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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

25th January 2026 – Year A – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Third Sunday after the Epiphany (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	24 th Jan	5.00pm	James Harrison
Sunday	25 th Jan		
Monday	26 th Jan	10.00am	
Tuesday	27 th Jan		
Wednesday	28 th Jan		
Thursday	29 th Jan		
Friday	30 th Jan	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	31 st Jan	5.00pm	

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	25 th Jan	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	26 th Jan		No Intention
Tuesday	27 th Jan	12.05pm	No Intention
Wednesday	28 th Jan	12.05pm	Canon Robert Spence
Thursday	29 th Jan	12.05pm	Canon Robert Spence
Friday	30 th Jan	12.05pm	Molly Scott
Saturday	31 st Jan	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	1 st Feb	10.00am	
		12.00 (EF)	Joan Murray

(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 this weekend 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 today - Sunday 25th January. Depending upon the success or not of this taster session we may add more dates.

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

Saint Thomas Aquinas

By universal consent, Saint Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five Saint Thomas Aquinas was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, Saint Thomas Aquinas went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1273.

We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

This Weekend - LEPR 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.

Hall Roof Repairs

At long last the hall roof is to be replaced, work will begin on Monday 2nd February and will last approximately three weeks. During this time there will be scaffolding up around the building so please take extra care when entering and exiting the premises. The capacity of the car park during this period will be halved: please make alternative arrangements for your vehicle if possible.

PARKING

Our car park is small, with limited room for manoeuvring, **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.

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.

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.