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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Monday	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>		

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:**

**St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services**

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm(EF) Latin Mass	Armstrong family: strength, healing, peace and thanksgiving
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug		
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.05pm	McDonach and Butler families
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.05pm	Sally & Stewart McClelland
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11.00am (EF)	Lovella Lleses
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	Shaun Smith

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

12.00 (EF) Latin Mass | People of the Parish

**Sanctuary Candle Intention:**

**EXPOSITION** of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT:** THURSDAY 11.00am – 11.55am

**Confessions:** WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

## **The Sacraments**

### **Baptism**

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

If you are an adult seeking Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church, please speak to Canon Michael.

### **First Holy Communion and First Confession**

If you have a child who would like to make his/her first Holy Communion and first Confession, please fill in an application form, available at the back of church, or from the office, and return this as soon as possible with a copy of the child's baptism certificate.

### **Confirmation**

If you are aged 11+ and would like to be confirmed please ask for an application form, available from the office, complete this and return it along with a copy of your baptism certificate.

### **Marriage**

Please speak to Canon Michael about preparation classes and for any information regarding Catholic Marriage.

### **Holy Orders**

If you feel you may have a Vocation to Holy Orders please speak to Canon Michael, it is never too soon to begin to discern this very important decision, and having the support of your Parish Priest to accompany you is both wise and comforting.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

We are always happy to **welcome new team members.**

If you wish to serve at the Mid-Day Latin Mass you must be aged 7+, have made your first Holy Communion and be male.

If you wish to serve at the 10.00am, English Mass you need only to be able to show reverence and respect on the Sanctuary and be able to follow instructions, boys and girls are welcome.

Application forms are available for anyone interested, please ask.

There will be a social event for ALL our Servers towards the end of the summer, please keep watching this space for more information as it becomes available.

### **Votive Candles**

Please remember we ask for a **minimum donation of 20p per candle lit**, this covers the cost of purchasing the candles and gives a little welcome income to the parish which is not a rich one and has debts to be paid.

### **FEEDBACK NEEDED PLEASE.**

**We are hoping to start both a PARENT/CARER & BABY/TODDLER GROUP** for our youngest parishioners and their adults, as well as a **YOUTH CLUB** for our young parishioners aged 11 – 16yrs.

**Your interest, input and feedback regarding these two ventures is vital.**

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the above please email [stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)

There are some questionnaires available at the back of church. I would be very grateful if you would spend some time filling these in and returning them to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **CATECHISM STUDY GROUP**

For all those interested in exploring the riches of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Will RESUME in SEPTEMBER**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £189 Gift Aid £52  
St Joseph's collection £86.90 Gift Aid £114.50

**Over recent weeks the offertory Collection at St Joseph's has been dwindling quite considerably, this has a direct impact upon the upkeep of the parish and is causing concern.**

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme.

Alternatively you can set up a regular standing order mandate with your bank – gift aided or not – this way if you cannot attend Mass for any reason you will still contribute to the weekly income.

### Account Details for St Joseph's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Number: 31164066

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

### Account Details for St Wilfrid's

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

**Donations** are gratefully received for the Christmas raffle: bottles, vouchers, biscuits, chocolate etc.

**Book club** will meet on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss *Finding the Language of Grace* by Abbot Christopher Jamieson. Copies are available on Amazon. All welcome.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY LITERATURE – BOOKLETS, PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES, POSTERS, OR PRAYER CARDS** at the back of church without the consent of Canon Michael Brown – Parish Priest.

Are you interested in the Catholic Scouting and Guiding Movement? Would you like to find out more about the First Gateshead Branch? Read the posters and magazines at the back of church and /or speak to Mr. Paul Hammond for more information.

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.

Please remember to park thoughtfully in the car park, leaving a clear passage for emergency vehicle access and the freedom of movement for other vehicles. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

We have a small collection of books for you to look at with your child(ren) during Mass, these are located in two baskets in the church porch.

Please supervise your child(ren) carefully whilst they browse as we have had to remove several books and the bookcase due to damage caused by little hands which have yet to understand how to treat things with gentle respect.

If you would like to borrow a book or two to take home, please do, just record in the file which books you have taken, look after them whilst in your care and remember to return them after use.

## ADULT LIBRARY

If you would like to borrow books or CDs from the adult library please remember to record this in the file and to return the items after use, several books have gone missing which is very sad as this resource is meant for everyone.

## YOUTH SECTION

We are trying to build up a section for youngsters for whom the children's books are too simple and the adult books too difficult.

If you have any books with which you have no more use at home and think they may be suitable for our library **please leave them in the office, DO NOT put books in the libraries – they need to be checked for suitability first.**

## Almost Christmas Ceilidh

**Please indicate your interest, on the sheet at the back of church, in this social event led by a professional ceilidh band with dance caller.**

**The tickets, with limited availability will cost around £8 per adult, with children and family ticket prices to be decided. These will go on sale as soon as we have ascertained interest and secured a date.**

## The Story of the Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica

First raised at the order of Pope Liberius in the mid-fourth century, the Liberian basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III shortly after the Council of Ephesus affirmed Mary's title as Mother of God in 431. Rededicated at that time to the Mother of God, St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring God through Mary. Standing atop one of Rome's seven hills, the Esquiline, it has survived many restorations without losing its character as an early Roman basilica. Its interior retains three naves divided by colonnades in the style of Constantine's era. Fifth-century mosaics on its walls testify to its antiquity.

St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal churches in memory of the first centers of the Church. St. John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St. Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, allegedly the see presided over by Mark; St. Peter's, the See of Constantinople; and St. Mary's, the See of Antioch, where Mary is supposed to have spent most of her later life.

One legend, unreported before the year 1000, gives another name to this feast: Our Lady of the Snows. According to that story, a wealthy Roman couple pledged their fortune to the Mother of God. In affirmation, she produced a miraculous summer snowfall and told them to build a church on the site. The legend was long celebrated by releasing a shower of white rose petals from the basilica's dome every August 5.

Theological debate over Christ's nature as God and man reached fever pitch in Constantinople in the early fifth century. The chaplain of Bishop Nestorius began preaching against the title *Theotokos*, "Mother of God," insisting that the Virgin was mother only of the human Jesus. Nestorius agreed, decreeing that Mary would henceforth be named "Mother of Christ" in his see. The people of Constantinople virtually revolted against their bishop's refutation of a cherished belief. When the Council of Ephesus refuted Nestorius, believers took to the streets, enthusiastically chanting, "*Theotokos! Theotokos!*"

Feast day August 5<sup>th</sup>

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**Are you a "young adult" in Church terms  
—somewhere in your mid-20s to 50s?**

**We'd love to hear from you.**

We want to listen to your experiences of living as a Catholic today—your joys, your challenges, and everything in between. Your voice matters, your insights will help us understand how we can further support and walk alongside you.

**Let's Get together**

Please get in touch via [formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)  
Or even better please join us in person on

**28<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30 pm**

on the top floor of the **Tyneside Irish Centre**  
Newcastle Gallowgate NE1 4SG (Nr St James' metro).

The Youth 2000 Festival - **Ampleforth Friday August 22nd, 3pm until Monday August 25th.**  
Further information and for all Registration Details –  
<https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025>.

Join March for Life UK on **6th September** in London.  
Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk> or  
email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

Join CAFOD and the Archbishop Romero Trust, on their pilgrimage to Holy Island on **Saturday 13th September 2025**. For more information, please contact: Rachel Blaylock: [rblaylock@cafod.org.uk](mailto:rblaylock@cafod.org.uk)

Please remember **ALL** and **ANY** decisions regarding what happens within the Parishes of St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's **are made by Canon Michael Brown**. Please do not arrange for anything to take place within the parishes, no matter how well intended, without **FIRST** consulting your Parish Priest.

### PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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

[www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk](http://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;

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