

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

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

| | JULY | | SAINT WILFRID'S | | SAINT JOSEPH'S |
|-----------|-------|---------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Saturday | 30 | 6.00pm | Private Intention | | |
| Sunday | 31 | | | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10.30am | <i>Polish Mass</i> | 12 noon | Margaret Mary MacDermott |
| | | | | 2.00pm | African Mass |
| Monday | AUG 1 | 10.00am | Doris Henshaw | | |
| Tuesday | 2 | | | 12.05pm | Mary Ellen Sidaway |
| Wednesday | 3 | | | 12.05pm | NO MASS |
| Thursday | 4 | | | 12.05pm | NO MASS |
| Friday | 5 | 10.00am | REQUIEM : Betty Walker | 12.05 pm | NO MASS |
| Saturday | 6 | | | 11.00am (EF) | NO MASS |
| | | 6.00pm | Fred & Ellen Barker | | |
| Sunday | 7 | | | 10.00am | Mary Ellen Sidaway |
| | | 10.30am | <i>Polish Mass</i> | 12 noon (EF) | Intentions of Tony Turnbull |

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:.24.07. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £212.94

12.00 noon £199.90

Total £412.84

St Wilfrid's. £146.60. Donation £20

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

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle was saddened to hear of the death in tragic circumstances of Fr. Jacques Hamel in the town of St. Etienne-du-Rouvray in France yesterday. He was 86 years old.

The town is twinned with Gateshead and St. Joseph's Church will have a book of condolence available from 11.00am on Friday and over the weekend. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his family also in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE VICARIATE MEETING - Thursday 29th September 7p.m. in St Joseph's church hall, Gateshead. This is a meeting for clergy, FTIH lay reps, head teachers and all parishioners.

ST MARTIN MAGAZINE. The August edition of the magazine is available at the back of St Joseph's. It makes an interesting read and has articles on religious and domestic matters. Price 60p.

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.

ST WILFRID'S PIETY STALL New stock is available at the back of Church including Lapel Crosses, Walsingham Medals and various other items, all at good prices-please do have a look.

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
Gateshead
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)
11th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
30th /31st July 2016**

St John Vianney (1786-1859)

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meagre formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self, day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil. Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide