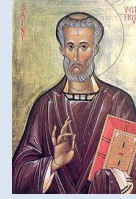




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*Today the 11th July is the Fifteenth Sunday of the Year B (OF)
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, First Communion, Confirmation, Becoming a Catholic, Annulments
If you have any questions about, or need to arrange any of the above please speak to Canon Michael

Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and those who have died recently or for whom anniversaries occur now.

If you would like a Mass said for your intentions please speak to Canon Michael or drop a note into the presbytery.

Confessions are heard at **St Joseph's** on a **Wednesday** after the **12.05 Mass** and on a **Saturday** from **11.00am – 12 noon** and at **St Wilfrid's** before **5.00pm Mass** every **Saturday** evening.

Canon Michael is also available for confessions at other times by arrangement, please telephone or email him.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St Joseph's every Wednesday from 11.00am – 12noon

Piety Items are available for sale at the back of church

IMPORTANT THEFT ALERT!

Sadly a handbag was stolen from the back of St Joseph's church as the owner was receiving Holy Communion. The thief has been caught on CCTV and the police are following up on this crime, but the distress it has caused will take a long time to heal. Please do not leave anything valuable in your pew when you go to Communion.

Pope's Intention for the Month of July Social Friendship
we pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



This Weekend – there is an extra Collection for Seafarers

Helpful Suggestions are Always Welcome

There are many people working, both behind the scenes and in full view, to ensure the atmosphere within our buildings is welcoming, secure and safe for all, especially during these most difficult of times. **Helpful suggestions** to enable our churches to remain open and covid secure whilst also maintaining the spiritual sanctity of the space are **always welcome**; however *constant criticism* is wearing and damaging for all concerned.

“The pleasure of criticizing takes away from us the pleasure of being moved by some very fine things.” –
Jean de La Bruyère

Covid is still with us!

Please continue to:-

sanitize your hands on entering and exiting church and prior to receiving Holy Communion,
maintain social distancing, preferably of two metres,
follow the one way system set out in church
wear a face mask throughout Mass.

The above are especially important if you remain unvaccinated as you are more likely than the vaccinated to transmit the virus

Please sit in the benches where the kneelers are down and there is a yellow sticker in front of you.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

FACE, SPACE, HANDS

Returning to a more vibrant Parish life

We are beginning to be able to think about returning to some form of normality, clubs and groups will soon be able to resume, if there are any leaders of activities who have thoughts about this and would like information to be put on the newsletter please email the parish office at:- gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

If you would like to begin/set up a group or activity please email Canon Michael to run your idea past him.

Groups previously in place

Community Choir and Clarinet Group (over 18)

Youth Choir and Musicians (age 7-18)

Young Catholic Sunday Lunch Club (age 18-30)

Book Club

Good Shepherd Classes (3-7yrs)

CMUK (Catholic Men UK)

Latin Mass Choir

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	10 th July	Nicholas Porteous	5.00pm		
Sunday	11 th July			People of the Parish Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	12 th July	Norman and Rita Hunter	10.00am		
Tuesday	13 th July			Intentions of Pasqualina Lelli	12.05
Wednesday	14 th July			Spiritual and emotional needs of L.E	12.05
Thursday	15 th July			Holy Souls	7.45am
Friday	16 th July	Priest's Intentions	10.00am	Bernadette and Arthur Robson	12.05pm
Saturday	17 th July			Intentions of Tony Turnbull	11.00am
Sunday	18 th July	John Fairweather	5.00pm	People of the Parish Priest's Intentions	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Next week we will have the annual Mission Appeal which will be given by Sr Leona DDL

Weekly Offertory Income 4th July 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory: - £287.52

Gift Aid Envelopes: - £110

Candles: - £14.63

Many Thanks

Children's Books to Borrow

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass.

If you have any books at home which you think may be suitable for church use and you would like to donate them to us please place them into the box near the side exit door.

Please put all used books into the box near the exiting side door, this is in order for us to be able to 'quarantine' them for 14 days to mitigate against the transmission of germs.

New Altar Servers

We are always looking for new people to join our team of altar servers, full training and ongoing support is given. If anyone is interested in joining our teams, (anyone aged 7-100) at St Joseph's or at St Wilfrid's, please contact Canon Michael

Volunteers

if you would like to volunteer to help in any way at church please email the office. All volunteers must be 'safely recruited', this means forms need to be filled in and references taken up. Volunteer roles include:- readers, offertory collectors, cleaners, running the piety stall, flower arrangers, amongst others.

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to ask ward staff to make a record of your Religion, they will not ask you as a matter of course, it is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic

URGENT A Message from SPUC URGENT

Please, meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on **Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021**. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith .

This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools.

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 25 July 2021



Pope Francis has designated Sunday 25 July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Resources, including Pope Francis' message, a prayer and resources for Clergy have been produced by the Holy See Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. [Click here](#) to view them all.

You do not have to be a regular 'giver' nor make any commitment to add 25pence in every £ to your gift to the church.

Did you know that if you are a tax payer and you make a one off donation you can opt to have it gift aided?

Speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's or email

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

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Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

St Joseph's has several 'Special Funds' open at the minute, these are:-

"Choir Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

If you wish to contribute to any of these please mark your donation as such.

Security

Thank you very much to all those who have donated so far, we are still in urgent need for funds in order to be able to improve the fencing right around the property perimeters and to update the secure entrance to the car-park.

Catholic Awards for Young People

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle offers our young people the opportunity to witness to their faith in their local and parish Communities by participating in **two award schemes**. Young people aged 10-18 years old (Year 6 - 13) can take part in the **Faith in Action Award** through their school, parish or organisation. The Faith in Action Award is accessible to, and inclusive of, all young people, regardless of academic ability. The **Pope St John Paul II Award** is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people to become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deeper level with Christ. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them. For further information speak to Canon

Michael.

"Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village is hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.



"Welcomers" Weekend 17th/18th July.

During the pandemic there have been so many people who have made it possible for us to gather for Mass by stewarding and guiding our people, by cleaning and sanitising our churches. All this is part of the great Ministry of Welcome. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall say 'thank you' and ask them to carry on in their ministry. It is going to be different after the end of lockdown but we still need their help in other ways.

CAFOD are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Closing date, **this Sunday, 11 July 2021.**

More information on CAFOD Careers (changeworknow.co.uk) Martin Brown, Community Participation Manager, North East:- tel. 07796 941 884

Diocesan Vacancy:

A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of a Communications and Marketing Officer based in Newcastle.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th July