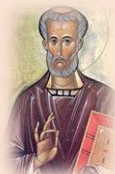


Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 07/02/ 2021 Joint Parishes of  
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### Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF)

First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7 Psalm: 146 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

### Sexagesima Sunday (EF)

Introit: Psalm 43:23-26 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-33, 12:1-9 Gradual: Psalm 82:19.14

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15



### Mass Online

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) or <https://mass-online.org>  
some parishes stream live on YouTube - search by parish name to find them.

### Mass and Intentions this week

**Saturday 5pm St Wilfrid's:** People of the Parish

**Sunday St Joseph's 10am:** George and Elsie Dalton **Midday (EF):** Peter Cresswell

Monday in private: No Mass

**Tuesday 12.05 NO MASS @ St Joseph's:** Requiem at St Wilfrid's for Terry French 10.30am

Wednesday in private: Holy Souls

Thursday in private: Adrian Barnes

Friday in private: Intentions of LMS

**Saturday 11am St Joseph's:** Holy Souls in Purgatory **5pm St Wilfrid's:** Peter Cresswell

**Sunday St Joseph's 10am:** Daniel and Alice Henry **Midday (EF):** People of the parish

**Please keep in your prayers all those who have recently died or whose anniversaries occur  
at this time**



**PLEASE NOTE there is NO MASS at ST JOSEPH'S this TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEB**

## St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's Remain Open

Thanks to Canon Michael and our volunteers public Mass continues as follows: -  
St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm  
St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF), Tuesday 12.05pm.

This state of affairs will only remain possible if we ALL remember to follow the guidance

Maintain social distancing at all times and to follow the hygiene guidance:  
**FACE, SPACE, HANDS.**

**DO NOT GATHER TOGETHER TO CHAT AFTER MASS, the new variant of COVID is much more easily transmitted. Chatting, even in the fresh air, for more than five minutes without masks, or fifteen with a mask, seriously increases your chance of catching or spreading this horrible virus. More than half those carrying the virus are a-symptomatic so you may be a carrier and spreader without realizing it!**

We MUST keep ALL DOORS WIDE OPEN during Mass. You will need extra layers of warm clothing, or a blanket/shawl now winter is upon us.



### More Stewards and Cleaners are always needed

If you have any spare time and feel able to help in any way please get in touch via email [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)



### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

St Wilfrid's 10am

St Joseph's 12.05 (OF) & 7pm (EF)

### Guidance from the Bishops' Conference on Ash Wednesday and the Distribution of Ashes

Following the Letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship regarding the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, the recommended method of distributing ashes is to bless the ashes at the usual point in the Liturgy and leave them until the end of Mass. People come up and receive Holy Communion at the usual time. Care should be taken to avoid hand to head contact and also that there is no contact with the faithful and the minister's vesture.

## The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 11<sup>th</sup> February

Beginning on Tuesday 2nd February, Fr Stephen Watson (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) will lead a novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February. Fr Stephen will lead us daily in a few minutes of prayer which can be accessed via the 'Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes' Facebook page.

Daily prayers will be shared at 8am and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join in this time of prayer.



## The Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



## **SPUC: Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!**

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. SPUC need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

the consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

## **RIGHT to LIFE**

Right to Life UK writes, "The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion (Early Day Motion 1340) which highlights the latest science and developments on foetal pain and calls on the Government to urgently review official guidance in this area. We have set up an easy-to-use tool on our website that will enable you to email your MP asking them to sign this parliamentary motion - [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk) If your MP replies to you saying that they don't sign early day motions, it would be helpful to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, on your behalf, raising the points that are made in Early Day Motion 1340."

### **STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide. The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>



### **Justice and Peace refugee Project**

**St Vincent's Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle NE1 2TQ**

**Deliveries can only be received on Mondays, 10.30am-1.30pm**

Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed in advance.

Contact Sara Harris, Refugee Project Co-ordinator **Tel: 07407091184**

### **New Lectionary for our Readings**

The Bishops of England and Wales website - [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk) - last week informed us of the latest development of the New Lectionary for use throughout England and Wales. The change to the new English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible, rather than the Jerusalem Bible, is likely to be effective sometime in 2022, so don't buy a new Missal just yet for your personal use!

All texts used in our Masses and Liturgies will change to this new translation

### **The North East Catholic Writers` Guild**

A literary competition for children aged 8-10 years

### **"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"**

The prayer needs to have a maximum of 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme.

Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend,  
NE28 8DW

Or e-mail: [veronicawhitty@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicawhitty@hotmail.com)

Deadline: 8th April 2021

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

## MONEY MATTERS

If you would like to give through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
St Wilfrid's  
Sort Code 40-34-18  
Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
St Joseph's  
Sort Code 40-34-18  
Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to  
'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'  
These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution" for collection money  
"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft  
"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden  
"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

Did you know that most of us are tax payers? Even if you are retired, your pension is probably taxed, if you are on some state benefits including Job Seekers allowance, you are taxed, please don't assume you can't be a 'Gift Aider', ask about the scheme and find out if you too could get something back from the taxman to help your parish. At NO EXTRA COST to you the parish could be reaping in an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, just imagine if everyone in the parish were to donate £1 a week and we were actually given £1.25 - that means for every year's donation of £52 the taxman would add a further £13, you would have donated £65 just because you filled in a form!!  
Please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wifrid's to find out more about becoming a Gift Aider.

### Making Your Will?

Have you heard about 'Legacy Donations'? Will you remember your parish in your will? It is a great help to the running of our parishes when we receive a legacy donation.

### Northern Catholic Calendars 2021

£3 paperback or £3.50 for ring bound. Please see canon Brown if you would like one

### Universe and Catholic Times Readers

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER for 3 MONTHS:-£25.00; SPECIAL OFFER for 12 Months:-£99.00; OR DIGITAL COPY for 12 Months: £55.00





### Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you.

Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

### Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted.

You can keep yourself informed about Parish activities and more by following us on Social Media:  
Face Book and Twitter  
And by logging into the parish website and/or Blog

<https://stjosephstwilfridsgatesheadnewsblog.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk>

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