

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	FEB		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	17	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	18			10.00am	Ann Southern
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
Monday	19	10.00am	Intentions of Jovita Udeh		
Tuesday	20			12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Wednesday	21			12.05pm	Sanctification of FSSP Confraternity
Thursday	22			12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Friday	23	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	24	5.00pm	Fred & Ellen Barker	11.00am EF	NO MASS
Sunday	25			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Monica Butler

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.

ST WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

COLLECTIONS: St Wilfrid's Collection £186.60 Gift Aid £82

St Joseph's Collection £660.21

SANCTUARY LIGHT: At St Wilfrid's: Jacky, Cathy and Maria Bell. At St Joseph's: McMenemy family

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Classes will resume as soon as possible. We apologise for the delay and remain hopeful for first Holy Communion to take place in the late spring/early summer.

FIRST COMMUNICANT'S TASK FOR 17/18th February

- Continue following all the instructions you have been given so far.
- Take your copy of the Lenten workbook and start the activities

BOOK CLUB. The next meeting will be on March 4th at 7pm when we will discuss A.N. Wilson's biography of Hilaire Belloc. All welcome

ST JOSEPH'S

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The books have been removed to check for damage and to be repaired or removed as necessary. If you have any suitable books which you no longer use please consider donating them, leave them in the office. If anyone has a forward facing book case they no longer need it would be gratefully received.

DONATIONS APPEAL Thank you to those who have contributed. So far the total for St Joseph's Debt fund is £1030.

ST WILFRID'S

St Patrick, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards are on sale at the back of Church or in the kitchen. First Holy Communion medals and Prayer cards are also now on sale.

DIOCESE

LOUDfence. St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March.
Welcome to All.

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30 Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

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1st Sunday of Lent Year B (OF)

1st Sunday of Lent (EF)

17th/18th February 2024

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto's

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.

Feast day 20th February

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