

# 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 12th April 2026

\*Live stream: [www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool](http://www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool)

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 11th April	(Vigil) Divine Mercy Sunday	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mr & Mrs Vaughan		6.00pm Mass Holy Souls	
Sunday 12th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	10.30am Mass Barry Hogan	9.00am Mass Tom & Francie Bamford		
Monday 13th April		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Theresa De Cunha			
Tuesday 14th April		12.05pm Mass Derek Snowdon			
Wednesday 15th April			12.00pm Requiem Mass David Kennedy	10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Jack & Peter Close	
Thursday 16th April			9.30am Mass Father Denis O'Mahony		
Friday 17th April		12.05pm Mass Catherine Butler 70th Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 18th April	(Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Easter	11.30am - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Michael Jacquez		6.00pm Mass Raymond & Eileen Biddle	
Sunday 19th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass The Raine Family	9.00am Mass Rose & Jimmy Lee		

#### 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.

#### Parish Clergy

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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: 10.30am-11.30am  
Praise & Worship Prayer Group  
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

#### Restarts 21st April

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

**THANK YOU** - A big thanks to those who have enabled our Holy Week services to be such a grace filled time. Special thank you to those who prepared the churches and facilitated the liturgies over the week.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



**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.

**CLEANERS WANTED** - We're looking for a few helping hands to join our volunteers at St Joseph's Church on Friday mornings from 10.45am until Mass. Many hands make light work, and tea/coffee will be provided. Thank you for your support.

**200 CLUB** - Annual Subs are now due (£25). The Club is always open to new members, the subscription can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £100 and £50. Contact Laura to join, and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many Thanks to our supporters.

**SICK & RETIRED CLERGY (NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND)** - The annual collection for the NBF is this week, and will remain open until 19th April.

**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 29th April at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - As a reminder, the next meeting date agreed is Tuesday 14th April at 6.30pm.

**GIFT AID** - If you have not received your box, please contact Laura for collection. We cannot leave boxes without supervision because it is important that the right person receives the correct box for tax purposes. We are unable to issue envelopes for those who are not in the scheme. To join the scheme, follow the instructions at the bottom of this page.

**RED MISSION BOXES** - Please empty your box into a bag with your name and address on, and bring it either to the parish office or to Mass to be counted. Thank you very much for your support.

**"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP** - Please ensure monies are paid by Sunday 19th April for our Leeds day trip on Wednesday 29th April. The cost is £15 per person. Please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited.

## 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** - There will be a collection for sick and retired priests (NBF) this Sunday, 12th April, and next Sunday, 19th April.

**First reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**‘All who believed were together and had all things in common.’**

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Response:** Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**‘He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.’**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31

**Eight days later, Jesus came.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord’. But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*This week the readings speak to us of the new life that has sprung from the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are full of optimism for the future and reveal to us today the joy and wonder of a people who have emerged from deep darkness into the light of the promises of Christ.*

*The first reading gives us a picture of the emerging community life of the church; a church which is a benchmark for our parish today. Here we have a vision of a community which is faithful to the teaching of Christ handed down to his apostles. A community of real brotherhood where all, male and female, slave and free have a dignity and a standing in the church. A community where the Eucharist and prayer are at the heart of everything they do.*

*This new community is born through Baptism; a concept which, though not unknown to the Jewish people, is renewed in the Baptism of Repentance led by John in the Jordan river and brought to a new significance through the teaching of Jesus. Peter explains the great gift of the sacrament; it is a new birth as the children of God the Father made possible through the sacrifice of his son. This event in our lives confers upon us a sure hope and a promise of an inheritance; eternal life, which can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away.*

*The Gospel passage reminds us that Jesus is always there when believers meet; that his gift to us of peace is the source of all our joy. The Book of Acts speaks of the Eucharist, Peter speaks to us of Baptism, the Gospel takes the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation as its theme. All these gifts, which are poured out on us to show us the way to Christ, are the flood that took the early church and gave it the spirit to grow into the world-wide church of today. Thomas reminds us that sometimes doubt can enter our hearts and minds. If you are unsure of your faith, just take these Easter readings as your guide, recognise the spirit behind the words and pray to Jesus in the words of Thomas, “My Lord and My God”.*

*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 Gallen, 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, Eileen Lyle, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, 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 Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Carol Thomas, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Margaret Watt, Kath Wilkinson, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. **Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.**

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Tierney, David Kennedy, Brian Dollin. **May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** James Taylor, Ann Irene Wharton, John Cavanagh, Margaret Hooks, Ellen Williams, Frederick Parker, Carole Hills, Donna McAllister-Smithson, Susan Dickson, Gerardo Cesarano, Thomas Edwin Heal, Alan Cooper, Laura Metcalfe, Louisa Ford, Maureen Eyre, Joan Cosgrove, Harold Smalley, James Lynch, Beatrice Breward, Maureen Neesam, Derek Snowdon, Alison Mullins, Mary Treveil, Julie Robertson, Mary McGurran, "Kath" Catherine Mary Monaghan, Frank Rowson, Maria Lynne Burdiss, Pauline Mahoney, Catherine Monaghan, Mary Standen, Richard Arkwright, Kathleen Flounders, Thomas Chapman, Clarice McCloskey, George Brown, Audrey Pyitt, John Readman, 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:

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



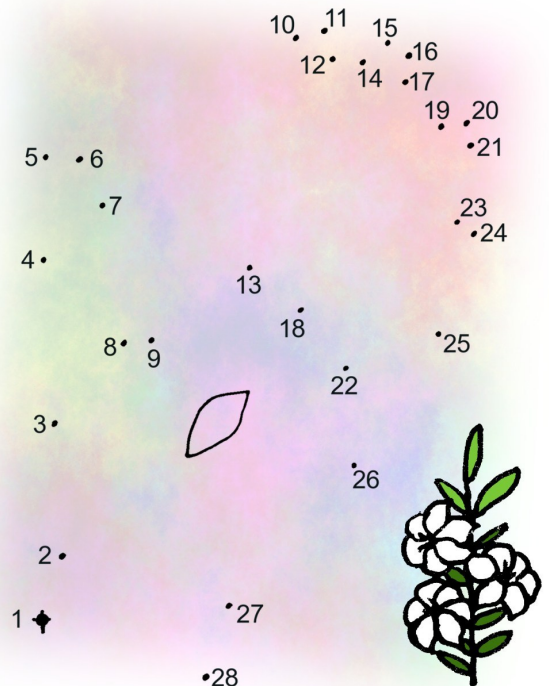
Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!**

**Jesus, I trust in You!**

### The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12th, 2026



*Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!*