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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Jan	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb		
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell Families
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:**  
Jackie, Cathy and  
Maria Bell

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

### Parish Finances

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.

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**

**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.**

### Saint Joseph's Primary School

**We are hoping to build a stronger bond with our parish primary school and ask everyone to pray for the success of this.**

**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?**

Please email  
[stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)  
**If you can help in any way.**

### Book Club

Reading **Lord of the World** by R.H. Benson  
To be discussed at next meeting on **Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm.**  
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.  
ALL are welcome

### YOUTH CLUB for ALL those aged 11- 16yrs

Beginning at **6pm** with Benediction, our next session is on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
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.

**Please email:**

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**By the 4<sup>th</sup> February** if your young person would like to come along and let us know if he/she will be bringing a friend.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Friday - 4.30pm** - St Joseph's presbytery.  
All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.

### 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

### 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

### Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits served with a smile.  
Available in the hall EVERY SUNDAY straight after the 10.00am Mass.

**And after the 12.00pm Mass today - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February and on the following dates:**  
8<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May

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

### PIETY STALL

**Items from the piety stall will be available to purchase in the hall after each Mass today**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> February

[franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

### **DATES for YOUR DIARIES**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Youth Club – 6.00pm**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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;  
[stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)
- Access it via the website;  
[www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)

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

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**Hall Roof Repairs**

At long last the hall roof is to be replaced; work will begin on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.