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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**15th February 2026 – Year A – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Quinquagesima (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	14 th Feb	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	15 th Feb		
Monday	16 th Feb	10.00am	No Intention
Tuesday	17 th Feb		
Wednesday	18 th Feb	10.00am	No Intention ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	19 th Feb		
Friday	20 th Feb	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	21 st Feb	5.00pm	Joan Neil

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	15 th Feb	10.00am	Fred & David Wiley
		12.00pm(EF)	Joan Murray
Monday	16 th Feb		
Tuesday	17 th Feb	12.05pm	In thanksgiving
ASH Wednesday	18 th Feb	12.05pm	No intention
		7.00pm (EF)	Norman Watchorn
Thursday	19 th Feb	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	20 th Feb	12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Saturday	21 st Feb	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	22 nd Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00 (EF)	Priest's Intention

(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:
Soy's family

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

NO EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

Parish Finances

St Joseph's

Account Details

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Number: 31164066

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead St Joseph

January Income & Outgoings

Income: £4,820.28

Outgoings: £9,002.20

St Wilfrid's

Account Details for

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

Income: £1,034.30

Outgoings: £3,383.62

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.

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

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 3rd 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

Young Persons' Social Group (formally Youth Club)

Next Meeting **Sunday 22nd March at 6pm** come along and relax with your friends. Anyone aged 11yrs – 16yrs is very welcome; there is no ongoing commitment to this group, just email to say you are coming. The format changes each time – sometimes we have benediction, sometimes we have a film about the life of a saint, we always have snacks, free time, games and activities and we always finish with a prayer. Why not come along and see what you think?

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+ or turning 6 this year 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.

Next after the 12.00pm Mass on the following dates:

1st March, 15th March, 29th March, 26th April, 10th 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

Will be open again on Sunday 1st March

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto's Story

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary “to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary’s final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951.

Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

The Church is always very cautious about endorsing alleged apparitions, but it has seen benefits from people changing their lives because of the message of Our Lady of Fátima. Prayer for sinners, devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and praying the rosary—all these reinforce the Good News Jesus came to preach.

Feast Day 20th February

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 3rd March - Book Club – 7.00pm

Sunday 22nd March – Young Person’s Social – 6.00pm

Sunday 1st March – Piety Stall open – after each Mass

Saturday 28th 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
- Access it via the website;
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.

Partnership Lenten Courses

Fr Christopher Warren is offering a time of reflection and a book group for Lent based on the book 'Easter in Disguise' The 2026 Lent Book published by Bloomsbury. This book is a companion to the six weeks of Lent, with each week and its gospel focus corresponding to one of Jesus' six spiritualities of social justice. It culminates in a fresh look at the traditions of Holy Week. Everyone is welcome at Corpus Christi on Wednesdays during Lent (25 Feb onwards) at 18.30 for a time of prayer and reflection on the chapter. Contact St Peter's Parish Office to reserve a copy or source your own copy (available in a variety of formats).

Something to Follow for Lent: A Partnership Wide Lenten Course focussed on helping people enter more deeply into prayer will be offered on Wednesday evenings during Lent in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 6.30pm, starting Wed 25th February. The course will offer lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. Each hour long session is based on a short filmed presentation by Fr. Stephen Wang, (Who is also the author of the Sycamore RCIA Course). Topics covered include:

Session 1 PRAYER FOR BEGINNERS

Session 2 SEVEN RULES OF PRAYER

Session 3 PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Session 4 HOW TO PRAY THE MASS

Session 5 SILENT PRAYER AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD

All are most welcome to attend all or any of these sessions.

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.