

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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First Sunday in Lent 26th February 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Feb 25 th	Fr P. McMahon (NBF)	5.00pm		
Sunday 1 st in lent	Feb 26 th			People of the Parish Intentions of Tony Turnbull African Community Mass	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF) 2.00pm
Monday St Gregory of Nayek	Feb 27 th	Margaret Barnes	10.00am		
Tuesday	Feb 28 th			James Appleby	12.05am
Wed St David	March 1 st			John Connolly	12.05pm
Thursday	March 2 nd			Thanksgiving for safe birth of Maria Jane	12.05pm
Friday	March 3 rd	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Bernard McGuigan	12.05pm
Saturday St Casimir	March 4 th	Fr P. McMahon (NBF)	5.00pm	Intentions of Terry and Richard	11.00am (EF)
Sunday 2 nd in lent	March 5 th			People of the parish Margaret & Bill Armstrong	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition @ St Joseph's every Wednesday 11.00am - 11.55

African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or have recently died, especially Karen Scullion whose Requiem Mass took place last Friday, may she rest in peace.

Thank you for all those who helped to celebrate and show a welcoming support to our first Holy Communicants and their families last Sunday.

St Joseph's

Safeguarding Rep

Would anyone like to take over this vital role? It requires commitment, time, vigilance, confidence to challenge and utmost integrity. It is not an easy role, doesn't win any friends, and can be a very stressful task, but some training will be given and support is available from the Diocesan offices.

Church Cleaning Volunteers

PLEASE would all cleaning volunteers let the office know which days and times they are available to clean the church? We need to arrange a set day and time for everyone in order to ensure health, safety and fire regulations are adhered to, to make it easier to co-ordinate and to allow Canon Michael some undisturbed privacy.

50/50 Draw

It has been suggested that we run this in the parish to raise funds. Does anyone have any experience in organising and looking after something like this? Would anyone be willing to run the draw? Please email Canon Michael.

Volunteers

We always need volunteers to help in the parish, if you feel you could give of your time please collect a volunteer form from the office, fill it in and let us know what you are volunteering for. **ALL** volunteers need two referees and **cannot begin** in any role until references have been seen and approved. Some roles require DBS clearance before the role can begin.

Lost Property

Any items left behind in church or mislaid in the church grounds and discovered by us will be held in the office for a month, after which time they will be given to charity. If you have lost anything please call into the office to see if it has been handed in.

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Income 19th February 2023

£555 of which £75 was Gift Aided

Thank You

SPUC

The Gateshead branch will meet on Wednesday 8th March at 7,00pm in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, St Patrick's and Easter Cards are now available in the kitchen or at the back of Church. We also have First Holy Communion medals and pins available. Please see Rachel if you need any help.

COLLECTION BOX

St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's recently received a gift of a lockable wooden collection box from Watsons Funeral Directors. Given that these boxes are quite expensive to buy we wish to again thank the management and staff of Watsons for their generosity.

Income 19th February 2023

Loose Plate £155 Gift Aided- £51

Heating Collection £20

Thank You

Altar Servers

Calling **ALL current** and **prospective Servers** under the age of 18, from **BOTH churches** and **ALL Masses (EF & OF)**

There will be a **training** and **social session** on **Wednesday March 8th** beginning at **6.00pm**; please join us room – access via main front door on High West Street @ St Joseph's. The session will be led by Peter Armstrong lead Server for OF Mass and Sean Beh lead Server for EF (Latin) Mass, and overseen by Canon Michael.

For catering purposes please let us know if you intend to come along.

Shauna Devitt safeguarding Rep will be present throughout so parents are not required to stay with their offspring, but to collect them promptly at **8.00pm**

Confirmation Classes

The initial meeting will be an opportunity for young people and their parents to find out a little more about this sacrament and how the classes will be organized. If you are thinking about receiving the sacrament of Confirmation but have not yet filled in a form, because you want more information, or have any questions, then this meeting is for you and your parents too!! Come along to the meeting on **Sunday 12th March at 5.00pm.**

BOOK CLUB:

Next meeting, Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm All welcome.

With ash on our forehead, we have entered the season of Lent. Jesus is giving example from the front like a brave hero. His forty days of fasting in anticipation of the mission are something any serious Christian shall emulate. He also teaches us to resist temptations, which is very important in the Christian life.

Many movies and paintings have depicted scenes of temptation, and we are familiar with them. Most of them have depicted the tempter as an ugly creature, with long tails, dark-skinned, with horns, and so on. Not all devils are dark and ugly! Not all angels are fair, good-looking, and with a halo!

The tempter was polite in his dealings. He was apparently concerned and sympathetic that Jesus must be hungry after 40 days of fasting and prayer. Like a motivational trainer, he challenged him to prove that He was the Son of God. He did not ask Jesus to break any of the Ten Commandments. He just suggested a shortcut to overcome the immediate issue, of hunger, and fatigue. Jesus refused the shortcut. A shortcut when it violates the Divine plan is sin. It is part of the Divine decree that man shall work and convert soil to bread. Not that Jesus had not the authority. He bypassed this rule twice by multiplying bread a thousand fold to feed hungry listeners. But He would not do that to satisfy His hunger. So, beware of shortcuts! Beware of those who offer you shortcuts!

Then the devil is suggesting a jump to fame. An invitation to be an instant celebrity! A temptation to misuse His divinity to pull the crowd to Him. Jesus rejected it because even when the goals are noble, misusing your gifts is sinful. Owing to your office or authority, you have certain privileges. Use them, but never misuse them! Refrain from the temptation to be an instant celebrity. Take the long route to your success!

The third temptation is to compromise. Compromise on rules, if you want power and glory on earth! An outright suggestion to violate the very first commandment! Why did the devil have the audacity to attempt it against Jesus? Probably his experience! When power and glory are offered, even those very religious happen to compromise. Be watchful when you consider a compromise!

The tempter used the word of God to make his points. If your knowledge of the Bible is partial, then be careful! You could be trapped using parts of the scripture itself! Read your Bible daily. Read it from Genesis to Revelation. If Jesus had to use the scriptures to defend Himself against Satan, how much more do we need the Bible!!? Dedicate at least half an hour daily to reading the Bible. I hope and pray many have started the holy habit. Today is the right day to start it if you haven't started it.

Defend yourself against temptations, using the word of God, and remind yourself that even when tempted to the core, Jesus is with you!

Amen.

Hiring St Joseph's Church Hall

The hall is available for anyone to hire at a cost of £20 per hour, if you would like to hire the hall for any event please email the office.

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Planning Your Catholic Funeral

Funeral Planning Forms are available from the office now. Complete the Form and let your loved ones know where you are keeping your copy.

North East Catholic History Society

Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 2.00pm in St Joseph's parish hall.

"Happy Homecoming or Second Exile? The return of the first Benedictine nuns to England after the Reformation", by Dr Scholastics Jacob.

All are very welcome £1.00 for non members.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Can you help the Pilgrimage to Lourdes or know of someone who can? They need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with them. The Pilgrimage hopes to travel on Friday 28th July 2023. If you would like to find out more email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk or look at their website...

www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

Vocations to the Priesthood

The Priesthood Vocations Team invite men aged 18+ who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more.

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

Children's Catholic Activity Youth Club

Calling children aged 7-11 (KSI &2), would you like to have fun with other children from our parishes? Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a Catholic? Do you enjoy listening to stories, being arty, creating things? Would you like to explore our churches and their grounds, discovering hidden secrets and their history? Fancy sharing snacks, music and chats or learning a new skill?

If this is you, please get a grown up to email shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk with your name and age to register your interest.

Look out for further information shortly.

Standing Order

Would you like to set up a Standing Order so that your Offering to the Church comes directly out of your Bank Account automatically? Please contact the Parish Office for Bank Details, it would be helpful for us to know that you are doing so or have done this with a quick message to the parish office.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island; they'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in installments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at:-

[https:// www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island](https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island)
Applications open from 10th February 2023

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)