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**Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church**  
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*Baptism of Our Lord (OF) Feast of Holy Family (EF) 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday St Raymond of Penyafort	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Special Intention (RB)	5.00pm		
Sunday Baptism of the Lord (OF) Holy Family(EF)	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>			Elsie & George Dalton  People of the Parish	10.00am  12.00 noon (EF)
Monday	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Souls	10.00am		
Tuesday	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>			Francis Xavier	12.05am
Wed St Aelred of Rievaulx	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>			Thanksgiving to Sacred heart & Our Lady of Lourdes  Sung Requiem for Pope Benedict XVI	12.05pm  7.00pm (EF)
Thursday St Benet Biscop	Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>			George Armstrong	12.05pm
Friday St Hilary	Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Butler	10.00am	Priest's Intention	12.05pm
Saturday	Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bell & Cantwell families	5.00pm	Delphina de Prez & Richard Phipps	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish  Priest's Intention	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

Bob Swinburn.

Sadly, Bob Swinburn of St Wilfrid's died on 30<sup>th</sup> December in the QE. He was 93 years old. Bob's body will be brought into church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January and his requiem will be at 10.00am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

### SPUC White Flower Appeal 2023

White Flower Appeal 2023 - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **next weekend**.

SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

### First Holy Communion Class

Resumes on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.00pm

### Confirmation Classes

These will begin shortly please give your name to Canon Michael as soon as possible

### Latin Class

Will resume on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**, please note change of weekday – we hope this is ok for everyone!

### Book Club

The next book is: - "God's Traitors: - Terror and Faith in

Elizabethan England", by Jessie Childs. We will meet to discuss this on **Wednesday February 8th at 7pm**.

### St Wilfrid's

The children who are making their first Holy Communion this year will be making their first confessions this Friday after Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Christmas Raffle

Please check your tickets as there are some prizes still to be claimed. A full list of winners is on the notice board.

The numbers are;

**528/ 981/ 2057/ 2105/ 2769.**

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets.

### Income 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

£159.20 Gift Aided- £52 Candles-£23.30 Donation - £10

Thank You

### New Walking Rosary Club/Group

It has been suggested by a parishioner that he lead a walking pilgrimage once or twice a month to Our Lady's Shrine in Jesmond. If you are interested in this please email the office. Thank You

If you have a red APF mission box to empty in St. Joseph's parish please bring it along to Mass next Sunday morning and leave it with David (organist). Thank you.

### Becoming a Catholic

If you or someone you know would like to be received into the Catholic Church please speak to Canon Michael

### CONFIRMATION

Canon Michael would like to begin preparation classes for anyone over the age of 11 who would like to be confirmed this year, with a view to the Sacrament being conferred on the feast of Pentecost.

If you have been baptised, attend Mass and the sacraments of confession and Communion on a regular basis and you feel ready to commit yourself to your faith then please fill in a form and return it to Canon Michael as soon as possible.

### St Joseph's

### RED MISSIONARY BOXES

If you have a red APF mission box to empty in please bring it along to Mass **next Sunday** morning and leave it with David (organist). Thank you.

### Christmas Raffle

Unclaimed prizes may be collected from the office. The winning tickets are:

**405/481/424/393/404/554**

### Piety Stall

This will re-open on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January before each Mass, and will be opened every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

### Parking for Mass

Please park with care and consideration, take your car away as soon as Mass finishes, and be careful in icy conditions as the surface of the whole car park isn't gritted.

### Tuesday Club

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

### Repair/Refurbishment

The damage caused by our leaking roof is obvious for all to see. Once repairs to the roof have taken place we will need to repaint and possibly re-plaster the church, this will not be cheap, so any donations towards this will be most gratefully accepted.

### Income 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

£470.43 of which £119 was Gift Aided

Thank You

### **Having a clear purpose in life**

During a pilgrimage to the Holy Land a group of friends stood up to their knees in the river Jordan, to renew the promises of baptism. It was a moving experience as they remembered the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus just after HIS baptism. By being baptised into him we are counted as members of God's beloved family. United with Jesus, we are made like him, God's own daughters and sons. Others who stood that day in the Jordan will remember that moment today and use it to renew their commitment to Jesus. But all of us were baptised somewhere, sometime, and we can claim that baptism fully as our own.

Our Lord's baptism is a vital moment in our story of salvation, where he joined with humanity in the humble outreach to God, and where the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. Our gospel says that "the heavens were opened," a powerful statement of the point of contact between heaven and earth. Later on, as Jesus completes his life-journey on Calvary, we read how "the veil of the Temple was rent in two," a symbol that we are not completely free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today's gospel has Jesus beginning a journey which each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose, a journey of intent. We need a sense of purpose and pattern to our living. St Peter summarised the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We are each invited, personally, to make this purpose our own.

A little story about finding direction: A Dubliner was down the country travelling along by-roads where the signposts were few and far between. After a while, unsure of his directions, he decided to ask the first person he saw. When he came across a farmer driving his cows home for milking he stopped the car and asked if he was on the right road to Mallow. The farmer told him that he certainly was on the Mallow road. The driver thanked him and was about to move forward when the farmer added, in a nonchalant way, "you're on the right road, but you're going in the wrong direction!"

Let's look into our own lifestyle today, to see if our direction is right.

### Fund Raising

We always need more funds for the church, whether to cover daily rising costs of heating and lighting, providing the candles and other church consumables, or for larger expenses such as upgrading plumbing, security and electrical systems.

If you have a good idea for a fund raising activity and you have the time and energy to organise, (with help and support from others), and lead on such an activity, please speak to Canon Michael, or email the office with suggestions. Please don't make suggestions if you aren't prepared to get involved in the organisation and preparation – everybody is busy, don't put upon others something you aren't prepared to do yourself.

### Newsletter by Email

It has been brought to my attention that some people are having difficulty in viewing the newsletter sent out to them by email. Please accept my apologies for this technical glitch. I think the problem may only be if you try to open the newsletter on a phone – opening by computer doesn't appear to create a problem – unless someone knows otherwise? If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your details to [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk) or [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk)

### Children's Library

Parents please feel free to allow your children to look at the books during mass, either in the porch or take them to your pew – but please return them to the shelves after use.

Please help your child to put books back carefully and to leave the library tidy and ready for the next child to use. You may borrow up to three books to take home for a fortnight, please sign the list in the file near the adult library.

If you have any books you would like to donate to the library please bring them to the office.

Thank You

If there is anything you would like to put in the newsletter please email to the office by Thursday afternoon.

### Become More Involved

If you would like to become more involved in church activities by:-

**Volunteering** to read, serve, clean, welcome, sing in the choir.

**Running a club, group or activity**- perhaps you have an idea for something you feel would bring parishioners together and benefit the life of our church!

**Speak to Shauna Devitt**, usually to be found in the office, or the piety stall, and contactable via email [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk) , or to Canon Michael.

All volunteers must complete a volunteer's form and some roles require a DBS clearance before roles may be taken up.

### Catholic Schools

**Find out about all the activities our young Catholics are involved in through school projects from sports achievements to beach clean-ups, supporting local charities to winning prestigious awards.**

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### Leaflets, Prayer cards, literature

Please DO NOT place anything at the back of church without first speaking to Canon Michael and gaining his permission.

If you have books you wish to donate to the libraries please bring them into the office where canon Michael will decide whether or not they are suitable and Shauna can mark them as belonging to the church.

Thank you for your co-operation

### Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict

Bishop Seamus will be saying Mass for Pope Benedict at 12.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese  
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