd Prize £75 No 26 Brian Carberry, 3rd Prize £25 No 63 Barbara Herring. Congratulations to our winners.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST - The Fast Day collection will take place this weekend. Envelopes will be available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - Our Confirmation programme will be commencing in mid-October. Current Catechists and anyone interested in assisting in the programme, please meet in the Parish Centre Hall at the amended time of 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th October for a brief meeting to discuss the programme.

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

WELCOME - We welcome those who have been Baptised throughout August and September: Ada Griffiths, Alexander Odunyemi, Archie Liddle, Aria Duggie, Charlotte Chester, Delilah Caygill, Eleanor Parker, Eldon Hartley, Gabriela Fornal, George Husband, George Boarder, Harry Hunter, Honorah Frankland-Gray, Issac Harrison, Liam Murphy, Louie Rochester, Louie Weighill, Maisie Rowley, Mamie Turner, Martha Hayes, Oliver Reed, Phoebe Trainor, Sophia Harrison, Soul Stubbs, Ted Parker, Teddy Gibson, and Willow Barker.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS - The Holy Father asks that Monday 7th October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, to be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world.

Let us walk together. Let us listen to the Lord and allow him to guide us by the "breath" of the Spirit.

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 **Thank you.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

A man and his wife become one body

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

REFLECTION

Today's readings are focused on marriage and family life. In Genesis we have a simple parable which tells the story of the creation of a woman from the rib of a man. The story reflects on the closeness of the relationship between husband and wife and how this relationship comes from God. The passage from Mark's Gospel tells us that the law concerning divorce in the Old Testament was given because the people were "unteachable" but that the basis of that relationship was, and always should be, that "They are no longer two but one body".

Our Psalm speaks to us about family life. Listen carefully to the words then take them to heart and cherish them with joy, for blessed indeed are those who love and follow the Lord, who work so that their families can live free from hunger and be happy and prosper. That happiness comes also to those of us that have grandchildren, we can speak joyfully the final prayer of the psalm "May you see your children's children".

In the early church the worshippers would meet in a family home and all the household, husbands, wives, children and servants would celebrate the Eucharist together as a family unit. This is the basis of the "domestic church" which is the phrase we use today to describe the role of the family and the importance of parents as the first teachers of their children. If parents are faithful to the church, then their children will see their example and, hopefully, seek to follow it. The prayer life of a family comes initially from within the family unit; it is we, as parents, who teach our children to pray and to act as children of God.

We tend to make everything complicated, but Jesus teaches us today about simplicity. He does this through the image of a child. Children have a way of taking things at face value; we do not need to teach them to love, for our love flows into them, and a loved child is a happy contented child. It is only when that love is restricted or missing that a child can lose their natural tendency to love. As adults we need to rediscover that simple child-like love for if we give our love freely to one another then we shall be loved in return. I remember reading a gravestone in a nearby churchyard. It read simply "Loving and Loved". What greater epitaph can we wish for.

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, Cliff Ferness, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Moira Kelly, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Frank Kozorowski, Maureen Maguire, Joan Malone, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Ian Matthews, Colin McDonald, Owen McEaney, Lilian McGee, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Winnie Oliver, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Christine Priestly, 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, James Walsh, Tony Wilkinson, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Breda Dignen, Aubrey Decunha, Anthony Scott, Annie Kelly. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Lily Rickerby, Madge Wilson, Peter Carter, Thomas Francis McCarthy, Anne Cole, Clare Marie Jagger, Sheila Jenkins, Steven Tierney, James Kitching, Ernest Crowe, Eileen Foster, Nancy Metcalf, Winifred Atkinson, Nicholas Caden, Doreen Magee, Winifred M Young, Sean Alexander Charlton, Stuart Robert Anderson, Philip Wilkinson, Dorothy Swift, Frank Connor, Ronald Morrell, Patrick Sullivan, Jean Jackson, Maureen Thompson, David Hodge, John Naylor, Robert Ferry, Sheila Hughes, Rose Cawley, Kitty Boreland, John Curry, Audrey Moore, Kenneth Best, Margaret Tozer, 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:

What is Marriage all About?

Mark 10:2-12



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was telling the people about God's idea of marriage.

You know that marriage is what happens when a man and woman get married. But did you know that it is a sacrament? God gives special graces to people who get married so they can love each other well and raise good children.

Do you know what marriage is for? God made husbands and wives so that they could help each other to get to Heaven. But that's not all. When people get married, they are also starting a new family. Together with the father and mother, God brings new children into the world. He gives the parents all the help they need to raise their children.

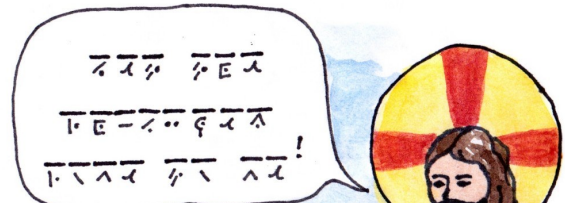


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Let the children come to me!

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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 6th, 2024



Mark 10:13-16



What did Jesus say to the apostles when they tried to keep the children away?
Use the code to find out!

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