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Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	April 12 th	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	April 13 th		
Monday	April 14 th	10.00am	Bell & Cantwell families
Tuesday	April 15 th		
Wednesday	April 16 th		
Thursday	April 17 th		
Friday	April 18 th		
Saturday	April 19 th		
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	9.30am	Dot and George Adams

Confessions: before Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	April 12 th	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	April 13 th	10.00am	Margaret and Michael Lawson
		12.00pm (EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	April 14 th		
Tuesday	April 15 th	12.05pm	Priest in Purgatory
Wednesday	April 16 th		No Mass
Maundy Thursday	April 17 th	7.30pm	T.V. Joseph
Friday	April 18 th	11.00am	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday Vigil	April 19 th	7.00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	April 20 th	11.00am (EF) <i>Latin Mass</i>	Holy Souls

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

Confessions: Saturday 12.00 – 12.30

Sanctuary Candle: George Owens, Pat Donald, Donald family (living and

Please note changes in Mass times this coming week

Saint Julie Billiard's Story

Born in Cuvilly, France, into a family of well-to-do farmers, young Marie Rose Julie Billiard showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and poor. Though the first years of her life were relatively peaceful and uncomplicated, Julie had to take up manual work as a young teen when her family lost its money. However, she spent her spare time teaching catechism to young people and to the farm laborers.

A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. Witnessing an attempt to wound or even kill her father, Julie was paralyzed and became a complete invalid. For the next two decades, she continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed, offered spiritual advice, and attracted visitors who had heard of her holiness.

When the French Revolution broke out in 1789, revolutionary forces became aware of her allegiance to fugitive priests. With the help of friends, she was smuggled out of Cuvilly in a haycart. She then spent several years hiding in Compiègne, being moved from house to house despite her growing physical pain. She even lost the power of speech for a time.

But this period also proved to be a fruitful spiritual time for Julie. It was at this time she had a vision in which she saw Calvary surrounded by women in religious habits and heard a voice saying, "Behold these spiritual daughters whom I give you in an institute marked by the cross."

As time passed and Julie continued her mobile life, she made the acquaintance of an aristocratic woman, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared Julie's interest in teaching the faith. In 1803, the two women began the Institute of Notre Dame, which was dedicated to the education of the poor, young Christian girls, and the training of catechists. The following year the first Sisters of Notre Dame made their vows. That was the same year that Julie recovered from the illness: She was able to walk for the first time in 22 years.

Though Julie had always been attentive to the special needs of the poor and that always remained her priority, she also became aware that other classes in society needed Christian instruction. From the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame until her death, Julie was on the road, opening a variety of schools in France and Belgium that served the poor and the wealthy, vocational groups, teachers. Ultimately, Julie and Françoise moved the motherhouse to Namur, Belgium. Julie died there in 1816 and was canonized in 1969.



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Easter Raffle will be Drawn on Easter Sunday after 10.00am Mass in the coffee lounge.

Tickets are on sale at £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, that is five chances to win one of the fabulous prizes for just £1



Spring Cleaning?

Don't throw everything out; consider renting a table for £5 at our next Table-Top sale and selling your unwanted goods. You can keep anything you make or you can donate your takings to the parish. Further information about this event will be available soon.

Children at St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

We are delighted to see so many children of all ages attending Mass regularly at our churches.

Baptism

Parents are requested to speak with Canon Michael and complete a registration form if they have a child they would like to be baptised. The parents will be expected to attend the preparation classes which are organised by Canon Michael as and when required.

Good Shepherd Catecheses

This delightful, child-centred and hands on learning experience for children aged 3+ is held at 4.30pm each Friday in the Atrium at St Joseph's Church, High West Street. Registration forms are available from the office.

First Holy Communion

If you have, or know of a child aged 6+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please collect a registration form from the office at St Joseph's Church. **New classes will begin for regular Mass attendees in April/May.**

New Altar Servers

We are always eager to welcome more young people to our growing family of Altar Servers. If you are aged 7+ and think you may like to give serving a go please speak to Canon Michael.

Confirmation

If anyone aged 11+ is interested in being confirmed please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com to register this interest. If there are enough candidates preparation classes will begin shortly.

St Joseph's Children's Library

The library area is in the porch; children are welcome to look at the books here or take them to their pews during Mass, please return the books to the shelves at the end of Mass. If your child would like to borrow a book to take home for a week please allow him/her to do so, just sign it out and in again via the recording book. Please help your child to look after our books carefully.

Changing Facilities

These can be found in the lounge area of the hall, please ask one of the 'ushers' for the key to access this area during Mass.

Juice & Biscuits

Children are very welcome to come **with their parents** to the hall after the 10.00am Mass to enjoy juice/hot chocolate/ milk and biscuits as they draw or play with the activities provided.

St Joseph's Weekly Income 30/03/25

Loose Plate: £266.50 Gift Aided: £228

Volunteers are needed to: -

- help serve teas and coffees after 10.00am Mass
- mind the piety stall once in a while
- clean the church and Sacristy
- collect the offertory
- become an usher
- join the choir
- arrange and maintain the flowers
- keep the church environment clean
- assist with Health & Safety regulations

Volunteering for your parish is a great way to meet and get to know fellow parishioners whilst really making a difference.

If volunteering sounds like "your thing" Please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide details of two referees who are not your family members or connected to the parish.

Some roles require an enhanced clearance which means you will have extra forms to fill in and will need to provide evidence of your identity.

St Joseph's Teas and Coffees

Every Sunday after 10.00am Mass. why not come along and make some new friends whilst enjoying a free cuppa in a warm, welcoming environment.

Book Club

The next meeting is on Monday 21st April at 7.00pm, to discuss "the Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene. All are welcome.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's is open this weekend between the two Masses. We can only accept cash at the moment.

St Stephen's Guild

The National Mass for members of **St Stephen's Guild** and their **families** will be held at **Lancaster Cathedral** on **Saturday May 17th** from 12.15 – 2.00pm.

If any altar servers and families would be interested in going please email:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

To register your interest, if there is enough interest we will consider hiring a bus.

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via

www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Email address for correspondence including hall bookings:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 29/03/25

Loose Plate: £171.10 Gift Aid £87

Good Friday

Good Friday is the only day the Catholic Church does not celebrate a Mass, but we do have Services which commemorate the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. We will have Stations of the Cross at 11.00am on the Friday morning and Celebration of the Lord's passion at 3pm on Good Friday afternoon at St Joseph's.

Please remember **Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence**. Fasting is for all healthy adults aged 18 - 59 years while Abstinence, (not eating meat), is for all aged over 14.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be celebrated on **Saturday 19th April** at 7pm at St Joseph's.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7.30pm with "Watching" afterwards until 11.00pm.

**Canon Michael would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter.
May the light of the Lord's resurrection be our joy and strength**

Assisted Suicide - What you can do to defeat the Assisted Suicide Bill MPs voted for Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. **This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April, but we need your help.** Please write to or meet with your MP. For further details, contact Terry Graham at: terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Jubilee 2025:

The theme of this Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation.

More information about the Jubilee Year is available on the diocesan website

<https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.