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**26th April 2026 – Year A – Fourth Sunday of Easter (OF)
Third Sunday after Easter (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	25 th April	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	26 th April		
Monday	27 th April	10.00am	Heany family
Tuesday	28 th April		
Wednesday	29 th April		
Thursday	30 th April		
Friday	1 st May	10.00am	Fr Denis O'Mahony
Saturday	2 nd May		Jean & Ronnie Bell

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	26 th April	10.00am 12 Noon (EF) 2.00pm African Community	People of the parish John & Joan Gunn
Monday	27 th April		
Tuesday	28 th April	12.05pm	Special Intention (RP)
Wednesday	29 th April	12.05pm	Special Intention (RP)
Thursday	30 th April	12.05pm	In honour of the passion of Christ
Friday	1 st May	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	2 nd May	11.00am (EF)	Special Intention (RP)
Sunday	3 rd May	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Priest's Intention

(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 very soon. Please ask parents to check emails.

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.

Free Refreshments & Social

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

Today straight after each Mass

TOMBOLA TODAY

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

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

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Saint Catherine of Siena's Story

The value Saint Catherine of Siena 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.

Saint Catherine of Siena 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 candor 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. Saint Catherine of Siena spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope 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.

Saint Catherine of Siena ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970.

Feast Day 29th April

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 25th April - First Holy Communion Preparation Classes Continue – 9.15am – St Joseph's
Thursday 30th April – Some of the children from St Joseph's school will be joining us for Mass
Tuesday 19th May – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

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.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Fr Denis O'Mahony, former parish priest of St Wilfrid's (1985-1995) who has died in retirement in Ireland

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.

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.