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*Today the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 is the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year B (OF)  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

### Diocesan Year of the Eucharist

Bishop Robert has announced the Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and will be launched during Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October 2021, simultaneously with the launch of the Synod.

The aims of the Year of the Eucharist are:

- To celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back.
- To grow as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist.
- To deepen our appreciation of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist through the rites.
- To revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist.
- To go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.

The Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Episcopal Areas, Partnerships, Parishes and Schools and will provide a framework of prayer for the Diocese's participation in the first stage of the Synod.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk> keep up to date with Diocesan news

#### Welcome home

Abbé James Baxter who is with us again during his summer break from the seminary of the Institute of Christ the King.

#### "Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village is hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.

We welcome the Sisters of Saint Elizabeth from Belarus to Mass at St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. They will have some interesting piety items for sale after each Mass.

### Covid is still with us!

**Bishop Robert says:- "I ask you to retain all of the COVID control measures and cleaning protocols that you are currently following in all our churches and church halls until at least the end of August 2021"**

Please remember that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend Church. The classic signs of coronavirus reported since the start of the pandemic have been loss of smell or taste, a new persistent cough, and a fever. A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now also thought to be symptoms of the virus, instead of a cough and loss of smell or taste - though a fever is still common.

### **"Sunday – It is our Day"**

News from our Bishops:-

"We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church." ([Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk))

Readers' Weekend 11th / 12th September

We have not been able to have our Lay Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed and many have not been able to join us at Mass. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word and ask Readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to our patterns of ministry that we had before the Pandemic.

### **RETURNING SOON - BOOK CLUB**

Led by Canon Michael, the book club is open to anyone and everyone who enjoys reading and then sharing with others their thoughts and impressions about the books read. It is an informal, friendly, fun, non judgmental group which meets every four – six weeks depending upon the book being read and the availability of everyone to attend.

The first book we will be reading is **Mere Christianity by C.S.Lewis**, a light, short exploration of the way in which civilization, emotion and human decency are intertwined.

### **New Altar Servers**

We are always looking for new people to join our team of altar servers, full training and ongoing support is given. If anyone is interested in joining our teams, (anyone aged 7-100) at St Joseph's or at St Wilfrid's, please contact Canon Michael

### Children's Books to Borrow

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass.

**If you have any books at home which you think may be suitable for church use and you would like to donate them to us please place them into the box near the side exit door.**

Please put all used books into the box near the exiting side door, this is in order for us to be able to 'quarantine' them for a few days to help stop the spread of germs.

### Volunteers

if you would like to volunteer to help in any way at church please email the office. All volunteers must be 'safely recruited', this means forms need to be filled in and references taken up. Volunteer roles include:- readers, offertory collectors, cleaners, running the piety stall, flower arrangers, amongst others.

### Choir Loft

We have been given a quote of £10,000 to update the safety of the choir loft, the work is essential before it can be brought back into use. So far the 'Choir Loft Fund' has £1,077 – we have a very long way to go, if you can spare a few pennies please do!!

### Lourdes Garden

We are awaiting a quote for the cost of repairing the statues, we are very grateful to Carl who voluntarily maintains the beauty, colour and tidiness of the gardens. To date this fund has £400.

### Weekly Offertory Income 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory: - £ 230

Gift Aid Envelopes: - £ 90

Candles: - £ 39.75

Many Thanks

### Safety of the Church and Canon Michael

Anti social behaviour continues to threaten the safety of our Church, Canon and Parishioners as young people gather almost daily on the steps to drink, listen to music, use abusive language and threatening actions towards anyone who asks them to vacate the premises.

We desperately need to secure the boundaries of the church grounds in order to maintain a safe environment for all. Please be generous in your donations for our security fund.

**If You Pay Tax Get Something Back - Gift Aid Your Donations at no Extra Cost to You**

Pope's Intention for the Month of August is The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Margaret Amatosi	5.00pm		
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> August			People of the Parish Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Assunta, Mario and family	10.00am		
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> August			Special Intention (EK)	12.05
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> August			John and Maureen Mains and Joanne Taylor	12.05
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> August			Holy Souls in Purgatory	7.45am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> August	George and Sylvia Armstrong	10.00am		12.05pm
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> August			Adrian Barnes	11.00am
		Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> August			People of the Parish John Reece	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St Joseph's every Wednesday from 11.00am – 12noon**

**Confessions** are heard at **St Joseph's** on a **Wednesday** after the **12.05 Mass** and on a **Saturday** from **11.00am – 12 noon** and at **St Wilfrid's** before **5.00pm Mass** every **Saturday** evening.

Canon Michael is also available for confessions at other times by arrangement, please telephone or email him.

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, First Communion, Confirmation, Becoming a Catholic, Annulments**

If you have any questions about, or need to arrange any of the above please speak to Canon Michael

Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and those who have died recently or for whom anniversaries occur now.

If you would like a Mass said for your intentions please speak to Canon Michael or drop a note into the presbytery.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Fr Peter Stott, parish Priest of St Robert's Morpeth, whose father died on Monday.

### 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

### Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Wilfrid's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

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.

**FACE, SPACE, HANDS, FRESH AIR**