

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 1st February 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 31st January	(Vigil) 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Margaret, Cecil & Alan Lindsay		6.00pm Mass Hugh, Thelma & Kevin Mathieson	
Sunday 1st February	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Alan Willgress 1st Anniversary, & Peter Willgress Birthday	9.00am Mass Peter Barker, Kath & Eddie Duffy		
Monday 2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord	1.00pm Funeral Service Marek Grzegorz Nowaczek 6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Florence Smyth Anniversary			
Tuesday 3rd February		12.05pm Mass Anne & Des Golloglee		10.00am Funeral Service Leanne Barker	
Wednesday 4th February				9.30am Mass Special Intention	
Thursday 5th February	St Agatha		12.00pm Requiem Mass David Spindloe		
Friday 6th February	St Paul Miki & Companions	12.05pm Mass Mandy Gallen			
Saturday 7th February	(Vigil) 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass of Healing (Our Lady of Lourdes) Frank Costello 11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thomas & Roseann Nealon		6.00pm Mass Graham Connor	
Sunday 8th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Derek Snowdon	9.00am Mass Catherine & Charles Bamford		

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
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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

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 4th February at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - We are open to new savers, it would be great if we could get some new members and beat last years total raised for the parish! For every £1 you save, 5p goes to our church. In each church, the following people will be available at these Masses to collect your savings:

St Joseph's- Sat 4pm: Ann Howe

Sun 10.30am: Mary Storer & Paul Johnstone.

St Patrick's- Sun 9am: Diane Gooding

St John Vianney's- Sat 6pm: Colin Gray. Many thanks.

200 CLUB - January Draw winners are: 1st Prize of £150 Helen Hall, 2nd Prize of £100 Canon Paul, 3rd Prize of £50 Denise Morrison. Congratulations to our winners! Quarter 4 subscriptions are due: £6.25. The Club is always open to new members. The subscription due in April is £25 per annum and can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £100, £50. If you would like to join, let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Eileen Connolly is on Wednesday 4th February at 2pm at Stranton Crematorium.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2026 calendars are available to buy for £4 each from the parish office or from our church piety stalls.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we must ask for generous notice. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

STELLA MARIS - As the colder months continue, we are asking if anyone is able to donate any warm coats, joggers or sweaters, there are baskets at the back of our churches Thanks again for your continued generosity and support.

THE SOURCE - If any pupils year 9 and above that do not attend English Martyrs would like to come to The Source at St Mary's Cathedral for live music, prayer and food on Thursday 5th February at 7pm, contact David Proudlock on 07866986747. For more information, check out the Holy Family Youth Instagram: [instagram.com/hfyhartlepool](https://www.instagram.com/hfyhartlepool)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MASS OF HEALING - As the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls during the week this year, we will celebrate a Mass of healing in anticipation of the Feast Day on Saturday 7th February at 10am in St Joseph's Church.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - Ecumenical thanks to all who facilitated this year's prayers & soup lunch at St John Vianney's narthex on Tuesday last week. The group of 16 matched attendance at other prayer-lunches in the week and seven churches were represented.

NORTHERN CROSS - This month's Northern Cross features on page 1 our annual Parish Mass for Altar servers which took place on 27th December. It is wonderful to see our parish and our young people being recognised. Once again, a big thank you to our servers for the contribution they make to the life of our parish.

DIOCESAN VACANCY - Parish Secretary at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, NE38 7HS. An 18 month fixed term contract, 15 hours a week over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Salary of £10,537.80 pro rata per annum. The closing date is Tuesday 3 February. To apply, please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-17/>

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 15th February.

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

‘I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.’

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Response: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

‘God chose what is weak in the world.’

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

REFLECTION

Have you a dream that is still waiting to be born; is there something in your life which was once a path to your future which has now become a cul-de-sac, a road which you have never travelled. We all begin life with dreams and aspirations; sometimes they are impossible to achieve, often they are put to one side because the time is not quite right, if we are fortunate, we can live our dreams. Today's readings speak to us of an old dream which is made new because a light has been shone upon it. Perhaps that same light will grow strong and illuminate the path to your dream.

The prophet Zephaniah is writing 600 years before the birth of Christ; he recognises a condition which we may be familiar with. The poor, the humble, are ignored by the rich and powerful; they feel they have no power in a land where power is everything. Their hopes are founded on the Lord; they seek Him with integrity and humility, only God can save them from the hands of wicked men. They pray for justice and a refuge in the Lord.

Paul's dream is of a people who will come and worship God through His Son Jesus Christ. He recognises that those who follow Christ are not the rich and powerful, the worldly wise, but those who simply believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We are not wise by human reckoning, we have faith, a belief which may seem foolish by those who believe they are wise, but a faith that makes us part of God's kingdom and so He has become our wisdom.

In Matthew's Gospel, we begin a revelation, through Jesus, of the Kingdom of God. We hear the beatitudes, a series of blessings which give honour to the lowliest and not the mighty. We sometimes speak of Jesus ‘turning the world upside down’; this passage is the beginning of that upheaval; the transfer of power from the powerful to the humble. Each line resonates with our own time. Because today's world is so small we are aware of the suffering of many, an awareness which was not known to past generations. Today we cannot ignore poverty, it is all around us, we cannot ignore injustice, war, persecution because we see it, in real time, on our television screens. Now is the time, armed with the righteousness of God to speak out against the unjust world we live in and seek to change it. In our small way, we can begin to fulfil the beatitudes, all we need to do is to have courage and, through our actions, place our dream of a better world into God's hands.

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 Gollogly, 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, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roodcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brenda Stott, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John 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: Eileen Connolly, David Spindloe, Marek Grzegorz Nowaczek, Irena Gibson, Hilda Goodhall, Ronald Joseph Di Duca. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: George Pearce, Noreen Osborne, John Atkinson, Edward Garthwaite, John O'Neill, Ruth Hewson, Millie Pearce, Kevin Kelly, William Donaldson, Sister Fintan, James Lynch, Hector Samuel Everett, The Parpa Family, William Everett, Tim & Peggy McCarthy, Alice Healey, Frances Glass, Stuart Simpson, Gareth Bryant, Laurence William Lynch, Margaret Rose Murphy, Dora Wilkinson, James Wilson, Frederick Donnelly, Alan Willgress, Patricia Ibbotson, Ethel Duffy, Anne Thompson, Margaret Barnfather, Peter Ingham, Megan Devine, Albert Griffiths, James Lester, Thomas Leck, George Arthur Docherty, Peter Barker, Leonard Young, Peter McClure, Joan Howell, Mary Sawoch, Marjorie Kilvington, Paul Dipper, Hannah Walsh, Hilda Wilson, Kathleen Humphrey, Florence Gofton, Kyle Hess, William Mason, 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: *How to be Happy!*

*In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.
Beatitude means happiness.*

Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

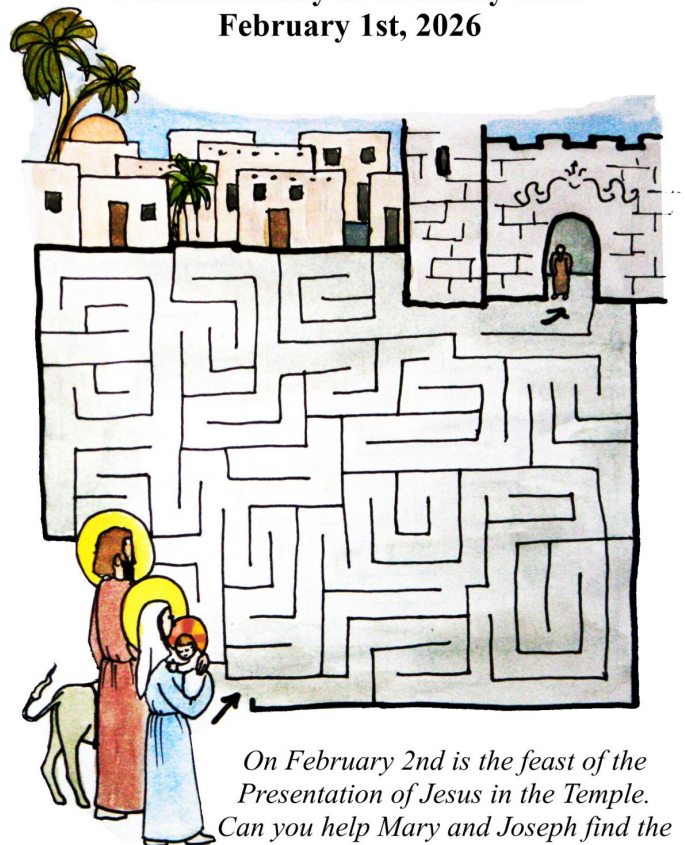
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important things in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1st, 2026



*On February 2nd is the feast of the
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
Can you help Mary and Joseph find the
way through Jerusalem to present
Baby Jesus in the Temple?*

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