

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 23rd November 2025

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 22nd November	(Vigil) Christ the King	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary Ward		6.00pm Mass John Larkin	
Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	10.30am Mass John Larkin	9.00am Mass Wellbeing of Mark & Matthew Lennard		
Monday 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Bernadette Jackson 1st Anniversary			
Tuesday 25th November		12.05pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			
Wednesday 26th November				9.30am Mass Muriel Cummings 11.00am Funeral Service John Kelly	
Thursday 27th November			10.00am Requiem Mass Catherine Fawcett 1.00pm Funeral Service Patricia Morfitt		
Friday 28th November		12.05pm Mass Frank Costello			
Saturday 29th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Special Intention (Anniversary)		6.00pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased	
Sunday 30th November	1st Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass Marie & Alan Ferguson	9.00am Mass Jimmy Docherty Birthday Remembrance		

SCHOOL MASSES

No School Masses this week

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
Hartlepool
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

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
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 7th January at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

NOVEMBER MASSES - During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be Mass offered each week in each church of our parish for our deceased relatives and friends. A basket will be placed in front of the altar in each of the churches of the parish in which you can place an envelope containing the names of those loved ones who have died together with a donation towards the masses that will be offered.

PASTORAL LETTER - There is a Pastoral Letter for the Feast of Christ the King / World Youth Sunday from Bishop Stephen available at the back of church should you want to take a copy to read.

DAY OF REFLECTION AND FORMATION FOR CATECHISTS - As a deanery we want to support and encourage the vital work of our catechists. An initial day will give space for us to reflect together on the task of catechesis and to identify where further support and formation can be given for future days. If you are a catechist already or are considering taking on this role, please come along on 29th November at 10am – 3pm, in St Joseph's. While the day is free, email formation.cleveland@diocesehn.org.uk to book a place to help us anticipate numbers. Participants should bring a packed lunch.

PIE & PEA SUPPER - Join us for an evening of good food and even better company! St Patrick's Church will be hosting a Pie and Pea Supper on Friday 28th November at 7pm. Tickets are available at £5 each. To help us cater for everyone, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of Church, so please include any dietary needs. If you have a raffle prize to donate, please drop it in to the Parish Office. Thanks.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Please ensure all bus money for the upcoming trip to Harrogate Christmas Market is paid to Brenda by Sunday 30th November at the latest. Thanks for your cooperation.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Summer 2026 is the 100th Pilgrimage of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 31 July to Friday 7 August 2026. If you would like any more information about the pilgrimage, please visit the Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage organisers are also looking for young people (16+) to register as youth helpers. If any young people of our parish would be interested in taking up this opportunity, there may be some sponsorship available, please speak with Canon Paul.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION - This weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service.

PIETY STALLS - We have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of church. We also have Catholic Diaries for 2026. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We rely upon seafarers for nearly all of the produce, consumables and manufactured goods which we find in our stores. At Christmas time when they are far from family and loved ones, Stella Maris reaches out to seafarers in our local ports and delivers Christmas presents in the true spirit of the Holy and festive season. If anybody is able to donate any chocolate for our seafarers, donations can be left in the bins at the back of church. Many thanks for your continued support to Stella Maris.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you to everyone who supported the Savings Club this year. We raised a massive total of £2327 for Holy Family Parish. The Club will restart on Sunday 4th January 2026. Many thanks.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - On Tuesday 25th November, at 2pm: Graveside Funeral Service of Linda Kerr at Stranton Cemetery.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Please meet in the Boardroom at St Joseph's on Tuesday 25th November, at 6pm. Thanks.

Mass of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and 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 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.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
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 on the left to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.
Thank you.

Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and wish to join the scheme, please scan the QR code on the right, or contact Laura in the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme.
Many thanks.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS - Our next collection for the work of the SVP will be on 14th December.

First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

‘They anointed David king over Israel.’

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.” ’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

‘He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.’

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

REFLECTION

Today is the last Sunday in the church year; we have, once again, come full circle and now we prepare to begin again that journey with Jesus from birth, through death to eternal life. We come to this day, every year, changed by the passage of time. But whatever has befallen us in the past twelve months we must not lose sight of what really matters. Today’s passage from Luke reminds us of the virtues that will carry us through the coming year: faith, hope and repentance. The cross is a sign of God’s love for us, let us hold onto that love as we face the coming year.

Luke brings together, today, a collection of characters to represent the world in miniature. He skillfully blends the unspoken thoughts, the uttered words, and the dialogue between those crucified and those who stand and watch, until we can almost feel the atmosphere and become witnesses, in our time, to the timeless scene on the hill of Calvary.

We stand there, with the people, watching Jesus; we are captured in the scene as silent onlookers, unable to affect the events unfolding before our eyes. We are held between Hell and Heaven; this is our future, our relationship with God, that is being played out before us, and we are powerless to intervene. The rulers mock Him; “He saved others let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the chosen one” they speak for the world; that doubting, sneering, unbelieving world in which we live each day; the voice of hate disguised by the carefully crafted words of insincerity which seem so plausible but twist our faith in God into something which is mistaken, almost pagan.

“The soldiers also mocked him”, the power is held in the hands of those who rule, who govern, who seek to impose their will on the people. The Roman Empire represents all those whose misuse of power effects the lives of millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. How painful can it be to imagine that Jesus must spend his final moments of life between two criminals; one speaks in the devil’s temptation whisper “Save yourself and us”, the other echoes our silent prayer “Jesus, Remember me when you come into your kingdom” Jesus speaks, and we hear those final words of love and consolation “Truly I say you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, David Frank, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, Terence Gollaglee, Catherine Gray, Mary Harris, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, 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, 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, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindlow, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Norma Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Margaret Watt, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

Recently Deceased: David Geen, Patricia Morfitt, Kevin Mathieson, Catherine Fawcett, Gwendoline Douglas, John Kelly. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Alicia Luttrell Rhodes, William Paterson, Michael Knight, William Cox, Carole Amerigo, Robert Cooper, Elizabeth Jane Cawley, Stephen Foreman, Harry William Frank, Paul McCraith, Alice Smith, Septimus Dixon, Alan Hooks, Margaret Murphy, Henry Gray, Joseph Neil, Patricia Carter, George Pitman, Patricia Pitman, Margaret Rudd, Sarah Jane Gofton, Philip Gofton, Bernadette Jackson, Brian Watson, John Joseph Hanna, Kathleen Watt, Anne Browell, Michael Jardine, Patricia Ann Connor, Alice Galvin, Theresa Usher, Francis Owen Richmond, Christopher Horseman, Doreen Booth, Clare Shaw, Shirley Hogg, David Tilley, Ann Foster, Michael Liddell, Teresa Sullivan, Kenneth Coull, Anne Marie Noble, Arthur Smith, Eric Noble, Simon Trory, Joseph Varvill, Colin Henderson, Albert Howe, Enid Robinson, Catherine Collingwood, Derek Connolly, Walter Newson, Patricia Reynolds, Audrey Kester, Dorothy Mincher, Merlin Allen, Jean McGregor, Mary Waller, Kevin Hennessy, Jean Smith, Kenneth Dowson, 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: Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.
Help me to be your good servant!*

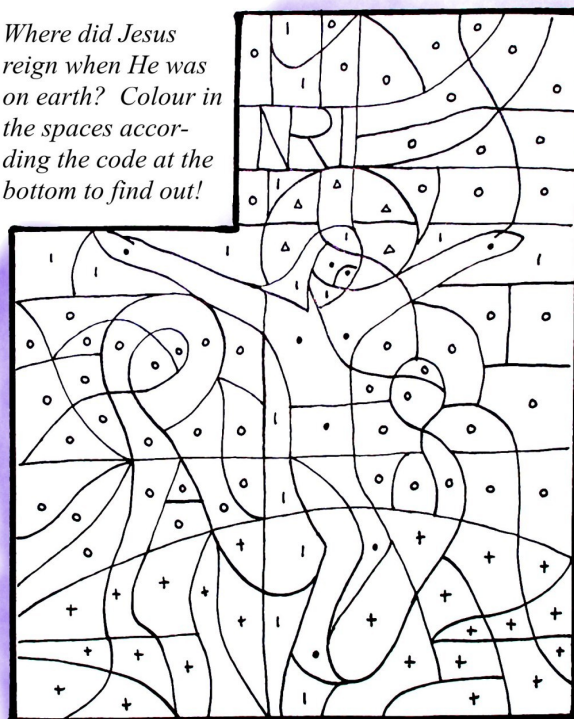
Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



The Kids' Bulletin

November 23rd, 2025
Feast of Christ the King

Where did Jesus reign when He was on earth? Colour in the spaces according to the code at the bottom to find out!



- skin colour
- blue
- ◡ brown
- ▲ yellow
- + green

Luke 23:35-43