

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 20th April 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 19th April	(Vigil) Easter Sunday	6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Bob Storer			
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday	10.00am Mass Margaret & Gary Gollaglee	8.30am Mass Rose Caffrey	11.30am Mass Kath Gray	
Monday 21st April					
Tuesday 22nd April		12.00pm Requiem Mass Tony Wilkinson 3.00pm Wedding			
Wednesday 23rd April		12.00pm Funeral Service Terence O'Connor		9.30am Mass Thanksgiving	
Thursday 24th April			9.30am Mass Megraw Fund		
Friday 25th April		12.05pm Mass Cath Butler (A)			
Saturday 26th April	(Vigil) Divine Mercy Sunday	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Bernadette Jackson		6.00pm Mass Cliff & Hilda Smith	
Sunday 27th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	10.30am Mass Boyd & Turnbull Family	9.00am Mass Wellbeing of Mark & Matthew Lennard		



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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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

Restarts 28th April

Praise & Worship Prayer Group
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

Restarts 29th April

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

THANK YOU - A big thanks to those who have enabled our Holy Week services to be so beautiful and meaningful this year. Special thank you to those who prepared the Churches and facilitated the liturgies over the past week.

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

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 7th May 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.

We are now at the end of the tax year and we will be making a return to the Diocese on Gift Aid contributions. If you are a member of the scheme and have not paid tax this year you must inform the Parish Office.

SVP BEFRIENDERS - We are looking for more helpers so that we can visit more lonely people. Can you spare an hour or two a week to visit lonely people in a care home or in their homes? Support is available to new befrienders. If you would like more information then please contact Pauline Hunter on 07769358861 or Geraldine Martin on 07776210099. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service please contact the Parish Office.

VACANCIES - Vacancies are available for a Lay Chaplain at both The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Hartlepool, and St Michael's Catholic Academy, Billingham. Closing date: Friday 2nd May 2025. To apply, go to: <https://bhcet.org.uk/job-vacancies/lay-chaplain-1>

ECHOES OF FREEDOM - Join us on Friday 30th May from 7pm at St Joseph's Church for a special V.E. Day 80th Anniversary concert. Free tickets are available from the parish office.

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



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: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

‘We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 1

‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

‘He must rise from the dead.’

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

REFLECTION

Conversion Dawns – A reflection on the effect of the Easter Vigil on those coming into the church.

It is a Sunday morning in Spring, early morning, and the air carries a promise of a bright sunny day.

Something calls to you and you leave the warm womb of last night's sleep and walk into the early morning dew.

There is something different, your sight is clearer.

Your step more confident, everything around you is new and shining.

Sometime during yesterday's evening, you were changed.

In one earth rending instant your composure was shattered.

The stone of uncertainty was rolled away, and you were transported

by the music, the words, the atmosphere, into a new creation.

Your soul soared into the night sky, the smile would not leave your face

there was a feeling of love so close around you that you drowned in the afterglow.

The roads we take lead in many directions, the view ahead is often lost from sight, but something carries us ever onwards into the Easter morning light.

Easter Vigil is a special night, especially for those who have been journeying towards faith. Times are difficult but, eventually, you will find the home you are looking for.

Easter rises when the time is right, and ignites a flame in your heart.

Remember you are loved by God and welcomed by the faithful gathered at your journey's end.

Your day will be special.

May you never forget its blessings.

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, 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, 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, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Tony Wilkinson, Terence O'Connor, Hilda Johnson. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mieczyslaw (Mike) Grzelak, Stephen Elsdon, Anthony James William Kearns, Hilda Wilkinson, Margaret Wilkinson, Dennis Grievson, Robert William Weighill, Pauline Talbot, Harold Tubb, Annette Maria Bain, Winifred Decosemo, Kathleen Irvine, Tony Gorman, Charlie Gofton, Sidney Rooke, April 'Kitty' Gillen, Margaret Carter, Thomas Harvey, Veronica Reay, Molly Marshall, Ellen Humble, Alex Malone, John 'Brendan' Mahoney, Pauline Charlton, Charles Archbold, Miriam Weegram, 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:

Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

Jesus had come back to life!



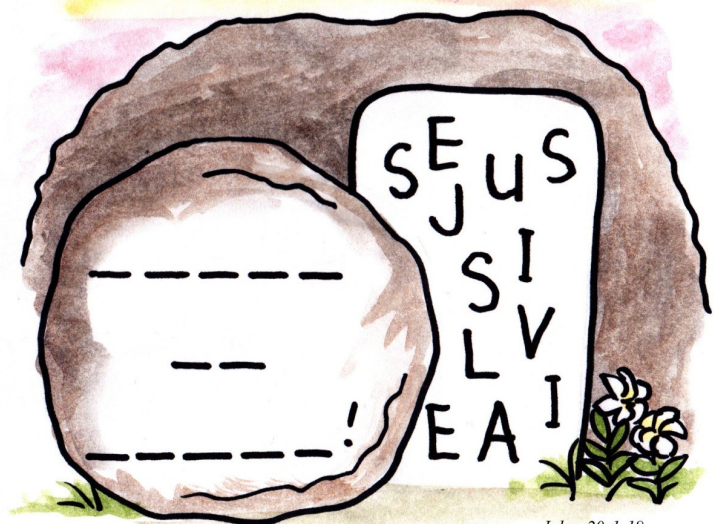
Answer to puzzle on Front:
Jesus is Alive!

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The Kids' Bulletin



Easter Sunday
April 20th, 2025



John 20:1-18



What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters
to fill in the blanks!

Alleluia!