

New Altar Servers

We are always eager to welcome more young people to our growing family of Altar Servers. If you are aged 7+ and think you may like to give serving a go please speak to either Canon Michael or to Shauna, you can try without making a firm commitment – you'll never know unless you give it a go. Our servers are a very happy group of friendly and supportive individuals, come and chat to any one of them about the role.

Social Committee to Provide Activities for our Younger Parishioners

Would you like to help organise and supervise activities for our young parishioners? Can you commit to supporting this initiative? Are you prepared to apply for, or do you already hold, an enhanced DBS? If you are interested please email shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk and continue to watch this space for further information. Please only respond if you know you have the time, energy and willingness to give.

Holy Family Guild

5th January: Epiphany Party at St. Joseph's, Gateshead

CELEBRATION of MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2025 at 12:00pm.

Baptism

If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.

Congratulations to all the altar servers who were enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen on Boxing Day.

Raffle Ticket Winners

1st Prize – White 490
2nd Prize – Red 37
3rd Prize – Red 180
4th Prize – White 461
5th Prize – Red 11
6th Prize – Red 61
7th Prize – White 68
8th Prize – White 87
9th Prize – White 43
10th Prize – Red 302
Please collect your prize from the John Ingram Room

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to: - shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

Good Shepherd

Saturday January 4th 9.30am

Meeting for Parents and anyone interested in finding out a little more about this programme. The meeting will be held downstairs in the presbytery, please come to the door at the front of the building accessible from High West Street

Saint Egwin's Story

You say you're not familiar with today's saint? Chances are you aren't—unless you're especially informed about Benedictine bishops who established monasteries in medieval England.

Born in the seventh century of royal blood, Egwin entered a monastery, and was enthusiastically received by royalty, clergy, and the people as the bishop of Worcester, England. As a bishop he was known as a protector of orphans and the widowed and a fair judge. Who could argue with that?

His popularity didn't hold up among members of the clergy, however. They saw him as overly strict, while he felt he was simply trying to correct abuses and impose appropriate disciplines. Bitter resentments arose, and Egwin made his way to Rome to present his case to Pope Constantine. The case against Egwin was examined and annulled.

Upon his return to England, Egwin founded Evesham Abbey, which became one of the great Benedictine houses of medieval England. It was dedicated to Mary, who had reportedly made it known to Egwin just where a church should be built in her honor.

Egwin died at the abbey on December 30, 717. Following his burial many miracles were attributed to him: The blind could see, the deaf could hear, the sick were healed

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Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation and we'll be opening the Jubilee Year in our Diocese with celebrations at our 2 Jubilee Hub Churches on Sunday 29th December. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass and opening the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 11.30am and at St. Joseph's Hartlepool at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

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Our Lady & St Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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December 29th 2024 – Feast of Holy Family (OF) Feast of Thomas Beckett (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	28 th December	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	29 th December		
Monday	30 th December	10.00am	Deceased members of McDonack and Butler families
Tuesday	31 st December	5.00pm	
Wednesday	1 st January		
Thursday	2 nd January		
Friday	3 rd January	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	4 th January	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

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Saturday	28 th December	10.00am (EF)	
Sunday	29 th December	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	John Alfred Rainbow
Monday	30 th December		
Tuesday	31 st December	12.05pm	Terry & Irene
Wednesday	1 st January	12.05pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	2 nd January	12.05pm	Margaret Finn
Friday	3 rd January	12.05pm	McGrady & Cunningham families
Saturday	4 th January	11.00am (EF)	Maureen McGrahan
Sunday	5 th January	10.00am	Hannah & Federick Lawson
		12.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Confessions: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11.00 – 11.55
Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)**