

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	DEC		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	10	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	11			10.00am	Joseph Hunt
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Olive Middleton
Monday	12	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Tuesday	13			12.05pm	Harry Richardson
Wednesday	14			12.05pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	Ann Cant
Thursday	15			12.05pm	Brown & Henderson families
Friday	16	10.00am		12.05 pm	Anne Southern
Saturday	17			11.00am (EF)	Intentions of Marie Fanning
		5.00pm	Margaret Curry		
Sunday	18			10.00am	John Harrison
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	People of the parish

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM

COLLECTIONS: 04.12.16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £211.37 Midweek £88.
12.00 noon: £225.60
Total £436.97

St Wilfrid's. £123.69. Donation £10 Bonus Ball £91

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS. None this week.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE. St Augustine's, Leam Lane, Wednesday 21st December at 7pm.

EXTRA CONFESSION AT ST JOSEPH'S: Saturday December 24th 11.30a.m. -1.00pm

CHRISTMAS. Christmas vigil Mass at St Joseph's and at St Wilfrid's will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve preceded by carols from 4.30pm. There will be a Latin Midnight Mass and Mass at 10am on Christmas Day at St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

PIETY STALL. The Piety Stall in the porch will be open each Sunday of Advent.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. Anyone who would like to help please come at 4pm on Sunday 18th December. There will be mulled wine and mince pies for volunteers.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE This year the school carol service will take place on Monday 12th December at 6pm in church. All welcome

SYRIAN PROJECT. Earlier this year it was decided to take on a parish project with Aid to the Church in need. Our project is helping a Catholic school, Al Riaya, in Damascus, Syria. There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month on the first Sunday of the month, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. £411.91 raised so far.

ST. WILFRID'S NEWS

JOINT MASS WITH POLISH CHARISMATIC GROUP. On Saturday December 10th the Polish Charismatic prayer group will be having an evening of prayer and will join us for the 5pm Mass.

CATHEDRAL RECONCILIATION DAY

Saturday 17 December 2016

12 noon Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus

12.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(With individual confession until 4.00pm)

4.00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE`S PLACE at St. Josephs Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers.If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335.We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
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Third Sunday of Advent: Year A (OF)
Third Sunday of Advent (EF)
10th /11th December 2016**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honour of Our Lady.

He was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared and within it stood a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan Diego's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Diego to try to avoid the lady. The lady found Diego, nevertheless, assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees. On Juan Diego's tilma appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. It was December 12, 1531.

Feast Day December 12th

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