

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JULY		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	23	6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	24			10.00am	Eve Smith
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
Monday	25	10.00am	Doris Henshaw		
Tuesday	26			12.05pm	Margaret Hunter
Wednesday	27			12.05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	28			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Friday	29	10.00am	Cantwell Family	12.05 pm	Mary Ward
Saturday	30			11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
		6.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	31			10.00am	People of Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Margaret Mary MacDermott

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Confessions after 12.05 Mass on Wednesday. Saturday 12 noon-12.30pm 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 after Mass on Thursday until 1.30pm

COLLECTIONS: 17.07. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £200.67

12.00 noon £178.36

Total £379.03

St Wilfrid's. £182.50

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer, Joe Beck Betty Walker, Terry Georgeson, Ray Holland and Theresa Vickers

REV JAMES MAWDSLEY FSSP writes to say: `A huge thank you for your generosity in welcoming me to say a Solemn Mass at St Joseph's, and for assisting me through the Mass. I am grateful too to all the team in the sanctuary and the singers were a great addition.

By the time I left, after the welcome buffet, I had been loaded with gifts. Thank you in particular for the very generous donation you gave me! The NE looked after me very well.`

THE 44th BLESSED JOHN INGRAM WALK takes place this Sunday. Led by Deacon Richard McLaughlin. Meet at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate Street, Newcastle upon Tyne at 2.30pm for 2.45pm start, walking to St. Edmund's Chapel, High St. Gateshead where an Ecumenical Service will be followed by refreshments. Non-walkers are advised to meet at St Edmund's at 3.30pm.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in St Marks court and Silver Court on Thursday morning.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE. If you have any comments for the tear off section of the new leaflet please hand then in by this weekend.

ST JOSEPH'S Foundation Governors. We need to appoint two foundation governors for St Joseph's school. To qualify you need to be a practising Catholic with an interest in the good of the school and it would be an advantage to have some relevant skill to offer. Please see Fr Brown or Bernadette Hirst if you are interested.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE) Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in. St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church.

ASYLUM SEEKERS Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph's under the table near the side porch for anything you can give.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE? If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don't worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Andrew's Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 1892

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)
10th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
23th /24th July 2016**

St Martha

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion (see Luke 10:38-42) she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. Yet, as biblical scholar Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unreclected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[D]o not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear.... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).