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**1st February 2026 – Year A – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Septuagesima (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	31 st Jan	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	1 st feb		
Monday	2 nd Feb	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	3 rd Feb		
Wednesday	4 th Feb		
Thursday	5 th Feb		
Friday	6 th Feb	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell Families
Saturday	7 th Feb	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:
Jackie, Cathy and
Maria Bell

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	1 st Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Holy Souls
Monday	2 nd Feb	7.00pm (EF)	Sanctification of FSSP priests & vocations
Tuesday	3 rd Feb	12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Wednesday	4 th Feb	12.05pm	John Oliver
Thursday	5 th Feb	12.05pm	No Intentions
Friday	6 th Feb	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	7 th Feb	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	8 th Feb	10.00am	People of the parish
		12.00 (EF)	David McStea : 65 th birthday and retirement

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

Sanctuary Candle:
Physical and mental
health of Michelle
Lleses

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

<p>Parish Finances</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Account Details for St Joseph's</p> <p>Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Account Number: 31164066 Sort Code: 40-34-18</p> <p>Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph</p>	<p>YOUTH CLUB for ALL those aged 11- 16yrs</p> <p>Beginning at 6pm with Benediction, our next session is on Sunday 8th February</p> <p>This session is a 'bring a friend along' session - so ask one of your non Mass attending Catholic friends to come with you: you never know, this could be the beginning of a renewal in their faith.</p> <p>Please email: stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com</p> <p>By the 4th February if your young person would like to come along and let us know if he/she will be bringing a friend.</p>
<p>Account Details for St Wilfrid's</p> <p>Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid Account Number: 01164120 Sort Code: 40-34-18</p> <p>Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid</p> <p>In order to give more information about parish finances we will no longer publish the weekly income but will share both income and outgoings each month.</p>	<p>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Friday - 4.30pm - St Joseph's presbytery. All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.</p> <p>Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office</p> <p>Altar Servers We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in serving please speak to Canon Michael</p>
<p>Saint Joseph's Primary School</p> <p>We are hoping to build a stronger bond with our parish primary school and ask everyone to pray for the success of this.</p> <p>The school has begun to create a prayer garden and grotto, they need help – can you volunteer some of your spare time to do some gardening, space clearing, building/creating this space for the children of our parish? Do you have a large outdoor statue of Our Lady you could donate to the school?</p> <p>Please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com If you can help in any way.</p>	<p>Free Refreshments & Social Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits served with a smile. Available in the hall EVERY SUNDAY straight after the 10.00am Mass.</p> <p>And after the 12.00pm Mass today - Sunday 1st February and on the following dates: 8th February, 1st March, 15th March, 29th March, 26th April, 10th May</p> <p>Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.</p> <p>PIETY STALL Items from the piety stall will be available to purchase in the hall after each Mass today</p>
<p>Book Club Reading Lord of the World by R.H. Benson To be discussed at next meeting on Tuesday March 3rd at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The book club meetings are very relaxed, we share a glass of wine, (tea or coffee) and nibbles as we share thoughts about the book we have been reading in our own time.</p> <p>ALL are welcome</p>	<p>Monday 2nd February, the presentation of Our Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and so we pack away the decorations and crib for another year. If you are able to help to undress the tree in church and to disassemble the crib please stay behind after the 7.00pm Mass, or come along to help if you are unable to attend Mass – Thank you.</p>

Saint Paul Miki and Companions' Story

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese.

The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

Feast Day 6th February

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 8th February – Youth Club – 6.00pm
Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

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 READ the NEWSLETTER

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

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

<p>Volunteers We need more volunteers to give time and energy to a variety of roles. Speak to Canon Michael for more information and to collect the relevant paperwork to be completed.</p>	<p>PLEASE leave NO LITERATURE, BOOKLETS, PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES, POSTERS, PRAYER CARDS etc. are to be left at the back of church without the prior consent of Canon Michael Brown – Parish Priest.</p>
<p>PARKING Our car park is small, with limited room for maneuvering, it is essential we leave access for any emergency services which may be needed. Last year the ambulance service and the police service were called to the premises on a Sunday morning. PLEASE PARK in the marked bays only, giving consideration to others and leaving access for emergency services if required.</p>	<p>Hall Roof Repairs At long last the hall roof is to be replaced; work will begin on Monday 2nd February and will last approximately three weeks. During this time there will be scaffolding up around the building so please take extra care when entering and exiting the premises. The capacity of the car park during this period will be halved, please make alternative arrangements for your vehicle if possible.</p>