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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary time (OF)

9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	February 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday	February 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	February 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday	February 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday	February 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Fr Cummins
Saturday	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Gerry & Arlene
Monday	February 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	February 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	For our most dearly beloved and most forgotten
Thursday	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	McGrady & Cunningham families
Friday	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am (EF)	Joan Murray
Sunday	February 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Protection of the Family

(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)

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

The pilgrimage will take place between: - **Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025.**

Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until **31st March 2025**

#### **Please register via one of the following links**

Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

#### **Existing Appointed Registered Helper**

If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024

please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

#### **New Adult Volunteer Registration Form**

If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

#### **Youth Section Registration Form**

The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>

Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation.

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email:

[lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk) or visit our 'Facebook' page: *Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes*

**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 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://CarloAcutis.bwcet.com)

<i>Saturday 29 March</i>	<i>Cardinal Hume Catholic School  Wrekenton,  NE9 6RZ</i>	<i>10.30am  Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus  11.30am Veneration  1.30pm Talk  2pm Veneration  Confessions will be available throughout</i>
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#### **Youth2000 Leeds Retreat**

**Saturday 15th February from 9am-10.30pm**

Held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD

Registration is essential, using the following Link <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox>

# 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 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;"><b>Baptism</b></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;"><b>Good Shepherd Catecheses</b></p> <p>For children aged 3 – approximately 6yrs of age <b>begins at 4.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>
<p><b>First Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Classes continue on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Table Top Sale</b> this event was a relative success, worth repeating, 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;"><b>New Altar Servers</b></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 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;"><b>St Joseph's Teas and Coffees</b></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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION – TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH @ 6.00pm</b></p> <p>For those who serve at the 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Please email <a href="mailto:stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com">stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com</a> to say if you will be there or not. We hope ALL of you will attend, refreshments provided.</p>	<p>Would you like to volunteer to help serve teas and coffees after 10.00am Mass? It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and we need more help in order to give the regular servers a break every now and then. Sound like your thing? Please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide details of two referees who are not connected to the parish.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Piety Stall at St Joseph's</b></p> <p>Next open on <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March between the two Masses from 10.45 – 12.00.</b> 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. <b>Catholic Diaries now only 50p.</b> <b>If there is anything you would like to purchase when the stall is unmanned please ask one of the welcomers and they will be able to assist.</b></p>	<p>Volunteers are always needed for a variety of roles, please consider applying.</p>
<p><b>Would you like to volunteer to mind the piety stall? If so please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide the names of two referees and you may be required to obtain DBS clearance as well.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Book Club</b></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><b>The next meeting is on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will meet to talk about "Bede and the Theory of Everything" by Michelle P Brown All welcome.</b></p>
<p>Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via <a href="http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk">www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Please note the NEW EMAIL address for newsletters and other correspondence including hall bookings. <a href="mailto:stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com">stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com</a></p>
	<p>St Joseph's Weekly Income 02/02/25 Loose Plate: £306      Gift Aided: £185</p>
	<p>St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 01/02/25 Loose Plate: £146.20      Gift Aid £82.</p>
	<p>If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to: - <a href="mailto:stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com">stjosephswilfridgateshead25@outlook.com</a></p>

## The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907

Feast day 11<sup>th</sup> February

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