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 22nd November 2026

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Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 21st November	(Vigil) Christ the King	**11.30am / 12.30pm Baptisms** **3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** Jacques & Moir Families		**6.00pm Mass** Kevin Mathieson Anniversary	
Sunday 22nd November	Christ the King	**10.30am Mass** Holy Souls	**9.00am Mass** John & Eleanor Hanlon		
Monday 23rd November		**6.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **6.30pm Mass** November Mass for the Deceased			
Tuesday 24th November	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc	**12.05pm Mass** Bernadette Jackson Anniversary **1.30pm Funeral Service** Moira Bryan **6.30pm Mass** Confirmations			
Wednesday 25th November				**9.30am Mass** Muriel Cumming	
Thursday 26th November			**9.30am Mass** November Mass for the Deceased		
Friday 27th November		**12.05pm Mass** Mary Ward Anniversary			
Saturday 28th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	**3.00pm Exposition & Confessions** **3.30pm Rosary** **4.00pm Mass** In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered		**6.00pm Mass** November Mass for the Deceased	
Sunday 29th November	1st Sunday of Advent	**10.30am Mass** Tony Miller **4.00pm** Adoration & Devotions	**9.00am Mass** Jimmy Docherty Birthday Remembrance		

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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

SCHOOL MASSES

No 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

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 24th November at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church by Bishop Stephen. This is a parish celebration and it would be wonderful if our church could be filled by parishioners to support those being Confirmed.

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

NOVEMBER MASSES - 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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - During November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be a Blessing of Graves at each of the cemeteries in the parish. Saturday 28th November, it will take place at West View Cemetery at 11am and North Cemetery at 1pm. All are welcome to attend and join in prayerful remembrance of our departed loved ones.

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. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

PIETY STALLS - We have a lovely range of Christmas cards, calendars and gifts available at the back of church. Please visit the stalls, before or after Mass, to view and purchase any items.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We are collecting chocolate to help bring some extra Christmas cheer to those seafarers in need. We are also looking for donations of clean, warm men's clothes, especially coats, jumpers, and fleeces. Bins are available to at the back of church to leave any donations. Thank you for your generosity and support

HARTLEPOOL LADIES CHOIR CONCERT - Join us on Friday 4th December at 6.30pm for an evening of singing with the children of Sacred Heart School Choir. Doors open at 6pm. Entry is £5 per adult and £1 per child, payable at the door. There will also be a raffle, with proceeds shared between the choir, the school and the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

BRENDA'S BUSES - For those joining our bus trip to Newcastle Christmas Market on Wednesday 2nd December, please meet at St Joseph's for 9am, the bus will be leaving promptly at 9.15am. The car park will be open. Many thanks.

ADVENT ADORATION AND DEVOTIONS - How are you going to make the most of this Advent? Keep Christ in Christmas by making Christ the centre of your Advent! Join us on each Sunday during Advent at 4pm in St Joseph's Church for a Holy Hour of Adoration and devotions before the Blessed Sacrament.

USHAW'S ADVENT SERVICE - Saturday 5th December, 6pm-7.15pm in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw, Durham, DH7 7DW, with music provided by the Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Choir, and the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Children's Choir. Free entry can be booked at https://ushaw.org/whatson/adventservice/

CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND - Our Tuesday Luncheon Club is sponsored by the Co-op. To support us with your Co-op membership, please choose us as your "local cause" on the Co-op app, or visit https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/104458.

COFFEE EVENING - The next will be after the 6pm Mass, Saturday 19th December in St John Vianney's Church. All are welcome.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Brian Morgan will take place on Monday 23rd November at 1pm at Stranton Grange Crematorium.

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 retiring collection this weekend will support the work of Youth Ministry Trust, our Diocesan Youth Service.

This Sunday's Readings

CHRIST THE KING

First reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

'As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.'
Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

'Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:31-46**

'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

REFLECTION

Lord Jesus:
You are the King of Kings, the Shepherd of our Souls, Our Redeemer, Our Saviour and Our Friend.
You hold us close to you, watching when we go astray, seeking us out when we are lost, when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.
You destroy our enemies, even death cannot prevail against you.
You bring all your people to life in you, So that God may be all and in all.
Amen.

There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel; something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthew's Gospel is how well they have loved.

Faithfulness brings its own reward but unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves; we can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation; we must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

Beth Nelson Chapman, the American songwriter and performer wrote these words "Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true, all that matters, when we're through, is how we loved".

David Frank

Daily Readings

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.

OUR PRAYERS

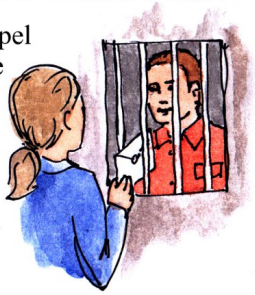
The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael 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, Cecilia 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: Moira Bryan, Brian Morgan, Jimmy Lydon and Kevin Glover. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mary Ward, John Timlin, Margaret Melville, Norah Wilson, Felix Magee, John Walsh, Alicia Luttrell Rhodes, William Paterson, Michael Knight, William Cox, Carole Amerigo, Robert Cooper, Elizabeth Jane Cawley, Stephen Foreman, Harry William Frank, Paul McCraith, Alice Smith, Septimus Dixon, Alan Hooks, Margaret Murphy, Henry Gray, Joseph Neil, Patricia Carter, George Pitman, Patricia Pitman, Margaret Rudd, Sarah Jane Gofton, Philip Gofton, Bernadette Jackson, Brian Watson, John Joseph Hanna, Kathleen Watt, Anne Browell, Michael Jardine, Patricia Ann Connor, Alice Galvin, Theresa Usher, Francis Owen Richmond, Christopher Horseman, Doreen Booth, Mary Stott, Norma Twydale, Anthony Frain, Clare Shaw, Shirley Hogg, David Tilley, Ann Foster, Michael Liddell, Teresa Sullivan, Kenneth Coull, Anne Marie Noble, Arthur Smith, Eric Noble, 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

Whatever you do to others...



Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
November 22nd, 2026



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What does God say about His people in the first reading? Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.

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