

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 11th October 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 10th October	(Vigil) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Sean Charlton Anniversary Bernard Boylan Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass Alf Facchini	
Sunday 11th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Sister Beatrice Molyneux	9.00am Mass All affected by A66 crash		
Monday 12th October	St Wilfrid	6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Roland Thompson			
Tuesday 13th October		12.05pm Mass Thanksgiving to St Carlo Acutis, Basil & Blaise	10.00am Funeral Service Tom Collins		
Wednesday 14th October				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Tommy & the late Eileen	
Thursday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila		9.30am Mass Mary Harris		
Friday 16th October		12.05pm Mass Mary Ward Birthday Remembrance			
Saturday 17th October	(Vigil) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.30am Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Teresa & Paul		6.00pm Mass Deceased Strickland Family	
Sunday 18th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Victoria Taylor (Nee Snowdon) Anniversary	9.00am Mass Maureen Trundle		

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Owton Manor Lane
TS25 3QG

St John Vianney's

King Oswy Drive
West View Estate
TS24 9LX

St Mary's

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SCHOOL MASSES

No school Masses this week

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



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THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our community is challenging. The national Catholic prison charity, Pact, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - The programme for the Sacrament on Confirmation begins this Monday, 12th October. If anyone has not yet applied, it's not too late; application forms are available at the back of our churches and on our website.

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 November at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - Please place any Mass request envelopes in the collection basket at the offertory of the Mass, ensuring that all details are filled in (especially the telephone number). Mass intentions will be coordinated from the Parish Office. 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - As part of our ongoing diocesan-wide discernment, the Parish Pastoral Council have identified various areas which we can develop as a parish. It is proposed that we establish our own parish marriage preparation course. We are looking for volunteers (married couples) to be trained to deliver this course. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Canon Paul.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - A Remembrance Mass has been organised by the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage on Friday 20th November 7pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. There are special candles that can be purchased to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones. These are £3 each and available by contacting lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The Parish Pastoral Council have also proposed that we establish our own bereavement support group. We are therefore looking for volunteers to be trained to deliver this listening support. For further details, please contact the parish office or speak to Deacon Jeff.

200 CLUB - Congratulations to our September Draw winners: 1st prize £150 no. 112 Veronica Dye, 2nd prize £100 no. 66 Cindy Dixon, and 3rd prize £50 no. 17 Tony Spellman. Half yearly (£12.50) and quarterly (£6.25) subs are now due.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on Saturday 6th March. The theme is 'TAKE COURAGE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with the school chaplain, or Canon Paul if you would like to participate.

TABLETOP - We are planning a Tabletop sale at St Patrick's on Saturday 7th November, 10am - 2pm, and are now taking bookings for tables. £10 per table. If you would like to book a table, please contact the Parish Office. Further details about the event will be announced in due course.

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB - Thank you everybody who signed up to the Christmas Savings Club this year. The last day to pay in will be Sunday 8th November 2026. We plan to pay out on Sunday 22nd November 2026.

NOVEMBER MASSES - During the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be Mass offered each week in each church of our parish for our deceased relatives and friends. A basket will be placed in front of the altar in each of the churches of the parish in which you can place an envelope containing the names of those loved ones who have died together with a donation towards the Masses that will be offered. Envelopes will be available from the end of October.

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 collection this weekend is for the work of PACT.

This Sunday's Readings

28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'
For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-10

'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

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.

REFLECTION

It is good to celebrate; to bring together family and friends and create an atmosphere of love and peace. Sometimes, when we celebrate, we make an announcement; a birth, an engagement, a wedding, a homecoming. In today's readings we see glimpses of some of these events and, what is more, we are invited to the feast.

In the first reading we are celebrating a homecoming and a promise. The homecoming is the return of the people of Israel from exile; after many years Jerusalem is once again their city, and they are full of joy. Isaiah however reminds them that all their blessings come from God and, if they are true to Him, then even greater blessings will be theirs. The passage speaks to me of the heavenly banquet that will be held for all who die in God's love. The message is clear, we are only visitors to this earthly place, and our true home is with him in heaven.

Paul's letter reminds us that life is not good for all of God's creation. We bear a heavy responsibility for our fellow human beings and for our planet and all the creatures that dwell upon it. The contrast between Isaiah's banquet and Paul's empty stomach should remind us of our obligations to build a better life for all. Paul knows how difficult this will be but urges us to put our faith in Christ as *"my God will supply every need of yours."*

The parable of the Wedding Feast is a reminder that, if we do not follow the teaching of Jesus to love God and each other, then we will miss out on the Kingdom of Heaven. We have been invited to the wedding but if, by our actions, we reject this invitation then the invite will go to others. The passage speaks of worthiness; do you think you are worthy to sit at the table of the Lord? Are there ways in which you can change and become one of the invited? Jesus is speaking directly to the chief priests and elders but, in our day, he speaks to us. In the parable those initially invited do not come to the table and their places are given to others. Some come to the celebration but, like the guest without the wedding garment, they are still proved unworthy. It is up to each of us today to take on the clothes of worthiness and book our place at the heavenly Feast.

David Frank

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

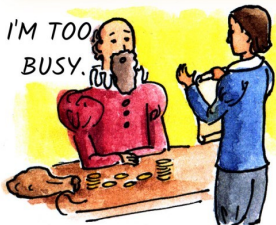
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael 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, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. *Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.*

Recently Deceased: Thomas Collins, Frank Gould, Catherine Blyth. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Ronald Morrell, Andrew McGowan, Nicholas Murphy, Patrick Sullivan, Jean Jackson, Maureen Thompson, David Hodge, John Naylor, Robert Ferry, Sheila Hughes, Rose Cawley, Kitty Boreland, John Curry, Audrey Moore, Kenneth Best, Margaret Tozer, Alf Facchini, Peter Sharpe, Teresa Larkin, Beth Wilkinson, John Dolan, Joan Proud, Joan McKenna, Catherin Skidmore, Margaret Gibson, Jacob Jenkins, Janet Burnett, Ronald Muller, Catherine (Kitty) Dodsworth, Marie Grayson, Thomas Marquess Harrison, Doris Connor, Sarah (Sally) Killen, William James Hartshorn, Rhys Hewitt, Jennifer Noddings, Rita Shave, Margaret Eglintine, Jean Casey, Joan Linighan, Lawrence Atkinson, 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

Invitation to the Wedding Feast

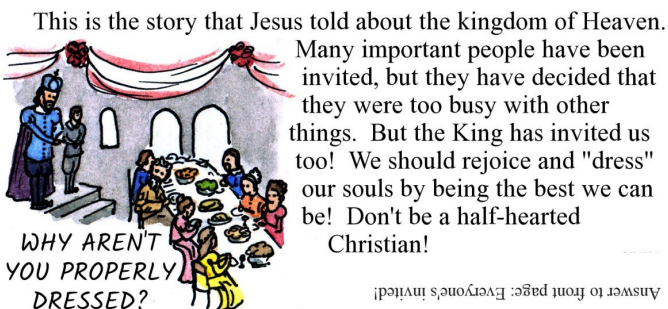


I'M TOO BUSY. Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!



WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited!

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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11th, 2026



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?



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