

First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways. Ps 128

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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The Holy Family Year A - 28th December 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS					
Sat	27 th	The Holy Family	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	28 th		St P	10.00am	Gerry Toberty & Toberty Sisters
Mon	29 th	St Thomas Becket	St P	10.00am	Nellie Armstrong
Tue	30 th	6 th of Christmas			No Service
Wed	31 st	7 th of Christmas	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thu	1 st	Mary Mother of God	St P	10.00am	Allan Lavin
			St A	12.00pm	Priest's Intention
Fri	2 nd	SS Basil & Gregory	St A	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat	3 rd	2 nd Sun after Chris	St A	6.00pm	People of the Parishes
Sun	4 th		St P	10.00am	Paul & David Clay
St A = St Alban's; St P = St Patrick's Weekday Masses at St Patrick's are Celebrated in the Parish Centre Weekday Masses at St Alban's are Celebrated in the Chapel in the Presbytery The Sacrament of Reconciliation - available on Request					

We pray for **Norah McAtominey** and **Wilfred Brown** who died recently. A funeral service will be held for Norah on Wed 7th Jan 12noon in St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Cemetery. A Funeral service for Wilf will be held on Wed 21 Jan 12noon at St Patrick's followed by burial at Heworth Burn Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

The Order of Mass can be found on **Page 200**
in the **middle of your Hymn Books** indicated by the grey page markers.
The Gloria is on page 202. **The Creed** is on page 205.

Journeying with the Word of God
'with thankfulness in your hearts'

The **First Reading** is a brief commentary on the commandment: Honour your father and your mother. Something all generations are invited to follow.

The **Psalm** encourages us not to be afraid to walk in the ways of the Lord. Trusting the ways of the Lord brings peace.

The **Second Reading** describes the atmosphere which should reign in a Christian community and in a Christian household – one of tolerance and forgiveness.

In the **Gospel** Matthew casts the Holy Family as displaced persons and homeless refugees. Right from the beginning God in Jesus identifies with all displaced and homeless peoples.

Today we give thanks for our own families, however large or small, and whatever the struggles. We pray for those who lack the support of a family. Perhaps this feast also asks us to think of someone we can help in our household or circle of friends to feel more secure and loved.

If you wish to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land, including Palestine, offerings can be left in the basket at the crib.

The next Partnership RCIA meeting will be on Tues 6th January, 6.30pm at St Peter's Low Fell.

Northern Catholic Calendars for 2026 are on sale at the back of church. **£4.00** each. Only a few copies left.

Administrator – YMT: Supporting the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and our small, dedicated team, we are looking for an Administrator to cover a period of Maternity Leave. Please note this role is subject to an Enhanced DBS check and YMT cannot accept CVs. You must complete our Application Form, available as part of the Applicant Pack. If you are interested, please get in touch to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

I take this opportunity to say Thank You for your very kind cards and gifts, which are greatly appreciated.. I wish you all every blessing for the coming New Year.
Fr Martin

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 31st July – 7th August 2026. Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage. Bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31st July and return on Friday 7th August 2026 is the 100th anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

Safeguarding Administrator: Supporting the Safeguarding team, the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are looking for a consummate administrative professional who handles sensitive information with the utmost discretion and confidentiality. Similarly, you'll be a person who has an eye for detail recognising the need for accuracy and precision. Salary scale - £26,000 to £27,768. If you are interested in applying for this 12 month Fixed Term Contracted Safeguarding position, please get in touch to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Bernadette Aquino HR Business Partner at Bernadette.aquino@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 09:00am Friday 9th January.



Thank you for your offerings: We ask you to please consider **making your offering by Standing Order**. This is by far the easiest way to donate, either on a weekly or monthly basis. (Details below). If you pay income tax **why not consider "Gift Aiding" your offering**. **At no cost to you, the parish receives 25p for every £1.00 you donate.** All you need is to complete a simple Gift Aid form which may be obtained from the parish office at stpatrick.felling@diocesehn.org.uk

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