

St Joseph's Catholic
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Our Lady & St
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12th April 2026 – Year A – Low Sunday

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	11 th April	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	12 th April		
Monday	13 th April	10.00am	Bell & Cantwell
Tuesday	14 th April		
Wednesday	15 th April		
Thursday	16 th April		
Friday	17 th April	10.00am	George & Mona McGowan
Saturday	18 th April		Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	12 th April	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Priest's Intention Susan Woodcock
Monday	13 th April		
Tuesday	14 th April	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	15 th April	12.05pm	Jean McCormick & Bernard Wright
Thursday	16 th April	12.05pm	Health of George Parry
Friday	17 th April	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	18 th April	11.00am (EF)	Patricia Turnbull
Sunday	19 th April	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Verina Telford People of the Parish

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

Sanctuary Candle:

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

The Sacraments

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office.

We usually expect first Holy Communion candidates to be aged 6+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.

First Holy Communion preparation classes continue on Saturday Mornings at 9.15am – parents for those involved have been contacted.

All candidates for first Holy Communion and Confirmation MUST be attending Mass regularly.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Continues each Friday at 4.30pm
Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity
Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs

Altar Servers

There will be a training and social session for ALL our servers on

We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please come along to a 'taster' session.

Young Persons' Social Group for those aged 11 to 16yrs will meet again very soon.

St Joseph's

Our Catholic Primary Schools

St Wilfrid's

A Catholic school is not sustained by buildings or budgets, but by the faith of a community willing to pass the Gospel on to the next generation. If we want our children to grow in faith, we must be willing to stand behind the places where that faith is taught, the future of a Catholic school depends not on how many Catholics live nearby, but on how many are willing to care.

We can build a stronger bond with our parish primary schools through prayer and active participation. PLEASE come along to the School Masses which are held periodically throughout the year. The next at St Joseph's is on Thursday 30th April.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile

Today straight after each Mass

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Please park in marked parking bays only, if the car park is full please find an alternative parking area.

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 19th May** at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss 'The Idiot' by Dostoevsky. All welcome

If you regularly give via Gift Aid envelopes please collect your new pack from the back of church.
If you want to sign up for this scheme please speak to Iain Dunn at St Joseph's or Stephen Hogarth at St Wilfrid's

The Daughters of Divine Love will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass this weekend 11th – 12th April - £5 per book – please give generously.

The collection for sick and retired priests remains open – if you would like to give to this very worthy cause please put your offering in an envelope and mark it "Retired Priest Fund" and place it on the collection plate. There are some marked envelopes at the back of church.

Parish Finances

St Joseph's

Account Details

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Account Number: 31164066
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead St Joseph

March Income & Outgoings

Income: £7,625.23

Outgoings: £3,408.75

St Wilfrid's

Account Details for

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid
Account Number: 01164120
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

March Income & Outgoing

Income: £1631.10.

Outgoings: £623.58

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme which enables the parish to claim back tax on the money donated, it costs nothing extra to you but can add a lot to parish funds.

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre's Story

Benedict Joseph Labre was truly eccentric, one of God's special little ones. Born in France and the eldest of 18 children, he studied under his uncle, a parish priest. Because of poor health and a lack of suitable academic preparation he was unsuccessful in his attempts to enter the religious life. Then, at age 16, a profound change took place. Benedict lost his desire to study and gave up all thoughts of the priesthood, much to the consternation of his relatives.

He became a pilgrim, travelling from one great shrine to another, living off alms. He wore the rags of a beggar and shared his food with the poor. Filled with the love of God and neighbour, Benedict had special devotion to the Blessed Mother and to the Blessed Sacrament. In Rome, where he lived in the Coliseum for a time, he was called "the poor man of the Forty Hours devotion" and "the beggar of Rome." The people accepted his ragged appearance better than he did. His excuse to himself was that "our comfort is not in this world."

On April 16, 1783, the last day of his life, Benedict dragged himself to a church in Rome and prayed there for two hours before he collapsed, dying peacefully in a nearby house. Immediately after his death, the people proclaimed him a saint.

Benedict Joseph Labre was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1881.

Feast Day 16th April

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 18th April - First Holy Communion Preparation Classes Continue – 9.15am – St Joseph's
Tuesday 19th May – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

First Holy Communion Candidates

Please keep in your prayers; Ember, Sinachi, Chris, Gabriella, Vera and Jacob as they prepare to make their first Holy Communion this summer.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help clean the church on a regular basis, if you are interested and can give some time each week please ask for a volunteer registration form.

Health and Safety regulations mean cleaning volunteers must not work alone.

If you would like to volunteer to serve refreshments after the midday Mass please speak to Canon Michael and collect a volunteer form.

House blessings in the Easter Season.

If you would like your house blessed during the Easter Season please arrange a time and date with Canon Brown.

Mass Intentions

Recently there has been a falling off in the number of Mass intentions.

However, we have a good number of intentions for Saturday night and Sunday Masses.

Please remember a priest can only take one Mass offering per day and Saturday night counts as a Sunday Mass.

Apologies if you have put in an intention for a Saturday night or Sunday morning and, as no specific date was asked for, you have been waiting a long time.

All Masses will eventually be said

PARISH LIBRARY

PLEASE LEAVE BOOKS you are DONATING to the LIBRARY in the OFFICE, NOT on the SHELVES. THANK YOU.

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
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- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.