



HOLY FAMILY PARISH HARTLEPOOL



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A MESSAGE FROM CANON MICHAEL GRIFFITHS

Nobody likes to fail. The apostles had failed. But the stranger on the shore got them to say: *"We caught nothing – we failed."* If we can say these words in the presence of someone we trust, then suddenly failure loses its power over us. It is sometimes easier to say them to a sympathetic stranger than to a friend. Then the Stranger told them to let down the net once more. They did so and made a large catch of fish. This shows that even when Christ is only a shadowy figure on the margins of our lives, we are still okay if we do what he says. But once Peter recognised the Stranger, he wanted to encounter him, he wanted to be near him. There is a world of difference between those who have encountered the risen Lord, and those who obey a stranger. The risen Lord nourishes those who encounter him, and he gives them a task to do. He says to them: *"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep."*



Bishop Robert is grateful to all those who have contributed to the several consultative meetings that have taken place since last November and the discussions that have taken place in each church community to discern a way forward for the Holy Family Parish, Hartlepool.

The representatives from the church communities, young people, schools and clergy have spoken openly, honestly and with passion from a place of love for their communities and the wider church. The delegates have met with their church communities to listen to their opinions, including the communities where churches are currently closed. They have also considered the pastoral statistics for the parish, the financial report and the latest quinquennial reports on the state of buildings and needed repairs.

Bishop Robert has received regular feedback from these meetings and was offered two proposals for consideration:

- To implement the plan formulated after the 2014/2015 Kinharvie consultation, and have four Mass centres in the parish,
- To retain the status quo of three Mass centres.

In light of this, the Bishop sought the advice of the Council of Priests and the Episcopal Council, and has decided on the first option, that is to have four Mass centres in the town. There will be a continuing consultative process to measure the viability and sustainability of this and to ensure the pastoral care, support and development of those communities now without a church, this consultation will report back to the Bishop in 24 months' time.

Bishop Robert wants to assure you of his prayers and care for the Holy Family Parish, Hartlepool.

I need also to announce that while I accept the decision of the Bishop, as we all committed to do at our consultation meeting, I will initiate this immediate change, and so St John Vianney Church will reopen Sunday 8th May, and that the 11am Mass at St Mary's would transfer to St John Vianney's, and that the 6pm Sunday Mass would return to St Mary's. I will be leaving Hartlepool and Holy Family Parish at the end of May to go to a new parish. I hope that this will leave the new parish priest the opportunity, as the Bishop indicates, to work with the different communities, to assess their situation and their future in order to consolidate the whole parish as we move forward.

Fr Michael

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - How have I failed to recognize the Lord when he has appeared?

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

Year of The Eucharist, Preparation for the Synod

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION - Every one of us will be able to recall a priest, who has been a support to us in our journey of faith. One of those priests may now be relying on your support at this time to the Sick and Retired Priests Collection. Our collection will continue until Sunday 15th May. This fund, also known as The Northern Brethren Fund, encourages legacies in peoples wills, or regular donations as standing orders and gift aided donations. For more information, ring Fr Ian Jackson on 0191 586 4319, or email sjbh.1950@hotmail.com / blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST - Thank you everyone who contributed to the collection throughout Lent. The total raised was £1983.34.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL - The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/. We will hold a special collection next Sunday, 8th May, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

EASTER BASKETS - The list of winners is at the back of church, the total raised was £653. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL - CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal for Ukraine. If you're able to contribute, you can do this by ringing 0303 303 3030, logging on to cafod.org.uk/Ukraine or sending a cheque to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. Please also continue to remember our collection bins at the back of church for the Hartlepool Food Bank, Refugee Project and Apostleship of the Sea. Thank you for all your generosity.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND - We are trying to recommence the taking of the Eucharist to the sick and house bound and those in Care Homes. If you know of any person either in their own home or in a Care Home who would appreciate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister, please let us know. See Fr Jim or contact the parish office 866288.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As we try to reclaim our parish life, we need volunteers to help with the following:

St Joseph's Tea and Coffee after Mass - The Filipino community have committed to doing tea and coffee on the second Sunday of the month, and we need to have a rota for the following Sundays. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help.

Children's Liturgy - We would like to start a children's liturgy group on Sundays at St Patrick's. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church. We are looking for more volunteers for St Joseph's, please sign the list at the back of church.

Safeguarding - We are looking for a Safeguarding Rep for St Patrick's. This will be to work in conjunction with the other reps across the parish. The volunteer would be given lots of support from the diocese as well as the other reps here in the parish. Please consider this essential role and get in touch with Fr Michael through the parish office.

Counters - St Joseph's are trying to re-establish a counting rota, if you can spare half an hour after 10am Mass on Sundays, please sign the list at the back of church. Remember the more volunteers, the less often you have to count. Counters for collection are also required on a Sunday after mass on a rota basis at St Mary's. Please see Ian Fraser or Maria Morris.

200 CLUB - Winners of our April Draw; 1st prize £150 no. 30 Kath Cann 2nd prize £75 no. 97 Father Michael, 3rd prize no. 148 Kevin Gibson. Annual Subscriptions of £25 Half yearly payments of £12.50 and Quarterly payments of £6.25 are now due. Please put cash or cheque in a sealed envelope and put your name and address on the envelope and put it in collection boxes at church. Cheques to be made out to "Saint Patrick's 200 Club". Thank You.

SVP - The St Joseph's Parish Conference of SVP is to meet at St Patrick's in the parish hall immediately after the morning mass on Sunday 1st May at 10.10am. All are welcome, particularly anyone who may be interest in helping to form a Holy Family Conference.

MESSAGE FROM MAUREEN AND MICK OLLEY AND FAMILY - I feel we must say how proud we felt to be part of our wonderful family on Tuesday at my dad's funeral. Alison's talent playing the organ and our wonderful friends who made up a choir, which was a total surprise and brought us to tears. For the many friends who came we felt love and support. Our faith is our greatest treasure and you are very much part of it. Thank you to each and every one of you, our Catholic family. God bless.



HOLY FAMILY YOUTH

For enquiries about Confirmation, ministry to young people, or to volunteer, please contact →

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FAMILY RETREAT 14th-16th OCTOBER 2022 - If your family would appreciate an affordable weekend away in beautiful surroundings, ask your school office or Ric for a letter about our annual Family Retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. Our team of young people organise activities for all the family and it's one of the most popular activities we offer all year so sign up soon!

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our communities who are sick or housebound, especially:

STEPHEN ANDERSON, PAT BAKER, KATHLEEN BARLOW, MICHAEL BLACKFORD, HILARY BRADBURY, DENNIS BRATT, MARGARET BURKE, KAY BURNS, JOHN CANN, SARAH CARROLL, RITA CHARLTON, VERONICA COCHRANE, DANIEL COSBY, BETTY CRANE, JAMES DALEY, NEIL DAVIS, LOTTIE DOCHERTY, NATALIE EGLINTINE, TERESA FALKINGHAM, EMILY FLANNERY, ALISON FOSTER, LORRAINE GALEN, DOROTHY GEEN, DAVID GEEN, PETER GRIEVES, CHRISTINE HANSELL, MARY HARPER, MARY HARRIS, ANDREW HAYGARTH, BELLA HOEY, MURIEL HOWE, MOLLY HUGHES, PETER JOHNSON, CHRISTINE JONES, ETTY JORDAN, MOIRA KELLY, CEILIA KING, MARGARET KIRKPATRICK, KEN KNIGHT, MARIE LYDON, MAUREEN MAGUIRE, VERA MARRIOTT, JAMES MARSHALL, MARY MASON, IAN MATTHEWS, PAUL MCCRAITH, OWEN MCENEANEY, JIM MCKENNA, CHRISTOPHER MGHEE, PAUL MOORE, PAT NESS, KITTY NEWSTEAD, SYLVICE NOTRIANNI, WINNIE OLIVER, MYRA PATTISON, EDDIE PEARSON, COLIN PRICE, DAMIAN RAFFERTY, JEAN RICHARDSON, PAM ROBERTSON, JOSEPH ROBINSON, PAULA ROGERS, HILDA RYAN, AGNES SCULLY, CORAZON SIMPSON, MATTHEW STEEL, BRENDA STOTT, BRETT SWAIN, GAIL SYMINGTON, MELVIN THACKERAY, LYNSEY TODD, NORA TRISCHLER, JONATHON VOKES, KAY WALLACE, JAMES WALSH, ANTHONY WEEGRAM

All the sick and their carers, both at home and in hospital, are prayed for at each Mass, as well as the health and safety of all parishioners.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Michael Almond, Martin Mullins, Billy Corbett
and for their family and friends who mourn their loss.

We also pray for all those whose anniversaries fall this week:

ST JOSEPH'S: Sheila Brown, Olive Gallegher, Denis Coull, Ralph Kidson, Veronica Readman, Stephen Carroll, Margaret Lines.

ST MARY'S: Peter Higgins, Mary Cope, Herbert Healey, John Bone, Robert Healey.

ST PATRICK'S: Pat King, Raymond Frankland, Peter Dobson, Arthur Hadfield.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S: Nora Wray, Janet Watt, Lawrence Marshall, Mary Turner, Elizabeth Dwyer, John Stevenson, Norah Leck, Edna Vasey, Henry Gofton, Fr Hugh McCann.

ST THOMAS MORE'S: Harry McDonall, Frederick Rafferty, Lawrence Raw, Anthony Robinson, Ann McIntosh, Gerard Flannery, Hugh Wharton, Emily McEneaney.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



Listen to the Word

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Psalm 29

Apocalypse 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

Oh, to be, by the sea of Galilee, eating fish, as the morning sun warms the earth with my friends and with my God breaking our fast. Rejoicing in our companionship. Each time we come together to break bread and pour wine we are in that blessed place, where love and forgiveness dwells and all our misdeeds are washed away by Our Lord, who loves us.

Last week we heard the last words of John's Gospel "There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book". Today, however, the Gospel continues; it is as though John, as he sits and rests after finishing his work, suddenly remembers another story and realises the book is not complete until he has recorded this event, a simple meal on a quiet peaceful beach. How many times do we recall something, especially when we are among family and friends, and the story rolls around the room as others add to our memory of the event. Often it is when we gather to remember a loved one who has died, and the conversation lifts our hearts and dispels the gloom that follows tragedy.

Love conquers everything, Peter has about him the shame of that early Friday morning when he abandoned his dearest friend, he cannot forget that look that passed between them in the High Priest's courtyard. How often do we let guilt hang about our shoulders as we recall some shameful event? John, I believe, wanted to end his gospel, not after the story of Thomas coming to belief in the risen Christ, but in a passage which summarised the whole of the ministry of Jesus; Love and Forgiveness.

The call to Peter to "Follow me" is a call to each of us to believe that whatever we do we are always loved and forgiven by God. In today's first reading the Apostles are called before the Temple Officials and berated for their actions in preaching about the Risen Lord. They respond with Truth; the life and death of Jesus has changed the world, God has walked among His people, and the world is changed forever. Now that change needs to live within our hearts, we may not have the beach experience of Peter, but we too are called to "Feed my Lambs, look after my sheep" and today is a good time to begin.

David Frank



DONATIONS – Anyone wishing to provide regular giving, you can instruct your bank to set up a standing order using these details:
Beneficiary: DHN The Holy Family Account Number: 11173928 Sort Code: 40-34-45. Thank you.



THIS WEEK'S MASSES

During the suspension of Sunday Obligation

*Live stream: www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyHartlepool

Pre-Recorded Telephone Liturgies Call: 01429 450388 for recorded Liturgy of the Word, homily, and prayers available from Saturday evenings onwards (calls charged at local rate)

It is essential to wear masks in Church, and to practice social distancing to maintain it as a safe place for worship.

	St Joseph's TS26 9EY	St Mary's TS24 0HD	St John Vianney's TS24 9LX	St Patrick's TS25 3QG
Saturday 30th April 2022 Weekday of Easter	4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Exposition and Confessions 5.00 pm Vigil Mass A Sick Person (Belinda)			
Sunday 1st May 2022 3 rd Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass Terry Collins Tea/Coffee after Mass	*11.00 am Mass Margaret Davidson		9.00 am Mass The Prior Family 10.10 am SVP Meeting in Parish Hall
Monday 2nd May 2022 St Athanasius		10.00 am Mass Deceased Members of the Buckley Family		
Tuesday 3rd May 2022 SS Philip & James, Apostles	12.05 pm Mass Thanksgiving (40 th Wedding Anniversary)	2.00 pm Rosary		10.30 am - 11.30 am Exposition and Rosary 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Over 60s Club 6.30 pm Mass People of Ukraine
Wednesday 4th May 2022 The English Martyrs (NC)	9.30 am - 11.00 am Wonder Tots Playgroup in Hall 6.00 pm First Holy Communion Meeting 6.00 pm - 6.25 pm Exposition and Confessions 6.30 pm Mass Joseph McHugh (RD)			
Thursday 5th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	12.30 pm Requiem Mass Martin Mullins	6.30 pm Mass Veronica Readman		
Friday 6th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	12.05 pm Mass Special Intention (Grandsons) 2.00 pm Funeral Service Joseph William Corbett			
Saturday 7th May 2022 Weekday of Easter	4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Exposition and Confessions 5.00 pm Vigil Mass Kenneth Sutheran			
Sunday 8th May 2022 4 th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass Ralph Kidson Tea/Coffee after Mass	*6.00 pm Mass NBF	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.00 am Mass Bartholemew & Mary Ellen Nealon