

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 04/04/ 2021

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EASTER SUNDAY, HE is RISEN, HE is RISEN INDEED!!

Mass Online

www.churchservices.tv and www.mcnmedia.tv or <https://mass-online.org>

Easter Wishes

Canon Michael would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and every blessing as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and sorrow.

The Lord is indeed Risen from the Dead and there is new life around us. This is a time for us to look forward with hope and joy, and to continue to pray that one day soon we can all be together again in Church and at Mass as a parish community.

Season of Easter

Easter isn't just one day; it's a 'season'. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday". The gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the last supper. Let us celebrate this special Easter Season with joy.

Blessed John Ingram Petition

Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594) is a local reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr.

An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please [click here](#). You can also [read more](#) about him in our Northern Saints pages.

Praying for our Sick and housebound; it has been said that we should include the names of our sick and housebound parishioners on our newsletter so that we can include them in our regular prayers. However, we can only include the names of those who give their permission for their name to be included. If you are sick / housebound and would like to be added to this list, please let Canon Michael know; if you know of someone, please ask them first, to get their consent before submitting their name for inclusion. Please remember that not everyone wants their names or their medical conditions to be made public, so we have to be very careful when we talk about those in our parish who are not well, even when we think we should know or think it would be the right thing to do so we can pray for them. (Data Protection rules)

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL	3 rd April			People of the Parish	7.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY	4 th	Priest's Intention	9.30am	Deceased members of Noon and Turnbull Families	Mid-Day (EF)
EASTER MONDAY	5 th	Fr Maloney	10.00am		
Tuesday	6 th			Vincent Joseph de John	12.05
Wednesday	7 th	NO MASS		NO MASS	
Thursday	8 th			Adrian Barnes	
Friday	9 th			Intentions of Anna Barnes	12.05
Saturday	10 th	Thomas Rath	5.00pm		7pm
Sunday	11 th			People of the Parish Fr Wilf Elkin	10.00am Midday (EF)

"EF" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, THE SICK AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY PHONING CANON MICHAEL OR SPEAKING TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER MASS

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted.

Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you. Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

COVID-19 VACCINES

See the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ([here](#)) Likewise, the Bishops of England and Wales judge that one does not sin by receiving this vaccine. Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves.... The duty remains to protect others from infection. The Bishops' Conference's statement can be found on the [diocesan website](#). Statement from London Oratory

Bishop Robert reiterated in his pastoral letter:-

"We are fortunate in this country to have such an efficient vaccination programme, to help us look forward to a brighter future. There are many in the world who do not have such a possibility so I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the vaccine to bring the virus under control, not only for our own good but also for the common good of the whole of humanity. The fewer people with COVID-19 means the less it will spread. Please be responsible."

Statement from the Vatican

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_not_a-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

NHS England [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Thanks to Canon Michael, our volunteers and all those who continue to follow the safety guidance, public Mass continues as follows: -

St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm

St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF), Tuesday 12.05pm, Friday 12.05

Please Continue at all times, even if you have been vaccinated, to: -

cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly

and

DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS

All of the above safety measures have been shown to slow the spread of COVID

ST WILFRID'S

'CANDLE OF HOPE' these are LED candles with, on the reverse, the Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady imploring an end to the corona virus.

These are priced at £6 each and are beautiful. Please see Rachel if you want any of these items.

If you would like to take part in the 'Gift Aid' scheme please speak to Stephen Hogarth

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE We are looking for volunteers to help in the garden to bag up all the leaves and to give a general tidy up. Also we need help with some pointing around the church and perimeter walls. All help will be very much appreciated

St Joseph's

Thank you to those who have made generous donations for the improvement of security around the church and presbytery

Choir Loft and Lourdes Garden funds are still open and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider helping with the **CLEANING** at our churches, if you can help

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LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

After much discussion, consultation and prayer I regretfully have made the decision to cancel the official 2021 Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. I am deeply grateful to those who have supported and advised me during this process of discernment.

We will have virtual and, if restrictions allow, Pilgrimage gatherings leading up to and during our Pilgrimage week. If it becomes legally possible and safe individual pilgrims may wish to make a private visit to Lourdes. Government websites and Tangney Tours are available for advice about travel arrangements. We continue through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for the healing of our world at this time of pandemic.

Fr Steven Watson Pilgrimage Director

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild

a literary competition for schoolchildren - the theme is:
"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"

A maximum of 20 lines

The lines don` t have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds.
Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51
Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW
Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Deadline: THIS COMING FRIDAY

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

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[Diocesan eNewsletter archive \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](http://Diocesan eNewsletter archive (rcdhn.org.uk))

**EASTER MONDAY MASS at 10.00am at ST WILFRID'S is a JOINT
MASS with the POLISH COMMUNITY.
PLEASE COME ALONG**

Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed this a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. The Letter 'Patris Corde' marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration by Blessed Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. There will be suitable celebrations in the diocese during the year.

For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic Letter please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on a Thursday.

If you wish to receive/continue to receive this newsletter by email please contact: shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

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Account Number 01164120

Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution" for collection money

"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

GIFT AID

Doesn't cost you a penny, but charges the taxman 25p in every pound. To find out more please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's

Making Your Will?

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