

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 7th April 2024

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 8th April	The Annunciation of the Lord	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving (Prayers Answered)		11.00am Funeral Service Mary McLeod	
Tuesday 9th April		12.05pm Mass Frank Jackson			
Wednesday 10th April				9.30am Mass Jean Jacques	
Thursday 11th April	St Stanislaus		9.30am Mass Marie Tomelson		
Friday 12th April		12.05pm Mass Jane & the McEneaney Family			
Saturday 13th April	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Easter	12.00pm Baptism 4.00pm Mass Patrick Northey		6.00pm Mass George Timlin Memorial	
Sunday 14th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Arthur Vokes (55th Wedding Ann.)		

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10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

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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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEEKLY GROUPS

Mon: 11am-12pm Praise & Worship Prayer Group Nazareth Room, Parish Centre	Tues: 12.30pm-2.30pm CANCELLED THIS WEEK Lunch Club Parish Centre Hall	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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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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



EASTER CELEBRATIONS - Big thank you to all who participated in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Special thank you to those who prepared the Churches and facilitated the liturgies over the past week.

PARISH REVIEW - The parish review meeting will take place on Sunday 28th April, at 2pm in St Joseph's Church. The meeting, open to all parishioners of the parish, will be facilitated and led by members of the Bishop's Episcopal Council and the Dean of our area.

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 1st May, at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

GIFT AID - Dave Frank has visited each Mass over the past 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. 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.

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 BRETHERN FUND - A special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund will take place this weekend 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.

VACANCIES - St Joseph's Primary School are looking for a Lunch Time Supervisor and a High Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Please contact the school for more details.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING - The next meeting of the Holy Family Social Committee will be at 7pm on Wednesday 10th April in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

HOLY FAMILY 200 CLUB - Annual Subscriptions (£25), half yearly (£12.50) and quarterly (£6.25) subscriptions are now due. 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.

SPECIAL THANKS - A huge thank you to John Lyons for the Lent course he prepared. It opened our eyes to the scriptures, a great preparation for Easter. We look forward to more!

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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
 Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
 Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
 After saying this he breathed on them and said:
 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'
 Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'
 Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
 Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
 'You believe because you can see me.
 Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
 There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Easter season poses a question which each of us must answer: What does the resurrection really mean? If you read the Book of Acts and the Gospel accounts of the period after Our Lord's resurrection you will be struck by two things; initially there is a great outpouring of the Spirit which spreads the Word across the known world but, after this period, there comes a test of faith through persecution and this is when the real strengths of the people of God emerge.

The one thing that sustains the people of God through these trials is their faith and that faith is underlined by the resurrection of Jesus. It is impossible for us to imagine the effect that this event must have had on the apostles and disciples. It is clear from today's readings that it gave them a unique glimpse of the power of God working through Jesus. The Jews lived every day with their belief in an almighty God; one who would save them from all the evil that surrounded them. To actually witness this power will have changed them in a very special way.

Today's readings speak to us of a movement that sprang from the communities' faith in the resurrected Jesus; a community which shared everything and was united in spirit and in love. This group of individuals became one and began a journey which continues in many thousands of communities throughout the world today. John bases this movement in the love of God which has permeated down to our community and to the love we have for each other; a love that is strengthened by its sharing among us.

The events in the upper room are shared with us to show that Jesus died and rose again for each one of us. We are the disciples. There are even one or two Thomas's among us, and we know that Christ is risen and that, through His resurrection, we too will rise, with Him, in His chosen time. Today we suffer from a society which is indifferent to Christ; a society which seems to deny that the resurrection ever took place. If the resurrection means something to us then it is our responsibility to remind society, through the way we live, that Jesus is indeed risen, alleluia.

David Franke

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 Mgehe, Peter McNaughton, Paul Moore, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, Sylvice Nottianni, 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: Mary McLeod, Dorothy Hiney. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: William Perry, Marie Baxter, Emil Bozek, Joe McKie, Rita Malcolm, Maureen Eyre, Sandra Heron, Carole Hills, Marlene Crowther, Enda Hildrith, Thomas McGarry, Joan Smith, Marie-Jeanne Storm, Maureen Aisbitt, Catherine Gillen, Peter Garthwaite, Matthew Purcell, Canon John Bell, Thomas Harvey, Dennis Grieveson, James Taylor, Susan Dickson, Gerardo Cesarano, Thomas Edwin Heal, Alan Cooper, Laura Metcalfe, Harold Smalley, Peggy McPherson, Bernard Decosemo, Stephen Littlewood, Allen Littlewood, Louisa Ford, Joan Arnold, Kathleen Campbell, Terence Howe, Joseph Phelan, Cyril Stothard, Irene Reddington, Violet Turner, Keith Higgins, Derrick Gowland, Winifred Goss, Sheila Caden, Ellen Hodgson, 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:

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.*



The Kids' Bulletin

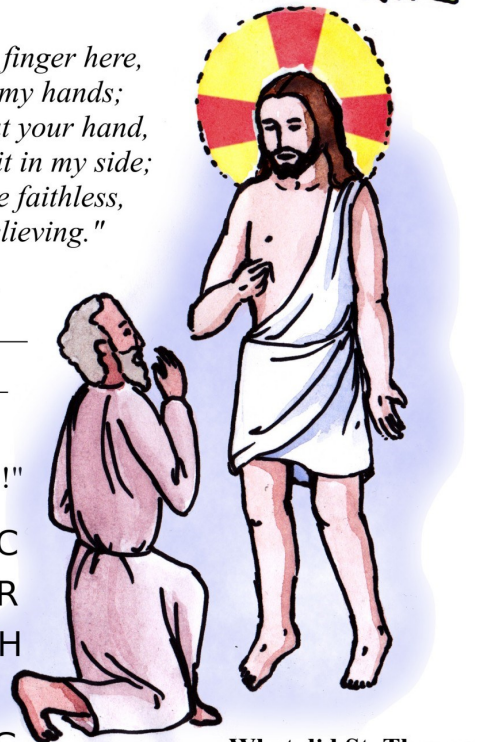
*Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7th, 2024*

*"Put your finger here,
and see my hands;
and put out your hand,
and place it in my side;
do not be faithless,
but believing."*

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A M B Y C
L D O E R
F D G A H
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M K Y L G
M O N D O



What did St. Thomas reply to Jesus? Use every second letter to fill in the blanks!