

**+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	28	6pm	Margaret Iveson		
Sunday	29	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon	Sweeney Stanley
				2.00pm	African Mass
				5.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Monday	<b>MAR</b> 1		NO MASS		
Tuesday	2			12.05pm	Margaret McCann
Wednesday	3			12.05pm	Bridget Sidaway
Thursday	4			12.05pm	Rachel Elizabeth Reid
Friday	5	10.00am	Margaret Iveson	12.05pm	
Saturday	6			11.00am EF	Recovery of Pauline McAllister
		6.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	7	10.30am		10.00am	Michael Walker
				12 noon (EF)	Intentions of Fr Phillips
				3.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**CONFESSIONS** ST. JOSEPH'S Confessions this week after Mass on Wednesday and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm

ST WILFRID'S before 6.00pm Mass Saturday

**THE ROSARY** is recited before Mass on Tuesday and Friday in Saint Joseph's

**NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK**

**COLLECTIONS:** 21.02.16 St Joseph's 10.00am £122.99

12 noon £203.08

**Total £326.07**

St Wilfrid's Last week's figures not available

**Please remember** our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer, Pat Holden, Joe Beck and Moira O'Donnel.

**ST JOSEPH'S**

**Heating.** As you will have noticed the new system is now running. Once again the parish is indebted to the generous legacy left us by Bernard McGuigan which made this possible.

**Br Martin McGough** a native of these parts is visiting the North East and has asked to speak about the work of his religious order, the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity, at the end of the 10.00 am Mass.

**ST WILFRID'S:**

**Chronicle Wish Tokens;** We handed in an astonishing 16,666 and, as a result, we will be receiving £213.40 from the Fund. It is more than we thought we would get so a big Thank You to every single one of you and your family and friends who collected them on our behalf. More than half of the tokens came through the post so again Thank you to those people who have remembered us.

**New Stock** has arrived for the Piety Stall at the back of Church including Easter Cards, Crucifixes, Stations of the Cross and Rosary booklets, please do have a look

**New Extraordinary Ministers Of The Eucharist:** Congratulations and thanks to Richard Kelly, Paul Odile and Stephen Scullion who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers for St Wilfrid's a fortnight ago.

**PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS:** On Thursday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in St Mark's Court and Silver Court.

**LATIN MASS EVENTS.** Solemn High Mass on feast of St Joseph at 11am with music by the Rudgate Singers.

**INVITATION TO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING ON MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>** All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on **Sunday March 13th 3.00pm – 5.00pm.** (Tea, coffee and cake

served from 2.15pm). 'Forward Together in Hope' asked us to reflect on how we can encourage the presence and witness of young people in our communities. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

### **DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: Lay Co-ordinator Development Officer**

A unique and exciting opportunity has arisen for a full-time Lay Co-ordinator Development Officer to research, develop and implement a programme for the training and formation of Lay Co-ordinators in the Diocese. 3 year fixed term contract. For an informal chat about this role please contact Fr Jim O'Keefe on 0191 243 3304. **Data Analyst/Manager** A temporary Data Analyst/Manager, full or part-time, is required to analyse quantitative and qualitative data from a range of questionnaires arising from the *Forward Together in Hope* project, summarise findings and produce high quality written reports. Please contact Tony Sacco for more information on 0191 243 3304. Further information and details on how to apply are available on our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

**GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE)** Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph's under the table near the side porch for anything you can give

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE?** If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don't worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 6953

## **Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Gateshead**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year C (OF)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (EF)**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955))**

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. She was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, she 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. She 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. She 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, she 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 Katharine 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, she 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 2000. Feast day February 23rd  
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