

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 30th August 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 29th August	(Vigil) 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sheila Mary Hornby 9th Anniversary		6.00pm Mass Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady for Prayers Answered	
Sunday 30th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Raymond Alfred Roca 5th Anniversary	9.00am Mass Thomas Hammond		
Monday 31st August	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne				
Tuesday 1st September		12.05pm Mass Sheila Cope Birthday Remembrance			
Wednesday 2nd September				9.30am Mass Thanksgiving	
Thursday 3rd September	St Gregory the Great		9.30am Mass Birthday Intention		
Friday 4th September	Translation of St Cuthbert	12.05pm Mass Bishop A. D. Galvin 50th Anniversary			
Saturday 5th September	(Vigil) 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm - 1.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Wallace James Reed 15th Anniversary		11.30am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass Thelma Strickland	
Sunday 6th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Maureen Trundle		

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Monday to Friday

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St Patrick's
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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

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Lunch Club
September

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club
St Patrick's Hall

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
Coffee Evening
St John Vianney's

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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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - The programme is now closed for applications, thank you to all who applied. There is a meeting for parents of applicants 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 9th September at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

CHURCH GREETING ASSISTANCE - As you will be aware, we have a number of people who greet people on entering the churches of our parish at the Sunday Masses. This is a very important ministry of welcome. We would like to extend this ministry to other liturgical celebrations which take place in our churches. Particularly, we would be grateful if anyone could volunteer, on a rota basis, to welcome people attending the Baptisms at St Joseph's on Saturdays. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

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. There is often greater availability for Mass intentions at some of our churches, which may allow your intention to be offered sooner. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - We are hoping to meet with members of our ethnically diverse parish community to listen to your experiences and ideas, and to explore how we can become a more welcoming and inclusive parish for everyone. A group meeting will take place on Sunday 6th September, after Mass at St Joseph's, in the Parish Centre Hall during the coffee morning. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their thoughts and suggestions.

POLISH ALPHA COURSE - St Mary's Church in Newton Aycliffe has an active Polish-speaking group. The group are running its second Alpha course, using the Polish language in their church starting on Thursday 17th September from 7pm to 9pm. The course lasts for 13 weeks. The evenings begin with a meal together, watching a short film and then discussion in small groups. For anyone interested, enquiries can be directed to alphanewtonaycliffe@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL DELIVERY - Some parishioners have reported not receiving the newsletter by email as expected. We are experiencing regular delivery failures caused by receiving email providers rejecting our emails, which are outside our control. If you have previously received the newsletter by email but suddenly stopped receiving it, please add our email address to your contacts and Safe/Allowed Senders list, and check your Spam/Junk folder.

"BRENDA'S BUSES" DAY TRIP - Join us for our next day out on a trip to Skipton Market on Wednesday 23rd September. Travel will be by luxury coach with toilet facilities, the cost is £16 per person. To book your place, please see Brenda at the back of church or give her a call on 07599511066. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

ALTAR SERVERS - If you haven't received a form from Fr Joseph at Mass this weekend, please get one from him or from the office as soon as possible. We are in the process of updating our records in order to keep all of servers safe and cared for, and in order to bring the parish in line with new legislation. Please speak to Fr Joseph if you have any questions.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Could those ministers who visit our sick and housebound parishioners on behalf of the parish please ensure the parish office has up-to-date details about whom you are visiting. If circumstances or details change, please let Laura know as soon as possible so we can update parish records.

DAY TRIP - Our Over 60's Club are planning a day trip to Bury Market on Friday 25th September, and the trip is open to anyone who would like to join us. The cost is £15 per person. The coach will leave St Patrick's Church at 9am and will depart Bury at 4.30pm for the journey home. For more information or to book your place, please contact Roisheen on 07914946316.

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.

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 is on Sunday 30th August, for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

‘The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.’

O Lord, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

‘Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.’

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.’

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’
Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.’

REFLECTION

The Apostles were very concerned that Jesus was walking into danger as he set out for Jerusalem. Jesus reminds the apostles that his mission is to be the saviour of the people, and this will include suffering and death. Last week, Peter was the one with the vision of whom Jesus was, this week, he completely misunderstands the message with his very human response “Far be it from you, Lord. This shall never happen to you”. In two passages of scripture, we glimpse the human condition; we want to have faith in Christ, but we want it on our terms not His.

Jeremiah believed in God and strived all his life to follow Him, he let himself be seduced, overpowered, hoping God would protect him if he did what was right. But doing what was right was far from easy, people laughed at him, called him names, disagreed with everything he said. Threatened him, insulted him so that he decided not to follow any longer. However, giving up was not easier than giving in. Something had hold of his heart, his soul, and would not let go “there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones.”

Paul is trying to get across to the Romans and the readers of his letters what it really means to follow Christ. Now he tells his readers not to judge their actions by the world but, instead, look at the example of Christ. We cannot behave as others, who have not known Him, behave. We must change, become as new, and seek to live as Christ showed us by his example because that is the perfect thing to do.

We all have a burden to carry, often it is our own expectations which imprison us, keep us striving for the unattainable. When we fall short, we blame something or someone else. Never ourselves. It is a wise person who understands that little is really needed, that a heart that loves is more valuable than a purse filled to bursting. Jesus places a simple choice before each of us. We must make that choice: do we try for earthly gain or do we work for a heavenly reward. We must seek the way which will make us happy; once we have known the Lord then that way becomes clear and we can take up our cross and walk with Him.

David Franke

Daily Readings



Les codes QR pour les lectures du jour dans une autre langue se trouvent au fond de l'église.
Los códigos QR para las lecturas diarias en otro idioma se encuentran en la parte posterior de la iglesia.
Os códigos QR para as Leituras Diárias em outro idioma estão no fundo da igreja.
I codici QR per le letture quotidiane in un'altra lingua si trovano in fondo alla chiesa.
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Kody QR do czytań na każdy dzień w innym języku znajdują się w tylnej części kościoła.
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OUR PRAYERS

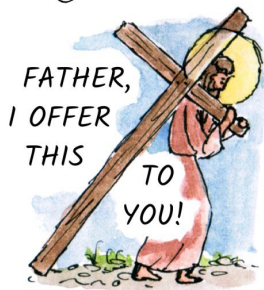
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, 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 McEneaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Dave Nugent, Joe O'Connor, Mick Olley, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roocroft, Kathleen Royds, Nora Rumble, Peter Saint, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, 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: Michael Readman. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Nora Ward, Billy Cope, Sarah Cain, Leo King, Margaret Wilkinson, Bill Rodriguez, Hector Kleinot, Elizabeth Siddell, John Flannery, Leo Joseph McGarry, Margaret Booth, John Mansen, Ann Harron, Margaret Watson, Sylvia McCall, Patricia Ward, Roger Hardy, Peter Connor, Stephen Hockett, Catherine Adams, Eric Gowler, Patrick Howard Sullivan, Ken Fawcett, Wendy Horseman, Kathleen Finney, Tyler Smailes, Marie Heslop, Marguerite Kirwan, Welford Rowbotham, Laurie Butler, Mary Ellen Hartin, Mary Gofton, Mary Mottram, Imelda Maria Farr, Mary Ellen Hartin, Jack Brannan, Walter Hay, Joyce McMorris, Kathleen Peacock, Norah Faulkner, Ray Worthy, Doreen Botham, John Elliott, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

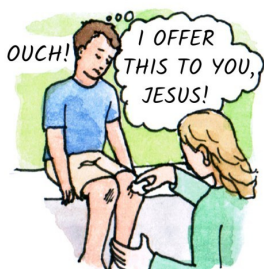
Kids Corner:

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

Answer to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me.

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The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2026



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.