

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 31st May 2026

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

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
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		
Monday 1st June	St Justin	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Kataryna Mrozek	12.00pm Requiem Mass Michelle Plant		
Tuesday 2nd June		12.05pm Mass The Boyd & Turnbull Family			
Wednesday 3rd June	SS Charles Lwanga & Companions			9.30am Mass World Peace	
Thursday 4th June			9.30am Mass at St Teresa's School Alice Mary Frank		
Friday 5th June	St Boniface	12.05pm Mass Sheila Glover			
Saturday 6th June	(Vigil) The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	11.30 - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mandy Gallen Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass William Agnes & Thomas Thornton	
Sunday 7th June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Teresa's
Thursday 4th June - 9.30am Mass

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
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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

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

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.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Ministers of Communion are to renew their commitment that day.

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.

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) 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!

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION - We have several First Holy Communion certificates which weren't collected. They are available from the parish office at your earliest convenience. We also have an abundance of Baptism certificates which have been requested and never collected. Each certificate takes time and resources to produce, we kindly ask that you respect this effort by ensuring your certificate is collected promptly.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - As a reminder, the next meeting date agreed is Tuesday 2nd June at 6.30pm.

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 this weekend, for the Lay Training Fund.

First reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.’

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.’

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, ‘If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.’

Response: To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

‘The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.’

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18

‘God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.’

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Often, in the Lectionary, the readings seem out of sync. The first reading and the Gospel are arranged to complement each other but the second reading is different; if there is nothing that speaks to you in the first reading and the Gospel there well may be something in the second reading; this is why we must listen at mass and not just follow the words in a book. Listening is a different form of communication from reading. This week, however, I sense symmetry between each of the readings. There is a common thread and that thread is the love of God.

The Israelites, in the desert were a stubborn people, when you read the passages of Exodus their moans and groans rise from the pages; who could love such an ungrateful lot. They turned away from God so often. However, God loved them and through Moses, his prophet, he came to them time and again to ease their suffering and bring them back to Him. We are not very different today from those Israelites of old; how often do we begin to moan and groan when things do not go our way. How many of our fellow Christians have turned away from Him and followed the false gods of selfishness and money. Still God loves us all, just as he loved the people of the desert.

Nicodemus, in today's Gospel, comes to Jesus in secret, at dead of night. He wanted to know more about the man, Jesus, and needed reassurance that he was God's chosen one; but he also wanted to hold on to his status, his standing in society. The words of this Gospel passage must have stayed with Nicodemus for the rest of his life. It was only through the death of Jesus that Nicodemus could come out of the dark into the light. Is there some part of our life story that we keep hidden; not wishing for ridicule but frightened to stand up for our beliefs.

Paul, as ever, understands our human nature and brings together Father, Son and Spirit in a beautiful prayer for unity and peace. We share this prayer at the beginning of Mass “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all”. He calls us to seek perfection through rejoicing, comforting one another and living in peace. This must be the basis of our community for when we live in Grace, Love and Fellowship we live in harmony with the Blessed Trinity.

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 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: Michelle Plant. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Gordon R Griffiths, Beverley Robinson, Lewis Fisher, Joan Pounder, Fr Joseph Parkes, Mary Ollerton, Joan Wheeler, Terence Richardson, Dennis Richardson, Norah Coulson, James McGregor, Joseph Chandler, Margaret Wilson, Kevin Craddy, Mary Coull, Ted Gray, Youngman Yung, Richard Downes, Doris Downes, Kathryn Port, Josephine Wilson, Susan Westwood, Patricia Lindsay, Daniel & Ethel Richmond, Harry Hay, Mary Jane Hogg, The Matthews Family, Helen Liddell, Alan Porritt, Agnes Rennie (Nee Dowdle), Isaac Reece, John George Maurice Brown, Joseph Cooke, Peter Dobing, William George (Kish) Kelly, Thomas Mullins, Josephine Wilson, Martin Skeet, Hilda Liddle, Mary Abbott, Nancy Wilkinson, Mary Graham, Angela O'Hara, Joseph Reece, Mary Marsh, Nita Gofton, Jean Angela Humpleby, Doris Vaughan, Maurice Berry, Ann Close, Robert Healey, Francis Carney, Patricia Lancaster, Stephen Sheehan, Kathleen Linighan, Sheila Eggerton, Sheila Swift, Ronald Neesham, Laurence Judge, Doreen Hughes, Ralph Cawley, Paddy Galvin, Margaret Robertson, 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:

The Holy Trinity

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Trinity. "Trinity" means "three" and tells us that there are three Persons in God. There is only one God, but God is a relationship of the Father and the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.

Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is really God, so the Father is really God, and Jesus is really God, and the Holy Spirit is really God. But they are not all the same Person. Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is also equal to all the others. So the Father is not greater than the Son or the Holy Spirit; they are all equal.

Sometimes we can understand the Holy Trinity as if it were like a family. Each of the persons is different, but the family wouldn't really exist if any one of them were missing. The Holy Trinity is also a relationship of love. Because God is so full of love He wanted to share it with others, so that is why He made us! When we live the way God wants us to we are joining in the life of the Holy Trinity. Isn't that amazing?

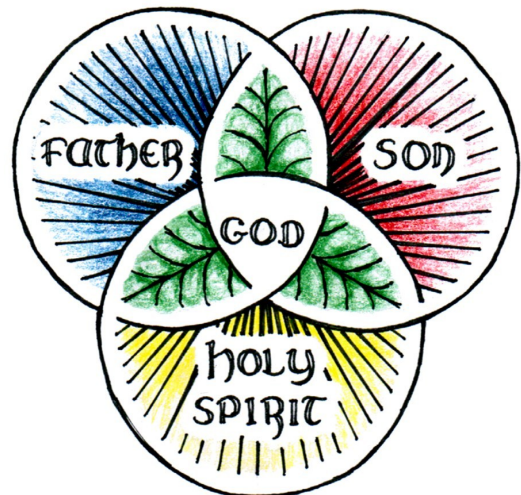


Answer to puzzle on front page: Three Persons in One God.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



What does the word "Trinity" say about God?
Use the code to find out!

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