

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JAN		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	20	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	21			10.00am	Priest's Intention
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Michael Williamson
Monday	22	10.00am	Harry Richardson		
Tuesday	23			12.05pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	24			12.05pm	Special Intention
Thursday	25	10.30am	Mass at Fellingate Home	12.05pm	Special Intention
Friday	26	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell families	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	27			11.00am(EF)	Intentions of Pat Turnbull
		5.00pm	People of the Parish	3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	28			10.00am	Priest's Intention
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 2.00pm	Molly Scott <i>African Mass</i>

EF DENOTES EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12NOON-12.30PM: ON WEDNESDAYAFTER MASS.

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM. 4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS:14.01.18 St Joseph's 10.00am £207.49 Midweek £90.81
12 noon £202.54
Total £410.03

St Wilfrid's: £175.25 White Flower £30. Many thanks.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley and Margaret Moore.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS on Friday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in Marigold Court.

ST JOSEPH'S

NEW WEBSITE. Thanks to the work of Paul Cannon we have a new parish website which covers St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's. The address is <http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk/>

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE. Many thanks to Raj who had taken on this role recently but now finds he can no longer carry on because of other commitments. So we are looking for a parish safeguarding rep. again. If anyone thinks they would like to help the parish by taking on this important role then please see Fr Brown.

TEA AND COFFEE available after 10.00am Sunday Mass in the hall. Also after Tuesday Mass in the hall and after Saturday morning Mass in the Ingram Hall, off the sacristy. All welcome.

ST.WILFRID'S;

2018 Calendars and Diaries are now half price, the usual stock is now available at the back of Church.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY. The Alzheimer's Society is currently looking to recruit volunteers, who would be willing to spend time with people with dementia and or their carers, to offer companionship and provide support, enabling people to maintain hobbies and interests and inclusion in social events. The volunteers would be supported by the Befriending Manager. For further discussion or a copy of the full role description please contact: email angela.todd@alzheimers.org.uk or telephone 0191 477 7490

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
Bl. John Ingram Partnership Gateshead
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B (OF)
3rd Sunday after Epiphany (EF)
20th /21st January 2018**

Saint Vincent of Zaragossa (d. c. 304)

Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His Acts have been rather freely colored by the imagination of their compiler. But Saint Augustine, in one of his sermons on Saint Vincent, speaks of having the Acts of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, the place of his death and burial. According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragossa in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest. Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.