

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	FEB		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	25	5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	26			10.00am	Alexis May Miller
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 2.00pm	People of Parish African Mass
Monday	27		NO MASS		
Tuesday	28			12.05pm	James Appleby
Wednesday	MAR 1	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05pm 6.00pm 7.00pm (EF)	Private Intention Fr Seamus Doyle Olive Middleton
Thursday	2			12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	3	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05 pm	Clergy of the Diocese
Saturday	4			11.00am (EF)	Winifred Mahon
		5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	5			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 3.00pm	Deceased members of Darroch and McCourt families Holy Hour and Benediction

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY

THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS

COLLECTIONS: 19.02.17 St Joseph's

10.00am: £196.67 Midweek £66.23

12 noon £199.05

Total £395.72

St Wilfrid's. £131.20 Donation £10. Candles?

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers, Bernadette Hand and Alexis May Miller

SYRIAN PROJECT. £823.68 raised so far. *Next collection March 5th.*

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to the housebound parishioners in St Joseph's on Thursday morning this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The next session, led by Sr Jacinta, will take place on Sunday March 5th at 4pm in the presbytery at St Wilfrid's.

CARETAKER/CLEANER VACANCY The parish of St Joseph's requires a part-time caretaker/cleaner to provide total caretaking and cleaning duties for the parish centre. The post holder will have the ability to provide a high standard of cleaning; will be self-motivated with a good sense of responsibility and the ability to work with minimum supervision. Previous caretaking and cleaning experience is essential. 5 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. For an application form visit www.rcdhn.org.uk ☐ 0191 243 3301 or Email: human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is 8 March.

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the start of Lent this week. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means only one main meal that day.

ST MARTIN MAGAZINE. New issue available at the back of church.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE. Forward Together in Hope announced its findings. Gateshead combines with Lobley Hill, Whickham and Dunston in a Parish Partnership.

ST WILFRID'S

BONUS BALL; There are numbers available for both days, if you would like to join please see Richard at the back of Church. This is a good source of income for the Parish so please consider joining if you haven't already!!!

PIETY STALL; New stock is available at the back of Church including First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards; St.Patrick's and Easter Cards. Other

new stock is also available including various Prayer Cards and other items so please do have a look.

WISH TOKENS; Over 26,000 were handed in to the Chronicle office on Monday. This is a staggering amount and we cannot Thank all of you who donated them to us enough!!! Special Thanks to St.Patrick's Parishioners who donated a substantial amount of the tokens as did other Churches in the local area. The final amount will be published as and when we get notification from the paper. Thanks Again.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE'S PLACE at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers.If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335.We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
Gateshead
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:Year A (OF)
Quinquagesima Sunday (EF)
25th/26th February 2017**

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katharine Drexel did that. Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn. Katharine had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's A Century of Dishonor. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities. Back home, Katharine visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud and began her systematic aid to Indian missions. Katharine Drexel could easily have married. But after much discussion with Bishop O'Connor, she wrote in 1889, "The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored." Newspaper headlines screamed "Gives Up Seven Million!" After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states. Two saints met when Mother Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans. At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations and meditation. She died at 96 and was canonized in 200

Feast Day March 3rd

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