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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Year A – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Sexagesima (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	No Intention
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	No Intention
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.00pm	People of the Parish

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:**

**St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services**

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	David McStea : 65 <sup>th</sup> birthday and retirement
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.05pm	Jones family
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.05pm	Sheila & Bob Tweedy and family
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.05pm	No Intention
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.05pm	No Intention
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00am (EF)	No Intention
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Fred & David Wiley
		12.00 (EF)	Joan Murry

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

**Confessions:** WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Sanctuary Candle:**  
**No Intention**

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

**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

Begins with Benediction in the **church today** at **6pm**

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Continues each Friday at 4.30pm

Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity

Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs

#### First Holy Communion

Any child aged 6+ who is attending Mass regularly can be registered to make their first Holy Communion. Please register your child as soon as possible, preparation classes will begin soon.

#### Confirmation

Any young person aged 12+ who would like to be confirmed may fill in an application form and once we have a minimum of 8 young people we will begin preparation classes.

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> February and on the following dates:**

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

**These sessions could become a weekly occurrence if we had some more volunteers to run them – please speak to canon Michael if you can help**

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**

## **Saint Claude de la Colombière's Story**

St Claude's feast day is a special day for people who have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a devotion Saint Claude de la Colombière promoted along with his friend and spiritual companion, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. The emphasis on God's love for all was an antidote to the rigorous moralism of the Jansenists, who were popular at the time.

Saint Claude showed remarkable preaching skills long before his ordination in 1675. Two months later, he was made superior of a small Jesuit residence in Burgundy. It was there he first encountered Margaret Mary Alacoque. For many years after he served as her confessor.

He was next sent to England to serve as confessor to the Duchess of York. He preached by both words and by the example of his holy life, converting a number of Protestants. Tensions arose against Catholics and Claude, rumoured to be part of a plot against the king, was imprisoned. He was ultimately banished, but by then his health had been ruined.

He died in 1682. Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Claude de la Colombière in 1992.

Feast Day 15<sup>th</sup> February

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

### **DATES for YOUR DIARIES**

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Book Club – 7.00pm**

**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;  
[stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@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 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 will be reduced, please make alternative arrangements for your vehicle if possible.