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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time A (OF) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 16th July

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	July 15 th	Private Intention (JMD&LSD)	5.00pm
Sunday	July 16 th		
Monday	July 17 th	Holy Souls	10.00am
Tuesday	July 18 th		
Wed	July 19 th		
Thursday	July 20 th		10.00am
Friday	July 21 st	Private Intention (JMD&LSD)	10.00am
Saturday	July 22 nd	People of the parish	5.00pm
Sunday	July 23 rd		

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Monday	July 17 th		
Tuesday	July 18 th	Health & Wellbeing of Lionel Thomas Clark	12.05
Wed	July 19 th	NO MASS	12.05
Thursday	July 20 th	Exposition Holy Souls in Purgatory	11-11.55 12.05pm
Friday	July 21 st	Maria and Elias Tia	12.05
Saturday	July 22 nd	Requiem for Jenny	11.00am
Sunday	July 23 rd	Eve Smith Private Intention (JPD&KMB)	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)

Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

Congratulations to Father Endre Kormos, who was ordained to the priesthood last Saturday. Please keep him and his family, in your prayers

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

Confessions: after Mass on Saturday
EXPOSITION THURSDAY morning 11.00 – 11.55am.
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month
 2.00pm
First Saturday Devotions every month

<p>St Wilfrid's Income 9th July Loose Plate £191 Gift Aid £74.50 Peter's pence £30 Communication £10 Donation £10 Thank You</p>	<p>St Joseph's Income 9th July 2023 Loose Plate: £342 Gift Aid Envelopes: £108.50 Thank You</p>
<p>Baptism preparation for parents who have already signed up to the classes continues this Tuesday at 6.00pm. There will be a further course in the autumn for anyone who has missed out this time around.</p>	<p>First Holy Communion If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please ask Canon Michael for a form to fill in. This applies to ALL children whether they attend one of our Catholic Primary Schools or not.</p>
<p>The Good Shepherd For children aged 3-7yrs begins in September. For more information please speak to Peter Armstrong or Shauna Devitt</p>	<p>New GLORIA If you would like to learn the new Gloria sung at the 10.00am Mass please access the link below:- https://soundcloud.com/user-168109655/parish-mass-gloria-peter-jones</p>
<p>Wine, Cheese and Quiz Social Night Saturday 5th August - 7.00pm. Tickets on sale now £5 in advance or £7 on the door</p>	<p>St Joseph's & St Wilfrid's Summer Magazine</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On sale now</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Donation £2.00</p>
<p>Would you like to have your deceased loved ones remembered each time a parish hymn book is used? Place their name in an envelope along with £5 donation, hand this in at the office or put it on the collection plate, (please mark it clearly), and we will dedicate one of the hymn books to your loved one by way of a book plate inserted in the front page.</p>	<p>The Annual Blessed John Ingram Walk will be held on Sunday 23 July, meet at 2.30pm for a service commencing at 2.45pm at St Andrew's Church, Newcastle. This event has been organised by the St Vincent de Paul Society. This walk will be led by Deacon Peter Lavery. Walkers should meet at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Gallowgate at 2.30pm for a service at 2.45pm. The Walk starts after the service and goes via the Swing Bridge ending with a service followed by light refreshments at St Edmund's Anglican Chapel on Gateshead High Street.</p>
<p>SPUC Please take a leaflet from the back of church and sign the petition asking our government to stop using UK taxpayer's money to fund forced abortions in China.</p>	<p>Adult Library Our library has books added on a fairly regular basis, please have a look and see if there is anything you would like to borrow, remember to sign out any books you take and sign them back in. Please report any books which are damaged or past their best. If you have any suitable books at home with which you are finished and you would like to donate them to the library please place them in the 'Donated Books' box at the back of church. Thank You</p>
<p>Children's Library We have a selection of books in the porch area for children to borrow during Mass; they can take a few to their pew or look at them in the porch area.</p> <p>If you would like to borrow any to take home please sign them out in the file located near the adult section.</p> <p>If you have any suitable children's books at home with which you are finished, please consider donating them to our library, place them in the 'Donated Books' box at the back of church. Thank You</p>	<p>Notice Boards Please remember to look at the notice boards at the back of the church, in the porch and at both side entrance/exit points, they hold information not found elsewhere and are regularly updated. If you don't take a look you may be missing out on something important!!</p>
<p>Presbytery Gates The presbytery gates will be locked more frequently from now on as there has been some very anti-social behaviour literally on Canon's doorstep, If you need to speak to Canon Michael and find the gates locked please phone him.</p>	

A Pew Research Center Poll shared that only 42% of the surveyed population responded that being part of a Catholic parish is an “essential part of what being Catholic means to you personally.” This makes Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel all the more significant:

A sower went out to sow, and as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

As parish communities, what are we doing to cultivate the seeds that have been entrusted to us? Do we provide ample, rich soil for seeds to grow, or do we choke the seedlings by creating a culture that is not conducive— even detrimental—to healthy flourishing? Do we create rocky ground by quantifying grace and weaponizing sacraments? Do we perpetuate thorns by crafting divisions and distinctions that are not of God? Do we leave people vulnerable to isolation and fear, insisting that we know best instead of listening and accompanying?

We cannot lament that people are not coming to our parishes if we refuse to be places of nourishment and support. But if we want safe spaces, we must be willing to create those spaces ourselves. Following the example of Christ, we must lower ourselves, choosing vulnerability over power, humility over prestige, and weakness over strength. We must be willing to make room in our hearts and minds for other voices, even when they challenge what we find comfortable. We must be willing to work for peace and justice, even when it is not convenient. We must be willing not only to advocate for, but to stand in solidarity with the immigrant and refugee, the person who lives without a home, and the person who lives with anxiety and depression. We must combat the evils of abuse, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and homophobia in all forms. In doing so, we cultivate an environment where seeds can grow, where people can thrive.

But we do not do this on our own. While we must work to cultivate the ground, the psalmist reminds us that it is God who waters the lands and breaks up the clods. It is God who crowns the year with bounty and harvest. Everything we do is a response to God’s invitation. May we respond to this invitation with renewed zeal, remembering that we cannot expect our parishes to grow (or even survive) if we are unwilling to accept God’s invitation to collaborate in the vineyard.

Bishop Stephen will be installed as the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle at a Mass to be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 1.00pm.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2023-2024

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

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website: diocesehn.org.uk

Summer Concerts

The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home Newcastle, (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 22nd July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home

North East Gospel Choir and Friends will be performing at St Joseph's Church on July 22nd from 7.00pm – 9.00pm (doors open at 6.30pm), tickets available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/north-east-gospel-choir> £7 for adults, £3 for children and include refreshments. You can also purchase tickets on the door.

Days of Reflection

1. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 23rd September, 10:30am-3:00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead
2. Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion, 7th October, 10:30am - 3:00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead

Courses

1. New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word Courses, commencing 9th October, two sessions at St Aidan's, Benton

TOILETS

DO NOT enter the Sacristy AT ALL during ANY MASS

Toilets are located in the HALL for use, just ask one of the 'welcomers' or Shauna who will unlock the doors for you.

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Contact shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

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