

Saint Jerome Emiliani's Story

A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood.

In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital.

Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

His liturgical feast is celebrated February 8th

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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. There’s more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint as he will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life of deeply commitment Catholic faith in the 21st century, he is a wonderful example to all of us.

We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese from 26th -30th March 2025 and there will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo, and all are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

*Saturday 29
March*

*Cardinal Hume
Catholic School*

10.30am

Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus

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11.30am Veneration

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1.30pm Talk

2pm Veneration

*Confessions will be available
throughout*

Children at St Joseph's

We are delighted to see so many children of all ages attending Mass regularly at St Joseph's, there is a children's library area in the porch and a baby changing area in the lounge of the hall. Children are welcome to borrow books from the library to look at during Mass, or to take them home for a week, please help your child to look after our books carefully. We would love to see more children in the lounge after 10.00am Mass for juice and biscuits and to enjoy the colouring/drawing activities and play dough which is available this weekend.

<p style="text-align: center;">Baptism</p> <p>If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good Shepherd Catecheses</p> <p>For children aged 3 – approximately 6yrs of age begins at 4.30pm on Friday 7th March</p>
<p>First Holy Communion</p> <p>Classes continue on Wednesday 5th at 6pm for those who have made their first Confession.</p> <p>Any child aged 7+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion must register first by filling in a form available from the office – speak to Canon Michael.</p>	<p>If you have any toys or books in good condition which your children no longer play with or have outgrown please consider donating them to the parish. Leave any donated items in the office. Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">New Altar Servers</p> <p>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, 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Joseph's Teas and Coffees</p> <p>Every Sunday after 10.00am Mass. why not come along and make some new friends whilst enjoying a free cuppa in a warm, welcoming environment. If you would like to volunteer to help serve teas and coffees please fill in a volunteers form.</p>
<p>Table Top Sale – this event was a relative success but we know it can be better, so giving plenty of advance information – please hang onto those unwanted Christmas presents, keep producing your craft items, have an early spring clean and watch this space!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Club</p> <p>Set yourself a New Year's resolution to read a book once a month and come along to discuss its contents with others in a relaxed and friendly parish family atmosphere.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our next meeting will take place on 14th March at 7.00pm</p> <p>The book we are reading and will be talking about is <i>Bede and the theory of everything</i></p>
<p>Piety Stall at St Joseph's</p> <p>The piety stall will re-open on Sunday 2nd February and will be open every first Sunday of the month between the two Masses from 10.45 – 12.00. We can accept cash only at the moment so please think ahead if there is something you would like to buy. New stock is arriving shortly, if you have any requests for items you would like to see in stock please drop a little note onto the collection plate. Catholic Diaries now only 50p</p>	<p>Volunteers are always needed in the parish for many roles, if you would like to volunteer you must fill in a form and provide names and contact details of two referees.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">White Flower Appeal</p> <p>Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.</p>	<p>Piety Stall</p> <p>Open this weekend between Masses. Cash only accepted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CELEBRATION of MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE</p> <p>Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2025 at 12:00pm.</p>	<p>Please note the NEW EMAIL address for newsletters and other correspondence including hall bookings. stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>St Joseph's Weekly Income 26/01/25 Loose Plate: £203.48 Gift Aided: £167</p> <p>St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 25/01/25 Loose Plate: £183.10 Gift Aided: £55</p>
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February 2nd 2025 Presentation of the Lord (OF) Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary(EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 1 st	5.00pm	George Adams
Sunday	February 2 nd		
Monday	February 3 rd	10.00am	Ethel & Tommy Kelly
Tuesday	February 4 th		
Wednesday	February 5 th		
Thursday	February 6 th		
Friday	February 7 th	10.00am	Bell & Cantwell Families
Saturday	February 8 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

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Saturday	February 1 st	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	February 2 nd	10.00am	Priest's Intention
		12.00pm (EF)	People of the Parish
Monday	February 3 rd		
Tuesday	February 4 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	February 5 th	12.05pm	McDonagh & Butler Families
Thursday	February 6 th	12.05pm	Hilary Kelly
Friday	February 7 th	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	February 8 th	11.00am (EF)	Deceased Members of Turnbull Family
Sunday	February 9 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Gerry & Arlene

(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 11.00am – 11.55am
Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)

Sanctuary Candle:
St Joseph's: Margaret Scott RIP