

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 July 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 19th July	(Vigil) 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am-11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary & Tommy King	12.30pm Baptisms	6.00pm Mass Ethel & Alfie McKenzie	
Sunday 20th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Alan Porritt	9.00am Mass John Halliday		
Monday 21st July		9.00am Walsingham Departure Mass Bernadette Jackson 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Renee & Alan Stephens			
Tuesday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalen	12.05pm Mass Grandsons			
Wednesday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden			9.30am Mass Megraw Fund	
Thursday 24th July	The Martyrs of the Diocese		9.30am Mass Marie Port	12.00pm Funeral Service Mary Jean Constantine	
Friday 25th July	St James	12.05pm Requiem Mass Amanda Gallen			
Saturday 26th July	(Vigil) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm Wedding 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass The Raine Family		2.00pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass Naomi White	
Sunday 27th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Carl Broadley	9.00am Mass William Atherton		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses over the summer holidays

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
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Monday to Friday

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Churches

St Joseph's

St Paul's Road
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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

Restarts 9th September
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

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

Monday: 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday: By appointment only

Friday: 11.30am – 12.30pm

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. Over the summer holidays, we'll be working on finalising a plan and schedule based on the number of applicants. All the details will be confirmed and shared at the parents meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

GIFT AID - If you wish to join the scheme, please complete a Gift Aid form available at the back of church, and return it to 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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BARBECUE - Join us for a sizzling afternoon of food and fun at St John Vianney's Church grounds on Sunday 10th August from 2pm till 4pm. Tickets are available at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. To help us cater for everyone, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of Church, so please include any dietary needs.

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION - Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.

WALSINGHAM - The pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at St Joseph's Church on Monday at 9am, before they depart promptly at 10am. During the pilgrimage, they will also celebrate Mass at Slipper Chapel, Norwich Cathedral and Wisbech. Special thanks to everyone whose preparation has made this pilgrimage possible. We wish all pilgrims a safe and spiritually enriching journey, and we will hold them all in our prayers as they hold us in theirs.

200 CLUB - There are numbers available if anybody wishes to join. Annual payment £25, Half yearly £12.50 and Quarterly £6.25. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £75, and £25. Please contact the parish office to join. Thanks.

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

THANK YOU - Special thanks to all who have assisted and are continuing to assist in the gardening around our Churches. It is much appreciated.

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.

This Sunday's Readings

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: **Genesis 18:1-10a**

'O Lord, do not pass by your servant.'

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The Lord said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

Response: O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Second Reading: **Colossians 1:24-28**

'The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.'

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 10:38-42**

'Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.'

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

REFLECTION

Today Saint Paul offers us a mystery; "The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory." Just pause to think about this for a moment. Paul is not speaking about some remote God up on a cloud; he is speaking about a God who is here, beside us, helping us to grow in wisdom and grace; a God who is changing us and instructing us, making us perfect. How do we find this God, are we like Thomas, wanting to touch, or are we content just to know He is with us. If we could accept that Jesus is with us, then nothing can keep us from His love or from his promise of hope and glory.

Our first reading is about two old people, Abraham and Sarah, childless, they have wandered across the desert of life following a dream that seems to have no reward. Today they encounter three strangers and, as is the custom among desert people, they make them welcome. Is it because of this display of love and care that they are chosen? I do not know, but I do know they are chosen and, just like Elizabeth in the New Testament, they are promised a son in their old age. Perhaps this is a message for our parishes, our communities. We hope that our parish is welcoming, that we care for strangers who may enter, perhaps once, perhaps to stay. Who knows what miracles our welcome may create?

Jesus always welcomed friendship; He built His band of apostles and disciples not only on their talents but on their love. Mary and Martha seem to be at odds with each other about who should be Abraham, who sits and listens to God, or Sarah, who bakes the bread and provides the drink. Like Abraham and Sarah, the two sisters are blessed in having Jesus in their home. Do we feel blessed for, without doubt, wherever we are, at home, at table, Jesus is with us, teaching us, inspiring us to live in the mystery of His presence.

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 Eglantine, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, David Geen, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, 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, 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, Margaret Watt, Edith Wilson. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: Amanda Gallen, Mary Jean Constantine, Olivia Abbott. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: William Henry Clark, Vera and Bill Guy, Sheila Tindall, Hugh John Rafferty, Greg Crangle, Kenneth Middleton, Mark Teal, Kathleen Palmer, Andrew Lee (Andy) Close, Winifred Holmes, Jane Barnard, Phyllis Cook, Paul Linighan, Hetty Stevenson, Evelyn Gofton, Michael Connor, Pauline McEneaney, Clare Belton, Pauline Ward, Malcolm Keith Walker, Richard Ward, Derek Edward Gordon Dettmer, Little Ralph Cawley, Mary Timlin (McCarthy, Nee Curren), Peter Wilkie, Cecil Lindsay, Kevin Hunter, Morton Stott, John Kevin Nealon, Morton Stott, Nora Slater, James Fitzgerald, Kevin Hunter, Kathleen Gooding, Margaret Griffin, Jessica Swales, John Bradwell, Annie Atkinson, Thomas McNaughton, Maria Miller, Jean Richardson, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

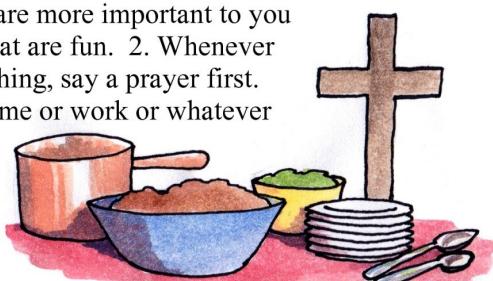
Kids Corner:

Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

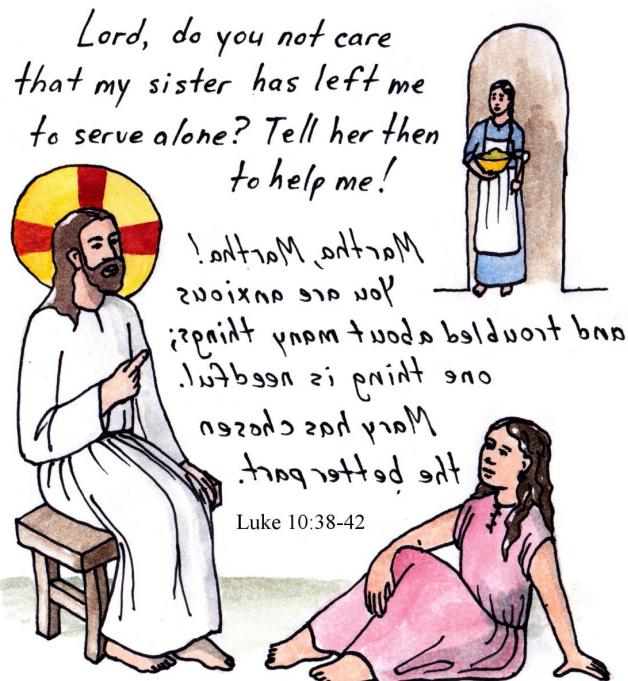
But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20th, 2025



Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him? Look in the mirror to find out!