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2nd Sunday of Easter (OF) Low Sunday (EF) 27th April 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	April 26 th	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	April 27 th		
Monday	April 28 th	10.00am	Richard Rainbow
Tuesday	April 29 th		
Wednesday	April 30 th		
Thursday	May 1 st		
Friday	May 2 nd	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	May 3 rd	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	May 4 th		

Confessions: before Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	April 26 th	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	April 27 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
		12.00pm (EF)	Honour & Thanksgiving to Holy Trinity
		2.00pm	African Community Mass
Monday	April 28 th		
Tuesday	April 29 th	12.05pm	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday	April 30 th	12.05pm	Service of The Word and Holy Communion
Thursday	May 1 st	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	May 2 nd	12.05pm	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday	May 3 rd	11.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	May 4 th	10.00am	Matthew Bell
		12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	People of the Parish

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

Confessions: After Wednesday Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle: Edward Ord

Saint Pius V

This is the pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent. If we think popes had difficulties in implementing Vatican Council II, Pius V had even greater problems after Trent four centuries earlier.

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

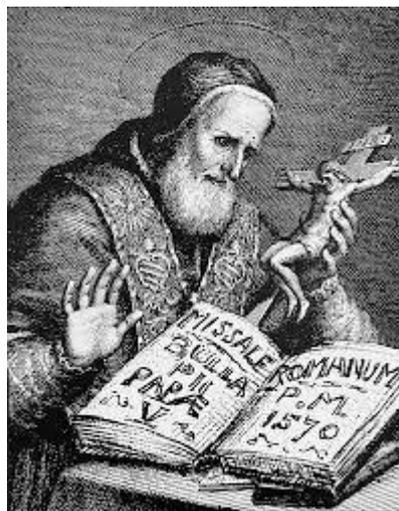
Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius's hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

Feast day April 30th

Franciscan Media



Easter Raffle will be Drawn THIS Sunday 27th April in the hall lounge after 10.00am Mass.



Many Thanks for the Beautiful Flower arrangements in both churches and for the work done behind the scenes to ensure all went to plan during the Easter Liturgies, thank you also to those who spent time ensuring our churches were clean and prepared for the season.

The next **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** for parents will take place at **6.00pm** on **TUESDAY 29th APRIL**.

This session is for parents who have already completed application forms for their child's Baptism.

If you have a child you would like to be Baptised please speak to Canon Michael and complete an application form.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES begin on **SUNDAY 4th MAY** at 5.30pm.

All those wishing to be confirmed must complete application forms and hand them in BEFORE next Sunday.

Applicants MUST COMMIT to attending ALL sessions and any additional events prepared for them.

There will be 8 sessions in all and each session will last approximately one to one and a half hours.

Anyone aged 11+ interested in being confirmed please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com to have forms emailed out to you, or collect forms from the office.

Book Club

The next meeting is on **Monday 28th April at 7.00pm**, to discuss "**the Power and the Glory**" by **Graham Greene**. **All are welcome.**

Did someone say **FREE** teas and coffees?



And **Free** biscuits too?

Come along to the church hall straight after 10.00am Mass each Sunday.

Spring Cleaning or hanging onto unwanted Christmas presents? Do you produce craft items you would like to sell?

Don't throw anything out; instead consider renting a table for £5 at our next **Table -Top sale**. You can keep anything you make or you can donate your takings to the parish.

No food or drink to be sold by table hirers as Refreshments will be available at this event to raise funds for the parish.

Further information will be available soon.

St Joseph's Weekly Income 20/04/25
Loose Plate: £303.40 Gift Aided: £190

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES will begin on **MONDAY 5th MAY** at 4.15pm and each Monday after that.

We anticipate each session will last for approximately one hour and the number of sessions will depend upon the children's prior knowledge and understanding.

ALL children MUST be attending Mass regularly and an application form must be completed and returned to the office prior to the first class.

Any child over the age of 7 is welcome to apply to make their first Holy Communion; names will be added to the waiting list for future classes.

ST STEPHEN'S GUILD MEMBERS THIS IS FOR YOU

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

If any altar servers and families would be interested in going together as a Parish group please email: stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
Or fill in the form at the back of church. Please note all under 18's MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian

If there is enough interest we will consider hiring a bus.

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 or one of our current Servers or collect an application form from the office.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Access it via the website;

www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk
Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
- stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

If you don't bother to read the bulletin you are missing out on Parish News and Activities and letting your parish down.

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 19/04/25
Loose Plate: £182 Gift Aid £32 Easter Offering: £28

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>.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 27th April – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction 2,30pm at St Bede’s Washington. Refreshments afterwards in the church hall. All are welcome.