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Today is the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season

Season of Easter

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "Great Sunday". Let us celebrate this special Easter Season with joy.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	24 th April	Barker and Smallman Families	5.00pm		
Sunday	25 th April			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	26 th April	Heaney Family	10.00am		
Tuesday	27 th April			Mona Richardson (Well Being)	12.05
Wednesday	28 th April			Betty Hepson	12.05
Thursday	29 th April			Fr Owen Grant	8.00am
Friday	30 th April	Souls in Purgatory	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05
Saturday	1 st may	Bell and Cantwell Families	5.00pm	Canon Michael McCoy	11.00am
Sunday	2 nd May			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

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

Please note the 8 am Mass on Thursday will continue until next Thursday, May 6th, and will be reviewed then.

Please remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mass Intentions:-drop a note to canon Michael if you would like a Mass said.

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to ask ward staff to make a record of your Religion, they will not ask you as a matter of course, it is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Vatican Message for Ramadan

The Vatican's Message to the worldwide Muslim community for Ramadan can be accessed at the Vatican website www.vatican.va or the Bishops Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk

Mass Online

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

Mass by Telephone

If you are unable to access the internet but still wish to be able to hear Mass, the Diocese of Middlesbrough has a system to allow people who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is:- 01642 130 120

The Wednesday Word

Reflections on the Sunday Readings for both adults and children can be accessed at: wednesdayword.org

Pray For

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; and Human Work. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of Pandemic we pray for all suffering from COVID-19.

Weekday Masses

Why not come to a weekday Mass as these are less busy than a Weekend Mass. There is space, it is safe. Booking is not necessary, just turn up and the steward will show you to your seat and answer any questions you may have.

St Wilfrid's

We are looking for volunteers to help in the garden to bag up all the leaves and to give the garden a general tidy up. Also we need help with some pointing around the church and perimeter walls.

St Joseph's

There are a number of reduced price piety stall items for sale at the back of church, please place money in the golden box. We are hoping to clear old stock in readiness for a new era. If you are interested in volunteering to run the piety stall when it is allowed to re-open properly, please email the parish office gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.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, Monday 10.00am and Friday 10am

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

Tuesday 12.05pm, Wednesday 12.05pm, Thursday 8.00am and Friday 12.05pm

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

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

and

please **DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS**

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

Centre for Catholic Studies

Forthcoming Events (all online):

Monday 26 April: *Celebratory book launch: T&T Clark Reader in Political Theology.*

Thursday 29 April: *Seminar: Salvation in the Old Testament* by Walter Moberly.

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th May: *Study Series: Faith and Thought: Exploring 'The Art of Attention'.*

This is a series of discussions on the nature and role of 'attention' in the arts, spirituality, and theology. Each session will include talks, discussion, and a period of 'contemplative imagination' through Scripture, poetry, music, and visual art.

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.

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 visit the Diocesan website.

Discernment Weekend for Men

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Promoting similar weekends in past years through parish notices proved to be most fruitful, and the results from these weekends are now in the seminaries. Information and registration forms are available at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-oldermen-1>. A poster and flier for the weekend can be downloaded from: <https://bedacollege.org/vocation-promotion>.

Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba offer an opportunity whereby gentlemen can be more active in their faith and in their service to the Church; they are actively looking for new members to help in their work.

Please contact by tel: 0141 883 5700 or [visit our website](#) for more information. Alternatively, please write to us at:

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Knights of St. Columba,
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World Day of Prayer for Vocations "For each one of us the Lord has a vocation, that place God wants us to live our

lives, but we must seek it." "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant Catch." God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times we experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called - in a variety of ways - to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us for our own happiness and for the good of those around us

Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Robert will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 12noon which will be both an open Mass and live streamed. The invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who were married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. Included too are those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes, prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid is very much alive and prayed for. The Mass will be live-streamed. Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Booking is available now. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Preparing for Baptism

If you have a child who you would like Baptised please contact Canon Michael to discuss your commitment to the Faith and the procedure for Baptism to take place.

Celebrating a Funeral

Until 'Step 4' of the 'Government Roadmap' which will be on June 21st, only 30 people are able to attend Funerals in our churches. A list of those attending must also be provided by the family in advance to assist our stewards. The Funeral Director will help with this.

Civil Changes to Getting Married

On 4th May, the civil paperwork needed to get married changes according to The Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc.) Act 2019. You no longer need a Blue Certificate, but you do need a Marriage Schedule from the Registrar which must then be handed to the person leading your wedding. I encourage all those who are getting married this year to make contact with the staff at the Register Office to make sure your paperwork is complete and correct as soon as possible. If the paperwork is not complete the wedding cannot go ahead.

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/>

Saint Joseph the Worker, 1st May

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters.

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.

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"

St Joseph's has several 'Special Funds' open at the minute, these are:-

"Choir 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

If you wish to contribute to any of these please mark your donation as such.

Next weekend there will be a collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle, they have had a difficult time during the last twelve months as they rely heavily on donations and fund raising activities which have been nonexistent due to COVID.

The sisters look after some of our elderly and sick Priests as well as about sixty other elderly people from around the Diocese. If you can support their work please do so.

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Fund is now open and remains open until Sunday 2nd May. Please hand donations into the Presbytery, or place in a labeled envelope on the collection plate, Thank you.

Gift Aid

All Gift Aid Envelope should have been given out. If there is an issue please contact us as soon as possible. We encourage those paying by Standing Order to take a box so that you have the Special Collection Envelope. If anyone else wishes to have a set of envelopes, please let us know as soon as possible. Please remember that if you pay tax you can join the Gift Aid Scheme, and we can reclaim an extra 25% from HMRC on the payment that you make.

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

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.

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