

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	APRIL		SAIN WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	23	6pm	Cantwell family		
Sunday	24	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon	Angela Darroch
				2.00pm	African Mass
Monday	25	10.00am	Heaney Family		
Tuesday	26			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Wednesday	27			12.05pm	Priests and People of West Derwentside
				2.15pm	Funeral Service for George Melville
Thursday	28			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Friday	29	10.00am	Fr Maloney	12.05 pm	Memorial Mass for Catherine Banning
Saturday	30	6.00pm	Peace in Syria	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of Patricia Turnbull
Sunday	MAY 1	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon (EF)	Gopal Chakrebari

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S No confessions this week
ST WILFRID'S before 6.00pm Mass Saturday

THE ROSARY is recited before Mass on Tuesday and Friday in Saint Joseph's
NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

COLLECTIONS: 17.04.16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £204.08
12.00 noon £166.32
Total £370.40

St Wilfrid`s. £120.60, Donation £20

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer, Pat Holden, Joe Beck, and Moira O'Donnell.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL. Sr Sheila, who many will remember as parish sister in St Wilfrid`s from 1995-2005, will make the annual mission appeal at all Masses on the weekend of April 30th/May 1st.

ST WILFRID`S Collection for heating this week.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday April 3rd, Pope Francis launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all the Catholic churches of Europe on Sunday 24th April 2016.

PRAYER NOVENA FOR THE RE-EVANGELISATION OF OUR NATION In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost – 8-15 May – for the re-evangelisation of Britain. We have been invited to take part. There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday 15th May at 7pm.

JUBILEE FOR DEACONS In their vocation and ministry, deacons are closely associated with the work of mercy in the life of the Church. At the request of Pope Francis, one of the major events for the current Year of Mercy is the **Jubilee for Deacons**. The celebration for the deacons in our diocese and those in formation – along with their wives and children - will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 29 April at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, the homily will be preached by the Revd Dr Sean Hall and the singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir. While this celebration will offer our 30 deacons the opportunity to renew their ministry and commitment to the work of mercy, parishioners from throughout the diocese will be most welcome to take part in the celebration.

This is a free event, but for planning purposes tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>. Bishop Seamus is anxious that we are well represented so book your ticket and let us be seen to pray together. From 8th to 15th there will be prayer spaces set apart in the Cathedral for this intention. You might be able to visit during that week or pray in your own church communities. During the Novena a prayer event will be held each day in the Galilee Chapel focusing on the Northern Saints.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE) Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church

ASYLUM SEEKERS Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph's under the table near the side porch for anything you can give

GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE? If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don't worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Andrew's Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 1892

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5th Sunday of Easter: Year C (OF)

4th Sunday after Easter (EF)

23rd /24th April 2016

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time. She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer and austerity. Gradually a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candour and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Feast day 29th April

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