

# 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 24th May 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 23rd May	(Vigil) Pentecost	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Thomas Carroll 100th Birthday		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	
Sunday 24th May	Pentecost	10.30am Mass Mavis & Alf Garthwaite	9.00am Mass John Darnell  Margaret & Michael Leck Wedding Anniversary		
Monday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable				
Tuesday 26th May	St Philip Neri	12.05pm Mass Gwen Douglas	10.00am Requiem Mass Mary Harris		
Wednesday 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury			9.30am Mass Special Intention My Family	
Thursday 28th May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest		10.00am Requiem Mass Eileen Lyle		
Friday 29th May		12.05pm Mass Roly Thompson			
Saturday 30th May	(Vigil) The Most Holy Trinity	11.30 - 12.30pm Baptisms  3.00pm Exposition & Confessions  3.30pm Rosary  4.00pm Mass Peter's Intentions		6.00pm Mass Anne Cole	
Sunday 31st May	The Most Holy Trinity	10.30am Mass Mary Ollerton (Nee Elliott) Anniversary	9.00am Mass Special Intention A Sick Person		

#### 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 2nd June**  
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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027** - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than 17th July 2026. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

**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 1st July at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

**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.

**200 CLUB** - Annual Subs are 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.

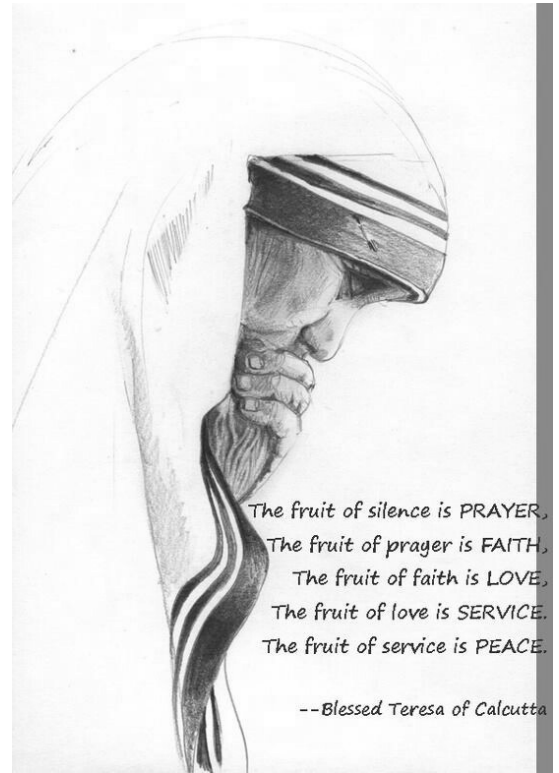
**FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM)** - The funeral of June Stonehouse is on Wednesday 27th May at 2pm, at Stranton Crematorium. The funeral of Peter Kirk is on Friday 29th May, at 11am, at Stranton Crematorium.

**HOLY ISLAND BUS** - The bus to Holy Island on Saturday 6th June has two pick up points this year, we will pick up from English Martyrs School at 8.45am, then pick up at St Joseph's Church at 9am.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** - Led by Bishop Stephen, 22nd – 29th October 2027, £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details will be available on the diocesan website ([www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)) or via the parish office.

**GARDENING** - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

**CLEANERS WANTED** - We're looking for a few volunteers to join us at St Patrick's Church on a rota basis. It would only be once a month, and you can do it at any time during your allocated week that suits you. The cleaning usually takes around an hour and a half, and any help would be greatly appreciated. If you would be willing to help or would like more information, please get in touch. Thank you!



The fruit of silence is PRAYER,  
The fruit of prayer is FAITH,  
The fruit of faith is LOVE,  
The fruit of love is SERVICE.  
The fruit of service is PEACE.

--Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

## 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 will be held on 31st May, for the Lay Training Fund.

**First reading: Acts 2:1-11**

**‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

**‘In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.’**

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23**

**‘As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.’**

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.’

Throughout the Easter readings we have been waiting in great expectation for the appearance of the Holy Spirit. Today we have three readings, all written many years after the events of Pentecost, and they each give us ways in which the Holy Spirit enters our lives.

The first reading is from Acts, a book believed to have been written by Luke, a companion of Paul, which tells us, in great detail, about the foundation of the early church. The descent of the Spirit is written in a very dramatic form reflecting, perhaps, the effect of the event on those gathered in the upper room. When the Apostles, filled with the gifts of the Spirit, went out to the people they spoke with renewed confidence of the mighty works of God. These were Galileans speaking in Aramaic, yet the listeners heard their voices in their own tongue, and they were amazed and delighted at what they heard. The people heard and understood for the Holy Spirit was speaking through these men.

Paul would be writing in early sixties, thirty years after the resurrection and the day of Pentecost. Paul had seen the effects of the Spirit in many different ways. He understood that the gifts were given to different people for the various needs of their communities. The Spirit had passed from the Apostles and found a home in the hearts of all believers.

John was writing many years later, towards the end of his long life, and his Gospel is a reflection on the words and works of Jesus during His life on earth. The Apostles are given the gift of the Holy Spirit from His hands. He speaks of two commandments that He authorises the Apostles to do in His name. They are to go out, to preach His Gospel of Love to the world. He tells them, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you”. He then gives them authority over sin and breathes the Holy Spirit into their hearts. “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them, if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

*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, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Andrew Kenny, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, 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 Roodcroft, 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:** Eileen Lyle, Mary Harris, Peter Kirk, June Stonehouse, Michelle Plant. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Barbara Gray, Brian Linighan, Bill Cholmondeley, Gene Barker, Robert Wilmot, Bridget Howard, Brian Tetlow, Kathleen Jackson, Matthias Gallagher, William Gaskarth, Patrick Finnan, Michael Kelly, Thomas Hay, Peter Fidgeon, Thomas Boagey, George Canavan, Alice Frank, Constance Frances Stelling, Margaret Jean Costello, Joan Cooper, Lawrence Leo Bramley, Redmond Shaw, Andrew Walford, Gertrude Pye, Hilda Smith, Nora Knight, Michael Garrington, Iroulla (Rula) Kyriakou, Anne Parker, Christopher (Kit) Ryan, David Thompson, Donald Colledge, Mary Lawty, 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:

### PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



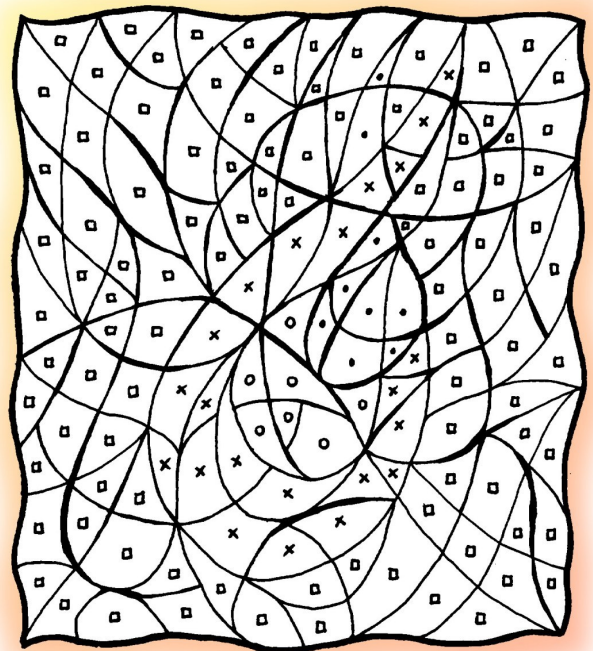
We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.*



## The Kids' Bulletin

*Pentecost Sunday  
May 24th, 2026*



*In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?*

*Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!*

- red
- orange
- blue
- × yellow