

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JAN		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	28	5.00pm			
Sunday	29			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 2.00pm	Molly Scott African Mass
Monday	30	10.00am	Souls in Purgatory		
Tuesday	31			12.05pm	Fr Owen Grant
Wednesday	FEB 1			12.05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	2			12.05pm	Private Intention
				7.00pm	Joan Murray
Friday	3	10.00am	No Intention	12.05 pm	No Intention
Saturday	4			11.00am (EF)	Intention of Tony Turnbull
		5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	5			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Intentions of Pat Turnbull

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12

NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY

THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS

COLLECTIONS: 15.01.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £205.18 Midweek £89.43

12 noon £200.70

Total £405.88

St Wilfrid's. £135.30 Donation £15,

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand.

SYRIAN PROJECT. Earlier this year it was decided to take on a parish project with Aid to the Church in need. Our project is helping a Catholic school, Al Riaya, in Damascus, Syria. There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month on the first Sunday of the month, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. £597.17 raised so far. Next collection next Sunday after Masses

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: Fr Brown will take holy Communion to the housebound parishioners in the Sunderland Road area on Friday morning this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The first session, led by Sr Jacinta, will take place next Sunday afternoon at 4pm in the presbytery at St Wilfrid's. To fulfil safeguarding requirements we will need an additional adult to be present. If a parent could do this, maybe on a rota, please let Father know after Mass today.

CANDLEMASS. There will be a Sung Mass (Extraordinary Form) for the feast of Candlemass on February 2nd at 7pm at St Joseph's.

THE DURHAM HYMNS Remembering the Fallen of the First World War
The Durham Hymns is a major new work for brass band and choir commissioned to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. It premiered to high acclaim last year in Durham Cathedral. The Durham Hymns is now making a limited tour of the region and is coming to St Joseph's on the evening of Friday 24 February. For our performance they will be performed by Dunston Silver Band and sung by Voices of Hope, with support from The Centenary Choir. Voices of Hope is the acclaimed regional chamber choir that recently won the BBC's Choir of the Year.

Tickets cost £8.00 (£6 concessions) and are **now available** from the church.

ST WILFRID'S

CHRONICLE WISH TOKENS. Many, many thanks to everyone who has donated the tokens to St. Wilfrid's. The response has been amazing and we have easily beaten last year's amount. It is clearly obvious that we as a Parish have a lot of support from the locality and beyond and for this we are very grateful.

HEATING COLLECTION this weekend, 28th

FLAME CONGRESS On Saturday 11th March a group of 1,000 young people and accompanying adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people Year 9 and above and for adults. If you would like to go, please contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE`S PLACE at St. Joseph`s Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers.If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335.We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
Gateshead
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A (OF)
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (EF)
28th/29th January 2017**

Saint Blaise

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labour in England on Blaise`s feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honour, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise`s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise`s command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Feast Day February 3rd

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