

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 25th January 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 24th January	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Gerald Burley 2nd Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Richard Powell	
Sunday 25th January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Joseph Allen Hayes	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		
Monday 26th January	SS Timothy & Titus	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Christine Hansell Anniversary			
Tuesday 27th January		12.05pm Mass Dan Quinn			
Wednesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas			9.30am Mass Jean Jacques	
Thursday 29th January		12.00pm Requiem Mass Shirley Ann Burton	9.30am Mass Bernadette Jackson		
Friday 30th January		12.05pm Mass Carol Spencer			
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		

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

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.

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.

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.

SANTO NIÑO - The Feast of Santo Niño will be celebrated with a Mass at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 25th January, followed by food, dancing, a raffle, and games in the Parish Centre Hall. All are welcome.

200 CLUB - 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, £75, £25. If you let Laura know in the Parish Office, one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters. Quarter 4 subscriptions are now due: £6.25.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIA) - The funeral of Joan Scott is on Thursday 29th January at 2pm in Stranton Crematorium. The funeral of Pat Pearson is on Thursday 29th January at 3pm in 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.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Please meet in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's on Monday 26th January, at 7pm. Thanks.

STELLA MARIS - Donation bins are available in our churches if anyone has any warm coats, sweaters, joggers, etc they could donate. Many thanks.

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

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 Feb.

This Sundays Readings

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: **Isaiah 9:1b-4**

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 4:12-23**

'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

REFLECTION

In his Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" – "The Joy of the Gospel" the late Pope Francis urges us to examine the scriptures in a prayerful way and so come to know the joys they contain. In effect he is echoing the words of today's first reading from Isaiah for the Gospels are a joy and a light for the people of God. Isaiah speaks to us of the effect on the people of the great light which will fill their world, a light which will banish the darkness and the deep shadows which cover their world. The light, that is Christ, will give us cause for gladness, joy and rejoicing for the great weight of sin that we carry will be lifted from our shoulders.

Corinth was a place of contrast; it was filled with many different classes of people and the house churches that Paul established had great difficulty working together. Paul calls for unity in today's passage from Corinthians. In the early church there were a number of missionaries who spoke about Jesus from their own perspective and this led to a sense of favouritism for one view against another. The early church depended on the testimony of those who had known Jesus or who had been taught by the Apostles. Paul, Peter and Apollos were good men, but their message came from their background and their understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Paul urges us to focus on Christ and follow his example; we are fortunate that we have the Gospels to light our way and the benefit of two thousand years of Christian writers and theologians; the people of the early church walked in darkness compared to our understanding today.

When Jesus began his ministry, he found that he could not work from his home in Nazareth and so he moved to Capernaum and, in this way fulfilled the words of Isaiah. It was at this time that he called the local fishermen; Peter, Andrew, James and John to be his apostles. John The Baptist had been arrested, Jesus had to leave his family home, fishermen were called from their work; each. In their own way, were uprooted and set new tasks. To follow Jesus, we too may be uprooted and given new work to do; it is all in God's hands and to be done with great joy.

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, Sylvie Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, John George Parsons, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, 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: Shirley Burton, José Maria Goncalves Espinheira, Joan Scott, Leanne Barker, Eileen Connolly, David Spindlow, Marek Grzegorz Nowaczek. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Edith Annie (Nancy) Hutchinson, Maureen Watson, Thomas William Vasey, Elizabeth Margaret Mullins (Betty), Gladys Burdiss, Patricia Leonard, Olive Lynch, Fiona Waterland, Fr Gerard Monaghan, Richard Bradley, Barry Parkes, Winifred Hoey, Doris Emmerson, Michael Rutter, Olga Caden, George William Shave, George Gofton, Sally Burnett, Margaret Ellen Percival, Ruth Hewson, Joseph Leonard Atkins, Evelyn Stewart, Margaret Donnelly, Effie Jardine, Gerald R H Burley, Edward Yarrow, Benjamin Tumilty, John Trundley, Frederick Percival, Christine Franklin, Eileen Ferry, David Crowe, Joe Tierney, David Widdowfield, William John McAlpine, Kenneth Thomas Short, Megan Devine, John Bourne, Michael Hannon, Patricia Atkinson, William Stabler, 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 Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25th, 2026

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*N*¹⁸ *E*³ *O*⁹ *K*⁴

What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.