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Our Lady & St Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

7th Sunday of ordinary time (OF)

23rd February 2025

Sexagesima Sunday (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 22 nd	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	February 23 rd		
Monday	February 24 th	10.00am	Deceased members of McDonach & Butler families
Tuesday	February 25 th		
Wednesday	February 26 th		
Thursday	February 27 th		
Friday	February 28 th	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	March 1 st St David	5.00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Candle: none

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 22 nd	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	February 23 rd	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Honour & Thanksgiving for Blessed Trinity
Monday	February 24 th		
Tuesday	February 25 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	February 26 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	February 27 th	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	February 28 th	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	1 st March St David	11.00am (EF)	NO MASS
Sunday	2 nd March	10.00am	Elsie & George Dalton
		12.00pm	Deceased members of Reece family

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

Confessions this week: **Wednesday after Mass**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This week - Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)

Sanctuary Candle: Alan Robinson

Saint David of Wales' Story

David is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints. Ironically, we have little reliable information about him.

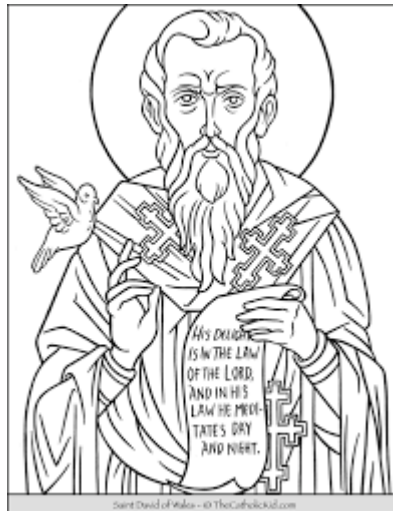
It is known that he became a priest, engaged in missionary work, and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was limited to bread, vegetables and water.

In about the year 550, David attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw, where he had his monastery, now called St. David's. He ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

Saint David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that once while he was preaching a dove descended to his shoulder and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so that he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days.

Feast day 1st March

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Children at St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

We are delighted to see so many children of all ages attending Mass regularly at our churches.

St Joseph's

Children's Library

The library area is in the porch; children are welcome to look at the books here or take them to their pews during Mass, please return the books to the shelves at the end of Mass. If your child would like to borrow a book to take home for a week please allow him/her to do so, just sign it out and in again via the recording book. Please help your child to look after our books carefully.

Changing Facilities

These can be found in the lounge area of the hall, please ask one of the 'ushers' for the key to access this area during Mass.

Juice & Biscuits

Children are very welcome to come **with their parents** to the hall after the 10.00am Mass to enjoy juice/hot chocolate/ milk and biscuits as they draw or play with the activities provided.

Both Churches

Baptism

Parents are requested to speak with Canon Michael and complete a registration form if they have a child they would like to be baptised. The parents will be expected to attend the preparation classes which are organised by Canon Michael as and when required.

Good Shepherd Catecheses

This delightful, child-centred and hands on learning experience for children aged 3+ begins at 4.30pm on Friday 7th March in the Atrium at St Joseph's Church, High West Street. Registration forms are available from the office.

First Holy Communion

If you have, or know of a child aged 6+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please collect a registration pack from the office at St Joseph's Church.

New Altar Servers

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.

St Joseph's Weekly Income 16/02/25

Loose Plate: £264.40 Gift Aided: £176

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 15/02/25

Loose Plate: £130.80 Gift Aid £57.

Would you like to volunteer?

We need extra people to: -

- help serve teas and coffees after 10.00am Mass
- mind the piety stall once in a while
- clean the church and Sacristy
- collect the offertory
- become an usher
- join the choir
- arrange and maintain the flowers
- keep the church environment clean
- assist with Health & Safety regulations

Volunteering for your parish is a great way to meet and get to know fellow parishioners whilst really making a difference.

If volunteering sounds like "your thing" Please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide details of two referees who are not your family members or connected to the parish. **Some roles require an enhanced clearance which means you will have extra forms to fill in and will need to provide evidence of you identity.**

St Joseph's Teas and Coffees

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.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's

Next open on **Sunday 9th March between the two Masses from 10.45 – 12.00.** 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.

Book Club

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.

The next meeting is on Friday March 14th at 7pm. We will meet to talk about "Bede and the Theory of Everything" by Michelle P Brown All welcome.

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via

www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Email address for correspondence including hall bookings:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

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 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 26th -30th 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

*Saturday 29
March*

*Cardinal Hume
Catholic School*

10.30am

Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus

Wrekenton,

11.30am Veneration

NE9 6RZ

1.30pm Talk

2pm Veneration

*Confessions will be available
throughout*

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Tony Flannery speak about The Bible, history or myth? Why it is important to know. The talk will be given twice at **Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle**, on **Tuesday 11 March, at 2.30pm – and again at 7.30pm.**