

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 9th November 2025

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 8th November	(Vigil) The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions Remembrance Sunday 4.00pm Mass Veronica & Alf Aspinall and Family		Remembrance Sunday 6.00pm Mass Michael Linighan	
Sunday 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Mass Nora Garthwaite	Remembrance Sunday 9.00am Mass John & Winnie Oliver		
Monday 10th November	St Leo	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Veronica Readman			
Tuesday 11th November	St Martin of Tours	12.05pm Mass Holy Souls 1.30pm Requiem Mass Valerie Twidale			
Wednesday 12th November	St Josaphat			10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village November Mass for the Deceased	
Thursday 13th November		12.00pm Mass	9.30am Mass November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 14th November		12.05pm Mass November Mass for the Deceased			
Saturday 15th November	(Vigil) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Special Intention (Thanksgiving for Exam Results)		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass George & Peggy Heal	
Sunday 16th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Joan Moore		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Cuthbert's Monday 10th November - 9.30am Mass	English Martyrs Tuesday 11th November - 10.45am Remembrance Service
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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.

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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

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: By appointment only
Thursday: 11.30am – 12.30pm
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.

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 Church. 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 - Join us for a fun day out on a trip to Harrogate Christmas Market on Wednesday 10th December. The cost is £15 per person. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Savings will be paid out on Sunday 16th November. Many thanks to everyone who signed up this year.

SVP COLLECTION - This Sunday's collection for the SVP is extra special. The funds raised will be used to bring gifts to care home residents and those who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Many have no family or visitors, and your generosity helps make sure they're not forgotten. Every donation, big or small, brings warmth, kindness, and a little joy to someone in need. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ELWICK GRANGE NURSING HOME - Anyone available to sing on Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm, please contact Kath Wilkinson on 07969626671 by Tuesday 25th November. Many thanks.

HUGE THANKS - Fr Shaun and the parishioners from Stanley Family of Parishes would like to thank Canon Paul and the parishioners of Holy Family, for their warm welcome and to Philomena and Anne for the refreshments, when they visited the Holy Door last Saturday. They had a wonderful day and said how beautiful the Church was as they walked around praying the different prayer stations, and how friendly the people of Hartlepool were. Thanks again.

NORTHERN CROSS - The Northern Cross team of volunteers are looking for additional volunteers to help one afternoon a month with the delivery of the Northern Cross. To discuss the details, please phone 01429 264625 or email admin@northerncross.org.uk.

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 Catholic Youth will be on 23rd November, Youth Sunday.

This Sunday's Readings DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

First reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

‘I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.’

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, ‘This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.’

Response: The waters of a river give joy to God’s city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

‘You are God’s temple.’

Brothers and Sisters: You are God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

He was speaking about the temple of his body.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ So the Jews said to him, ‘What sign do you show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

REFLECTION

Last week we celebrated the Saints of the Church, the living stones built on the foundation stone of Christ. Today we celebrate the buildings in which we worship. The places where we share our hopes, our dreams, our joys, our sorrows. A place of entry, a place of leaving, a place where we belong.

The passage from Ezekiel is a song of praise for the Temple in Jerusalem and portrays a spiritual vision of the Temple of God. It speaks to us of living water flowing from the temple bringing all good things to the land that surrounds it. The Jews saw the temple as the place that God dwells in on earth. Its waters are a place of plenty with fish swimming in the rivers and trees of every kind growing on the banks bringing food and healing to those who live within.

Paul, in contrast, sees a building made of living stones, the people of God. He calls upon us to be builders of the community of Christ. We each need to use our skills and talents to create a church which will guide and care for those around us. He reminds us that “God’s Spirit dwells in you”. This imposes a sacred duty upon us for, by our lives, we must create a world where the people of God can grow and flourish.

As a devout Jew, Jesus would have visited the temple many times and witnessed the way in which the Temple was turning from a building that represented an earthly vision of God to a marketplace where goods were sold and money was exchanged. Christ came to free the people from centuries of exploitation in which the poor became poorer, while the ruling classes became rich. The temple should be a place of prayer and worship, not of trade and profit. Jesus then prophesises His death and resurrection. “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up”. The Jews throw scorn on his words, but they come true. The Temple itself was destroyed by the Romans within 40 years of the Resurrection and remains a ruin to this day. We should spend some time today looking around our church and thinking about how, by praying and working together, we can build on the foundations set by those who have gone before us and build the church of the future.

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, Catherine Fawcett, David Frank, Lorraine Galen, Dorothy Geen, 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: Valerie Twidale, George Stamp, David Geen, Patricia Morfitt, Ian Mason. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

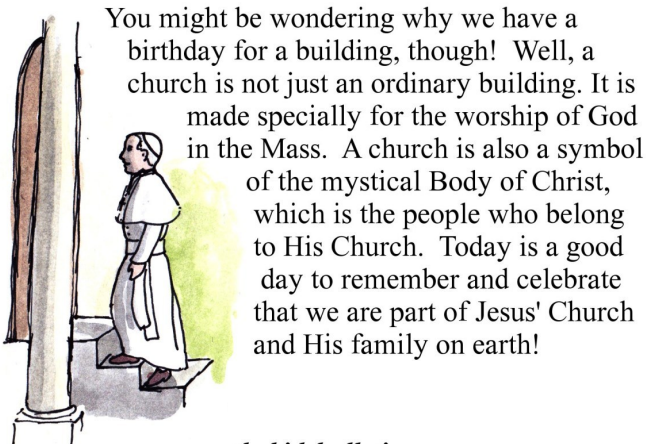
Anniversaries that occur at this time: Margaret Amelia Taylor (Peggy), Doreen Ritchie, Celia Riches, John O'Donovan, Thomas Hutchinson, Dorothy Swain, Elizabeth Styles, Thomas Swales, Annie Murphy, Joan Coates, John Whitehead, Doreen Hudson, Martha Spence, Brian Ashford, Alan Anthony Mulcahy, Frances Stallard, Margaret Corr, Francis Whitehead, Jimmy O'Connor, Margaret McGarry, Dorothea Lillian Swain, Ann Roe, Philip Hickey, William Vincent Lithgo, Peggy Heal, Lenny Boagey, Edward Joseph Sullivan, Joan Hanson, Jimmy Gaffney, Rosemary Calvert, Mavis Stainsby, Christine Cafferkey, John Walsh, Margaret Ayres, Eileen McConnell, Catherine Pamela Middleton, Emily Thornton, Mary Stamp, Pam Middleton, Terry King, Teresa Dodds, Helen (Nellie) Johnson, Margaret Rose Rutter, Patrick Price, Andrew Parsons, Dennis Hooks, Peter Ayre, Thomas Cawley, Robert Gardner, Terry Dwyer, Jean King, Doreen Delafield, 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:

Birthday of the Church's Church!

Today is a rather unusual feast day. On most feast days we celebrate Our Lord or Our Lady or one the saints. But today we celebrate the day that a church in Rome was started.

Did you know that every parish has a special feast day when it has its birthday or the feast day of its patron saint? The Saint John Lateran Basilica in Rome was dedicated to God, sort of like its birthday, on November 9. And because it is the Pope's main church- and all Catholics belong to his parish, we celebrate its birthday because it's our church too!

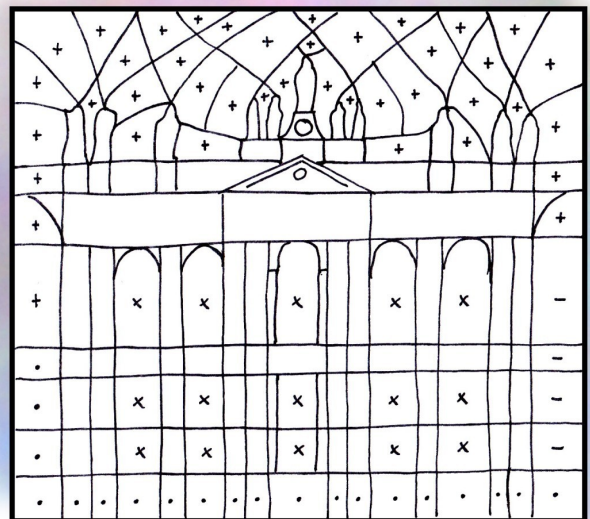


You might be wondering why we have a birthday for a building, though! Well, a church is not just an ordinary building. It is made specially for the worship of God in the Mass. A church is also a symbol of the mystical Body of Christ, which is the people who belong to His Church. Today is a good day to remember and celebrate that we are part of Jesus' Church and His family on earth!

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The Kids' Bulletin

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2025**



*Today is the feast of the dedication of the Pope's cathedral, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.
A cathedral is the main church of a diocese.
All Catholics belong to the Pope's diocese.
Do you know what the Pope's cathedral looks like?
Use the code to colour in the spaces and find out!*

• grey x black
+ blue - brown