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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

24th August 2025

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 11th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Aug 23 rd	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Aug 24 th		
Monday	Aug 25 th	10.00am	David Baker
Tuesday	Aug 26 th		
Wednesday	Aug 27 th		
Thursday	Aug 28 th		
Friday	Aug 29 th	10.00am	Anne Tate
Saturday	Aug 30 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Aug 31 st		

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	24 th Aug	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Thomas Davidson and family
Monday	25 th Aug		
Tuesday	26 th Aug	12.05pm	In Thanksgiving for exam results
Wednesday	27 th Aug	12.05pm	Intentions of Sr Adrienne
Thursday	28 th Aug	12.05pm	Deceased members of Tharaniyl family
Friday	29 th Aug	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	30 th Aug	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	31 st Aug	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00 (EF)	All those in sorrow at this time

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

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:
Jennifer Doherty
(RIP)

ALTAR SERVERS SOCIAL

Calling ALL Altar Servers –

Join us in St Joseph's Church Hall for a few hours of fun and refreshments on

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

From
6.00pm – 8.30pm

You **MUST** take home a form for your parents' to complete; this form **MUST be returned signed** by a parent by **Sunday August 31st**.

CATECHISM STUDY GROUP

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

RESUMES in SEPTEMBER

Almost Christmas Ceilidh

Tickets on sale now:

Adults (over 18yrs) - £10

Young parishioners (aged 12 – 18 yrs) - £5

Under 12yrs free – MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Your ticket includes admission, participation in all dances and light refreshments. If you would like to bring alcoholic beverages please feel free to do so.

Book club will meet on **September 2nd at 7pm** at St Joseph's to discuss *Finding the Language of Grace* by Abbot Christopher Jamieson. Copies are available on Amazon. All welcome.

St Joseph's LIBRARIES

Please feel free to borrow any books, DVDs or CDs but also remember to return them.

If you have any books, DVDs or CDs 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.**

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

PARENT/CARER & BABY/TODDLER GROUP

Sadly the response to this venture has been very disappointing, without feedback it is impossible to set up any form of meaningful activity.

Questionnaires are available at the back of church or can be emailed to you, just send a request to stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

The survey will remain open until the 31st August.

YOUTH CLUB for parishioners aged 11 – 16yrs.

Your interest, input and feedback regarding this is vital.

Please complete a questionnaire, available at the back of church – there are some for youngsters and separate ones for parents or request the questionnaires by emailing

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

The survey CLOSES on 31st August.

INTERESTED in CATHOLIC SCOUTING and GUIDING Movement

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.

Votive Candles

Please remember we ask for a **minimum donation of 20p per candle lit.**

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.

Donations are now being gratefully received for the Christmas raffle: bottles, vouchers, biscuits, chocolate etc. Leave your donation in the office or hand to one of the ushers, or handed in to the hall during coffee time.

Don't forget – refreshments are served every week in the hall after 10.00am Mass, please join in.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £152 Gift Aid £92
St Joseph's collection £222.80 Gift Aid £181.50

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

NEWSLETTERS

These can be emailed to you each week if you send a request to:
stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

Or

you can take home your very own paper copy available each Sunday from the porch

Or

You can read an enlarged version pinned up on one of the notice boards.

OR

You can access it via the parish website at
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

There really is no excuse for not being aware of what is happening in your parish.

There is no excuse for ignoring any appeals for feedback or help.

Please respond to questionnaires, surveys and requests – we are trying to ensure a vibrant, welcoming, living parish, but this cannot be done without your co-operation, support and input.



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
Or even better please join us in person on

28th August at 6:30 pm

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

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This course is designed to prepare people in our pastoral area who are seeking to join the Catholic Church. Sessions begin on September 23rd at St Patrick's Parish Centre at 6.30pm, Felling and are led by Alan Egdell. If you are interested, please see Canon Brown who will give you contact details.

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.

Saint Monica's Story

The circumstances of [Saint Monica](#)'s life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about Saint Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

Feast day 27th August franciscanmedia.org

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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- Access it via the website;

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