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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

August 30th 2026 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year A
14thSunday after Pentecost *(Extraordinary Form)*

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	**29th Aug**	5.00pm	Priest`s Intentions
Sunday	30th Aug		
Monday	31st Aug	10.00am	Betty Walker
Tuesday	1st Sept		
Wednesday	2nd Sept		
Thursday	3rd Sept	10.00am	Funeral Service for Helen Carr
Friday	4th Sept	10.00am	Priest`s Intention
Saturday	**5th Sept**		Fred, Ellen and Michael Barker

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle: Staff & Children of St Wilfrid's Primary School

Baptism: We welcome Lottie McKenna who will be Baptised on Sunday at St Wilfrid's.

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	30th Aug	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	Jane Rose Bell People of the Parish
Monday	31st Aug	**10.00am**	
Tuesday	1st Sept	12.05pm	Charlie & Freddie Spiteri
Wednesday	2nd Sept	12.05pm 2.00pm	Mgr Faley`s retirement Catholic History Society AGM
Thursday	3rd Sept	12.05pm	Thanksgiving for good exam results
Friday	4th Sept	12.05pm	For new priest at Star of the Sea parish
Saturday	5th Sept	11.00am *(EF)*	Pong-Wing Benedict Cheng
Sunday	6th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	Priest`s Intention People of the Parish

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

Sanctuary Candle: Staff & Children of St Joseph's Primary School

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood every Tuesday after Mass

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 7+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.

First Holy Communion Preparation

There will be a meeting for interested parents and candidates NEXT SATURDAY MORNING – **5th September – at 9.00am** to discuss preparation for this Sacrament; children must be 7+ and attending Mass regularly.

Baptism Preparation Sessions – please speak to Canon Michael regarding these.

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

Income for July: £
Outgoing : £

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

Income for July: £
Outgoing: £
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. 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

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.

Free Refreshments & Social

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

RESUME on SUNDAY 13th September

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

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 22nd September** 7.00pm to discuss 'The Necromancers' by Robert Hugh Benson
All welcome

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Resumes in SEPTEMBER Fridays at 4.30pm
Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity
Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs

CAN YOU HELP?

Cleaners meet on a **Friday afternoon straight after mid-day Mass** to clean the Church and Sacristy, if you have some spare time to give to the parish please come along to help with this important job.

Teas/coffees are served after each Mass on a Sunday; we could do with some more volunteers to help out on a Rota basis so that it doesn't fall on the same people every week. If you would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna.

Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna.

ALTAR SERVERS
New Altar Servers are always welcome; if you would like to become a server please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna.

St Stephen's Guild Mass – 26th December – 10.00am – all Servers are asked to attend – some of our newer servers will be enrolled into the Guild during this Mass

Becoming Catholic
There will be a meeting on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1st at 7.00pm for those seeking to enter the Catholic Church.
The meeting will be held in the John Ingram room in the Presbytery.

Epiphany Party
Sunday January 3rd after mid-day Mass hosted by the Holy Family Guild £3.00 per person. Crafts, games, refreshments and fun. Please see poster at back of church or speak to Angela or Paul Hammond for further information.

Saint Gregory the Great's Story

Saint Gregory the Great was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

Feast day September 3rd **franciscanmedia.org**

End of Summer **FAMILY BBQ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th** beginning after Midday Mass

CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF TICKET SALES

Refunds to those who bought tickets are available from Canon Michael

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 6th September End of Summer Family BBQ **– 1.00pm – Canon's garden - CANCELLED**
Tuesday 22nd September -Book Club – 7.00pm The next book is The Necromancers by Robert Hugh Benson
Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back
Saturday 26th December – St Stephen's Day – Guild of St Stephen's Mass for Altar Servers
Sunday 3rd January – Epiphany Party – after Midday Mass - £3.00 entry fee – parish hall

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting and Mass at 2.00pm Wednesday 2nd September in St Joseph's Parish Hall.
New members are always welcome, please come along and join us.

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.

The Wednesday Word
The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God.

The Wednesday Word is a website with reflections on the forthcoming readings for the Sunday Mass and it is available each Wednesday beforehand. https://www.wednesdayword.org/ – It has three Sections—one for parents, so they can use it with children, and within their families; one section for schools; and one section for Parishes to use. It is free to use.

A great resource.

Assisted Dying Bill:
11th September 2026 at the House of Commons, London.
Encourage your MP to vote against this Bill.

Education Sunday: Sunday 13th September is Education Sunday. There will be Retiring Collection at all Masses that weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Community Woodland Adventure Day: The Diocesan Youth Village is hosting a special Community Woodland Adventure Day on Saturday 5th September, beginning at 10am, at the Youth Village, Allensford, DH8 9BA

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
  stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
- Access it via the website;
  www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

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.