

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 16th March 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 15th March	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Lent	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Patrick Northey	11.30am Baptisms	2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Ken Bulley	
Sunday 16th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Jimmy & Sheila Dobia	9.00am Mass Bob & Edith Walters		
Monday 17th March	St Patrick	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Stephen Herring	9.00am Titular Feast Day Mass Arthur Vokes		
Tuesday 18th March		12.05pm Mass Michael O'Hickey (B/Day A)			
Wednesday 19th March	St Joseph	12.05pm Titular Feast Day Mass Special Friends		9.30am Mass Kilvington Mass Fund	
Thursday 20th March	St Cuthbert		2.00pm St Cuthbert's Feast Day Mass	6.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction	
Friday 21st March		12.05pm Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Grace & St Joseph the Worker			
Saturday 22nd March	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Lent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bernadette Jackson (BS) Megraw Mass Fund (CP)		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady & Our Blessed Lord (BS) Coghlan Mass Fund (CP)	
Sunday 23rd March	3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30am Mass Simeon & Joan Fraser (BS) Guild Mass Fund (CP)	9.00am Mass Mel & Marie Thackeray 60th Wedding A (BS) Ord Mass Fund (CP)		

SCHOOL MASSES

Sacred Heart

Tuesday 18th March - 9.30am Mass

St Cuthbert's

Thursday 20th March - 2.00pm Feast Day Mass at St Patrick'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.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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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

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

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

VISITATION FROM BISHOP STEPHEN - Next weekend, we welcome Bishop Stephen who will be making a formal visitation of the parish and will celebrate all of the masses next weekend.

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 - From today we will be issuing envelopes for 2025/26. Please note those who use envelopes may find the envelope number has been changed. This is to try and simplify the issue of envelopes and reduce wastage. In future we will be unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. There will be an opportunity to join the scheme in March, 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. I can be contacted through the Parish Office. Many thanks, Dave

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 JOHN VIANNEY COFFEE - There will be coffee available after the evening Mass on Saturday 22nd March. All are welcome.

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, whose focus will be to give spiritual formation and direction to the parish. Please be generous in accepting an invitation to join these new committees.

FEAST OF ST PATRICK - We will celebrate the Feast of St Patrick on Monday 17th at 9.00am with a Mass in St Patrick's Church. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - We will celebrate the Feast of St Joseph on Wednesday 19th at 12.05pm with a Mass in St Joseph's Church, followed by tea/coffee and a talk about Iconography from Sr Michael Lee. This talk coincides with the opportunity to view CAFOD's specially commissioned Year of Jubilee icon which will be on display this day as part of its national tour. The icon is travelling around the dioceses and will be visiting us for the Feast of St Joseph. All are welcome.

FEAST OF ST CUTHBERT - We will celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert on Thursday 20th at 2pm with a Mass at St Patrick's Church. All are welcome.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS - David & Theresa O'Neill have been raising funds to assist the nuns of Little Sisters of the Poor carry on their wonderful work caring for elderly people including retired clergy & religious. While we no longer collect stamps at church, please feel free to contact David and Theresa if you have any to donate: 0191 264 5771, david-oneill3@sky.com.

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: **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Christ will configure us to his glorious body.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel Reading **Luke 9:28b-36**

'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

REFLECTION

Lent is a time of hope; in our modern world there are many who live without hope. The world is in crisis, there are countries where war and disease are endemic. How can we find hope in a world where many are hopeless?

Today's readings are a reminder to us of where hope can be found. In the first reading we hear the story of Abram, a wandering refugee, far from his native land, scratching out an existence in the deserts of the Middle East. Abram finds a God who he can believe in, a God who gives him hope, who promises him that he will be the father of many nations and that his descendants will be as many as the stars in heaven. Abram's faith brings a covenant of hope between God and his people and from these beginnings a nation is born.

The psalms are the prayers of a people of hope. Today we are reminded that God is our light and our help that if we believe in him then we live without fear of the future for He listens when we call, and we can hold firm and take heart for He is at our side.

Paul's letter to the Philippians was written from prison; not a place where hope is in abundance. Paul's message however is about freedom. He reminds us that true freedom comes from serving the Lord and keeping to His way. Home to Paul is heaven; that is the blessed place where we shall be transfigured into copies of Christ's glorious body. He urges us to not give way to the temptations of the world but stay strong, keep hoping and be faithful to the Lord.

Peter, James and John are symbols of hope to us; they were fishermen plucked from obscurity and given a place, a role in the ministry of Our Lord. They must have wondered at times "What is this life all about?" "Why have we left home and good jobs to wander the land following this man?" The day they spent on Mount Tabor must have sent their hopes soaring in the sky. They witnessed something that no other human person has ever seen. When Jesus was transfigured, before their eyes, they must have hoped that one day they too would be transfigured with Christ and that this would be the hope and destiny of all who followed Him.

David Frankle

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 McEneaney, 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, 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: John Robinson, Anthony Morrell, Mavis Garthwaite, Bernadette Horsfield. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Josephine Bailey, Pamela Mottram, Edna Wilson, Connie Johns, Marie Bernadette Kirby, Shelagh Hannon, Hilda McLoughlin, Monica Mary Wilson, Bill Cox, Catherine Wallace, Donald O'Donnell, Alan Harvey, Florence McMorris, James Smith, John Gallagher, Peter Morton, Maureen Hunt, Isla Brown, Patricia Snowdon, Patricia Rigg, David Reece, Julia Raferty, Stella Marie College, Francis Connor, Mary Fitzgerald, Stanley Cronin, Moira Balderson, Robert Malcolm, Mary Hannah Watling, Sheila Dolan, Joseph Dennis Allan, Terry Nealon, Teresa Hill, Catherine Braithwaite, Jennie Robinson, John George Dennis, Linda Irene Lister, John Watt, 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:

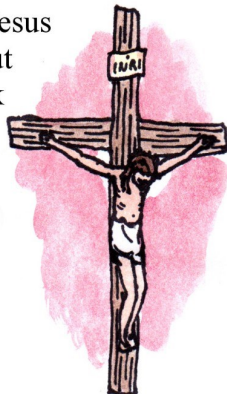
Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.

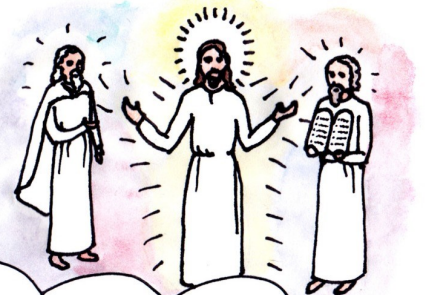


The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16th, 2025

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

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