

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 28/02/ 2021

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BOOKINGS FOR ST JOSEPH'S HALL: 07989 734644

Second Sunday of Lent First

Readings for Today

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 Psalms: 115

Second Reading: Romans 8 1:31-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

(EF)

Introit: Psalm 24: 6.3.22 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Gradual: Psalm 24:17.18

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Online

www.churchservices.tv and www.mcnmedia.tv or <https://mass-online.org>
some parishes stream live on YouTube - search by parish name to find them.

Lenten Reflections

The Diocesan Department for Faith and Mission has prepared a series of daily reflections for the whole of the Season of Lent, 46 individual reflections in total. These are available online on the diocesan website, or you can sign up for them to be emailed to you on a daily basis.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team has prepared a series of video reflections for Lent. 'Wait a Minute - It's Lent' are daily videos which will be available via YMT's YouTube channel, with reflections from across the Diocese. Watch the trailer on the following link and subscribe to their channel [<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVIOoCyoxRWub3zoPJorMhQ>].

Global Healing Online Talks

Pope Francis has called each of us to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This Lent, there will be a series of reflective evenings with speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will help us respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Hosted by the Global Catholic Climate Movement Laudato Si' Animators in the UK. Speakers:

March 4th: Dr Emma Gardner (Head of Environment, Salford Diocese).

March 11th: Sr. Shirley Aeria, FMDM (Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood).

March 18th: Graham Gordan, Head of Public Policy at CAFOD

March 25th: Paul Kelly, a retired GP, is a Live Simply Award assessor and member of the NJPN (National Justice and Peace Network) Environment Group

Further details on their website: catholicclimatemovement.global or
email{ jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

Holy Week Celebrations We will be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services, but only following all the current restrictions. The Vatican has given some guidance on what should be celebrated and how, and we are hoping to have further information from the Bishop's Conference soon, but we already know that it will not be a normal Holy Week or Easter.

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Wilfrid's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Joseph's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to
'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'
These can be posted to the parish address
Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"
Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution" for collection money
"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft
"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden
"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

Did you know that most of us are tax payers? Even if you are retired, your pension is probably taxed, if you are on some state benefits including Job Seekers allowance, you are taxed, please don't assume you can't be a 'Gift Aider', ask about the scheme and find out if you too could get something back from the taxman to help your parish. At NO EXTRA COST to you the parish could be reaping in an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, just imagine if everyone in the parish were to donate £1 a week and we were actually given £1.25 - that means for every year's donation of £52 the taxman would add a further £13, you would have donated £65 just because you filled in a form!!

Please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wifrid's to find out more about becoming a Gift Aider.

Making Your Will?

Have you heard about 'Legacy Donations'? Will you remember your parish in your will? It is a great help to the running of our parishes when we receive a legacy donation.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2021

£3 paperback or £3.50 for ring bound. Please see canon Brown if you would like one

Universe and Catholic Times Readers

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER for 3 MONTHS:-£25.00; SPECIAL OFFER for 12 Months:-£99.00; OR DIGITAL COPY for 12 Months: £55.00

Lenten Alms "At St Cuthbert's Care, we provide a very personal and sensitive approach to our care. The pandemic has made this so much more challenging for us. Throughout the past year, we have carefully transformed the delivery of all our frontline services, to ensure residents and service users still enjoy life to the full. Replicating this care to every resident throughout our nursing homes alongside our disability provision and children's homes has been at a significant cost, and these increased costs look set to continue for some time to come. Circumstances have been difficult for us all this year. For this Lent Appeal, any donation we receive towards our frontline care work, however small, would be deeply appreciated. I now that for some parishioners, financial donations may not be an option and I fully accept this. Thank You. Moira Ashman. If you wish to make a donation please place an offering in an envelope and mark it either "Lenten Alms" or "St Cuthbert's Care" and drop off at the Presbytery

Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you. Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted.

You can keep yourself informed about Parish activities and more by following us on Social Media:
Face Book and Twitter

And by logging into the parish website at: <https://stjosephstwilfridsgatesheadnewsblog.wordpress.com/>

Or the Parish Blog at: <http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk>

Thanks to Canon Michael and our volunteers public Mass continues as follows: -
St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm
St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF), Tuesday 12.05pm.

Please Continue at all times, even if you have been vaccinated, to: -
cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly
and

DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS

ST JOSEPH'S

From Alan Young:-Attention all UK Tax Payers. Did you know that for every £ you put in the offertory collection; the tax man will give the parish 25p. "**How does that work**" you exclaim.

It's simple, become a Gift Aid Member, its free and the only thing you have to do is complete the form. How easy is that? Forms are available at the back of church. Fill them in and return them. Then you will receive your offertory envelopes, put your donation in the envelope and next year the parish get their 25p in the £ back,

If you have become used to a cashless society over the last year you can pay by Standing Order. If you are already a member of Gift Aid you can set up a standing order by completing the Standing Order form and taking it to your bank.

If you want to become a member of Gift Aid and pay by Standing Order you will need to complete the Membership form and the Standing Order form.

To all who contributed to Gift Aid in the past year, on behalf of the parish I thank you for your generosity. To all who have agreed to continue in the Gift Aid Scheme I thank you for your continued support

ST WILFRID'S

'CANDLE OF HOPE' these are LED candles with, on the reverse, the Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady imploring an end to the corona virus.

These are priced at £6 each and are beautiful. We also have Stations of the Cross, Rosary booklets and all types of crosses to help with spiritual preparations for Easter. Please see Rachel if you want any of these items.

If you would like to take part in the 'Gift Aid' scheme please speak to Stephen Hogarth

Please consider helping with the **CLEANING** at our churches, if you can help please
Email: gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Novena to St Joseph

The Mill Hill Missionaries invite you to take part in a National Novena to St Joseph which will take place from 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and also to send in your petitions. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena Prayer leaflet. Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10th - 12th March), at 7.30pm; Saturday 13th March at 10am; Sunday 14th March at 11.00am; Monday -Thursday (15th - 18th March) at 7.30pm. To obtain the Novena leaflet please write to the Novena Director at St Joseph's Missionary Society, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW including a stamped addressed envelope, or email novenamhm@gmail.com. If you would like to send in a petition. Please write your petition along with your name and address, the name of the Parish and the Town. Please indicate if you require a receipt and make cheques payable to "St Joseph's Missionary Society". Send to the address above.

The Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for March 2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

New Lectionary for our Readings

The Bishops of England and Wales website - cbcew.org.uk - last week informed us of the latest development of the New Lectionary for use throughout England and Wales. The change to the new English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible, rather than the Jerusalem Bible, is likely to be effective sometime in 2022, so don't buy a new Missal just yet for your personal use! All texts used in our Masses and Liturgies will change to this new translation

Justice and Peace refugee Project

St Vincent's Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle
NE1 2TQ

Deliveries can only be received on Mondays, 10.30am-
1.30pm

Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed in
advance.

Contact Sara Harris, Refugee Project Co-ordinator Tel:
07407091184

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild

a literary competition for schoolchildren - the
theme is:

"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult
time"

Maximum 20 lines. The lines don` t have to
rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds.

Please include your age, name, address and
phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers`
Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend,
NE28 8DW

Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Deadline: 8th April 2021

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or
related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	27 th Feb	Priest's Intentions	5.00pm		11.00am (EF)
Sunday	28 th			Mr and Mrs Ros and Arlene Serenio 36 th Wedding Anniversary and Mr and Mrs Richard and Imee Genove People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	1 st March			Intentions of Anna Barnes	In Private
Tuesday	2 nd March			Madona Rose and Fremant Bonard	12.05
Wednesday	3 rd March			Adrian Barnes	In Private
Thursday	4 th March			Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	In Private
Friday	5 th March			Requiem Mass for Veronica Phillips	12.30
Saturday	6 th March	People of the Parish	5.00pm	Intentions of the LMS	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	7 th March			John and Francis Cowell Holy Souls in Purgatory	10.00 am Middy (EF)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, ESPECIALLY FR TOM CUNNINGHAM, THE SICK AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY PHONING CANON MICHAEL OR SPEAKING TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER MASS

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Middy on a Thursday.

If you wish to receive/continue to receive this newsletter by email please contact: shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk