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July 19th 2026 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Eighth after Pentecost *(Extraordinary Form)*

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	18th July	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	19 th July		
Monday	20 th July	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	21 st July		
Wednesday	22 nd July		
Thursday	23 rd July		
Friday	24 th July	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	25th July	5.00pm	Betty Walker

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	19 th July	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Poor Souls in Purgatory Richard Rainbow
Monday	20 th July		
Tuesday	21 st July	12.05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	22 nd July	12.05pm	NO MASS
Thursday	23 rd July	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	24 th July	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	25 th July	11.00am (EF)	NO MASS
Sunday	26 th July	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Priest's Intentions

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

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Confessions: NONE WEDNESDAY after Mass.
SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament THIS Thursday

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

The Sacraments Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office. We usually expect first Holy Communion candidates to be aged 6+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael. First Holy Communion preparation classes for newly registered children will begin in September. All candidates for first Holy Communion and Confirmation MUST be attending Mass regularly.	Free Refreshments & Social Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile Today straight after each Mass Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks. Book Club will meet on Tuesday 11th August at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss Pope Leo's "Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas," All welcome Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Resumes in SEPTEMBER Fridays at 4.30pm Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs
Parish Finances St Joseph's Account Details Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Account Number: 31164066 Sort Code: 40-34-18 Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Income for June: £ Outgoing : £ St Wilfrid's Account Details for 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 Income for June: £ Outgoing: £ 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. If you want to sign up for this scheme please speak to Iain Dunn at St Joseph's or Stephen Hogarth at St Wilfrid's 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.	CAN YOU HELP Cleaners meet on a Friday afternoon straight after mid-day Mass to clean the Church and Sacristy, if you have some spare time to give to the parish please fill in a volunteers form and come along to help with this important job. Health and Safety regulations mean cleaning volunteers must not work alone. Teas/coffees are served after each Mass on a Sunday; we could do with some more volunteers to help out on a Rota basis so that it doesn't fall on the same people every week. If you would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna. Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna. SKIP HIRE We need to hire a skip to get rid of all the garden waste, this can be a very costly business £350 per skip. We are appealing for donations to enable us to cover the cost without digging into general parish funds, please consider making a donation – there will be a collection after Mass. 'Sea Sunday' If you would like to find out more please see notice boards for posters. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this charity please place your donation in one of the envelopes provided and place on collection plate.

Saint Mary Magdalene's Story

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honoured in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. [We are all sinners](#) in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.

Liturgical feast is celebrated on July 22nd

franciscanmedia.org

End of Summer Family BBQ Saturday September 5th or Sunday September 6th

We would like to have a family BBQ at the end of the summer BUT for this to actually happen will require commitment from people to help out as well as attend the event.

We need people to commit:-

- to doing the shopping
- barbequing the food
- preparing the garden
- cleaning up afterwards

If you can commit to any of the above roles please email to let us know or fill in the sheet at the back of church.

If you would like to attend please email or complete the form at the back of church with your preferred date and the number of people in your party

This would be a ticketed event with tickets costing £30 per family or £10 per adult over 18years – no children to come unaccompanied

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 11th August – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

End of Summer Family BBQ – 5th or 6th September – Canon's garden

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God.

The Wednesday Word is a website with reflections on the forthcoming readings for the Sunday Mass and it is available each Wednesday beforehand. <https://www.wednesdayword.org/> – It has three Sections—one for parents, so they can use it with children, and within their families; one section for schools; and one section for Parishes to use. It is free to use. A great resource.

STEAM Ahead Education

Age 7+

Free and hot lunch and snacks provided

Gateshead Venues

3rd Aug St Joseph's Parish Hall
4th Aug St Joseph's Parish Hall
5th Aug Felling Community Centre
6th Aug Felling Community Centre

**9AM - 1 PM
OR
12 PM - 4 PM**

Compressed air rockets
3D printed products
Rollercoaster design
Handmade soaps
Become a chocolatier

If participants attend both dates at each venue, they will complete a different activity each session

Free*

For those eligible for free school meals, head to holidayactivities.com

For subsidised places, head to steamaheadeducation.co.uk/shop or scan the QR code

Ofsted Registered

Department for Education

*Places are free for children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals
Please note: Activities may change at short notice, depending on the needs of the business and staffing availability

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

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.