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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**18th January 2026 – Year A – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Second Sunday after the Epiphany (EF)**

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	17 th Jan	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	18 th Jan		
Monday	19 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	20 th Jan		
Wednesday	21 st Jan		
Thursday	22 nd Jan		
Friday	23 rd Jan	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday	24 th Jan	5.00pm	James Harrison

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	18 th Jan	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm(EF)	Michael Ryan
Monday	19 th Jan		
Tuesday	20 th Jan	12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	21 st Jan	12.05pm	Protection of the fruit of the womb
Thursday	22 nd Jan	12.05pm	Physical & Mental Health of Michelle Lleses
Friday	23 rd Jan	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	24 th Jan	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	25 th Jan	10.00am	People of the parish
		12.00 (EF)	Priest's Intention

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:
Soy Family - Blessings

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: THURSDAY 11.00am – 11.55am

Parish Finances

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme which enables the parish to claim back tax on the money donated, it costs nothing extra to you but can add a lot to parish funds.

Alternatively you can set up a regular standing order mandate with your bank – gift aided or not – this way if you cannot attend Mass for any reason you will still contribute to the weekly income.

Account Details for St Joseph's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Account Number: 31164066
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Details for St Wilfrid's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid
Account Number: 01164120
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

In order to give more information about parish finances we will no longer publish the weekly income but will share both income and outgoings each month.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

Please check your tickets, winning numbers and unclaimed prizes:

4th - Yellow 410

5th - Yellow 233

7th - Blue 449

9th - Yellow 248

To collect your prizes please see Canon Michael.

All prizes MUST be collected by Sunday 1st February.

LEPRA APPEAL

There will be a retiring collection after each Mass on the weekend of the 24th/25th January for this worthy cause. Please see the posters at the back of church for further information about LEPRA and its work.

YOUTH CLUB for ALL those aged 11- 16yrs

Beginning at **6pm** with Benediction, our next session is on **Sunday 8th February**

This session is a 'bring a friend along' session - so ask one of your none Mass attending Catholic friends to come with you, you never know, this could be the beginning of a renewal in their faith.

Please email:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

By the **4th February** if your young person would like to come along and let us know if he/she will be bringing a friend.

Book club will meet on January 27th at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss William Cobbett's A History of the Protestant Reformation. Copies available on Amazon from £7.99. All welcome.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Friday - 4.30pm - St Joseph's presbytery. All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office,

Altar Servers

We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in serving please speak to Canon Michael,

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits served with a smile. Available in the hall **EVERY SUNDAY** straight after the 10.00am Mass.

And after the 12.00pm Mass on the following days:
Sunday 25th January

1st February

8th February

1st March

15th March

29th March

26th April

10th May

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Saint Sebastian's Story (c. 256 – January 20, 287)

Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

Reflection

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

Feast Day 20thJanuary

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 24th January – LEPRA Appeal Extra collection – After Mass
Sunday 25th January - LEPRA Appeal Extra collection – After each Mass
Tuesday 27th January – Book Club – 7.00pm
Sunday 8th February – Youth Club – 6.00pm
Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

PARKING

Our car park is small, with limited room for maneuvering, **it is essential we leave access** for any **emergency services** which may be needed.

Last year the ambulance service and the police service were called to the premises on a Sunday morning.

PLEASE PARK in the marked bays only, giving consideration to others and leaving access for emergency services if required.

NO LITERATURE, BOOKLETS, PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES, POSTERS, PRAYER CARDS etc. are to be left at the back of church without the **prior consent** of Canon Michael Brown – Parish Priest.

Safeguarding Representative

Would you like to take on this voluntary role? Please speak to Canon Michael for more information if you are interested.

Health & Safety Representative

If you are interested in this voluntary role please speak to Alan Young or Canon Michael for further information.

Regular Church Cleaner

If you are interested in this voluntary role please speak Canon Michael for further information.

All forms and paperwork for the above are available – just ask.