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7th Sunday of Easter (OF) Sunday after Ascension (EF) 1st June 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	31 st May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	June 1 st		
Monday	June 2 nd	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	June 3 rd		
Wednesday	June 4 th		
Thursday	June 5 th		
Friday	June 6 th	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	June 7 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	June 8 th		

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	31 st May	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	June 1 st	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)	People of the Parish Thanksgiving to St Joseph
Monday	June 2 nd		
Tuesday	June 3 rd	12.05pm	Intentions of Livia Tossici-Bolt
Wednesday	June 4 th	12.05pm	Special Intention (NC)
Thursday	June 5 th	12.05pm	Michael Kelly
Friday	June 6 th	12.05pm	Special Intention (NC)
Saturday	June 7 th	11.00am	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	June 8 th	10.00am 12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	Jones family People of the parish

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

Confessions:
WEDNESDAY after Mass
SATURDAY 12-12.30pm

**Sanctuary Candle: Soy's
Intentions**

EXPOSITION THURSDAY
11.00am – 11.55am

Saint Boniface's Story

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control.

During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

In order to restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A great number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent, where he introduced the Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate of education

Feast day June 5th

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THE WEEKEND of SATURDAY JULY 12th and SUNDAY JULY 13th

Bishop Stephen will be visiting the parishes; he will also be CONFIRMING 13 of our young parishioners at the 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are invited.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Would **all** those who have **signed up for Gift Aid envelopes** and have not yet received them please **collect** yours from the **back of church** – please **ensure you take the box with your name** on it. Thank you.

Did someone say **FREE** teas and coffees?



And **Free** biscuits too?
Come along to the church hall straight after
10.00am Mass each Sunday.

PARKING – Please **PARK RESPONSIBLY** and ensure your vehicle is **PARKED WITHIN** one of the **MARKED BAYS**.

DO NOT PARK down the **MIDDLE** of the car park – this is an **EMERGENCY** access point and **MUST be KEPT CLEAR** at all times.

If all the marked parking bays are occupied please use the public car park on Walker Terrace just behind the church. Thank You

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES continue **TOMORROW MONDAY JUNE 2nd** at 6.00pm. Please come to the presbytery.

The next **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** – will be **TOMORROW - Monday June 2nd** at 4.15pm and will last approximately one hour.

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing to receive the sacraments, especially;
Colette, Olaedo, Eric, Daniel and Christabel who are preparing for **Confession** and first **Holy Communion**
and Merit, Esther, John, Osaretin, Raphael, Franco, Rory, Billy, James, Tom, Andre, Hector and Harry who are preparing to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation**.

If you have a child you would like to be Baptised please speak to Canon Michael and collect a form from the office.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a special training session soon for all those able and willing to serve at the Masses over which the Bishop is presiding.

Please email

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

To let us know if you can commit to serving on that day – thank you.

BENEDICTION for the YOUTH of the Parish, but open to all, will take place on **SUNDAY 6th JULY** at 6.00pm.

All those preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend along with their sponsors.

Benediction will be followed by a short rehearsal session for the Confirmation ceremony; this will be useful for all sponsors especially if they have not fulfilled this role before.

We will then have light refreshments in the hall and a presentation by our Confirmation Candidates.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost

Sunday July 13th Confirmations

CATECHISM STUDY GROUP

If you are interested in exploring the riches of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or you are wanting to become a Catholic this new group meets on Wednesday nights at 7pm at St Joseph's presbytery.

All welcome.

LAST CALL – RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY

Table Top Sale

Saturday 7th June 10.00am – 2.00pm

Tables' - £5 each - numbers are limited – put £5 in an envelope with your name on the front and place on collection plate, or email to reserve and pay on the day.

You can keep anything you make or you can donate your takings to the parish.

No food or drink to be sold by table hirers as **Refreshments** will be **available** at this event to **raise funds** for the **parish**.

No tables to be **hired** to raise money for **other organizations** – any money made must be for personal use or donated to the parish.

PREPARING the CHURCH

Could you help to make the church sparkle in **preparation** for the **Bishop's visit**?

Can you give just one hour of your time to help?

We have two dedicated volunteers who regularly clean the church on a Friday evening; perhaps you could join them on the **evening of JULY 11th** or come along on the **afternoon of JULY 12th** to help get everything 'ship-shape'?

Please give it some thought, further information and details will be given nearer the time.

North East Catholic History Society.

The next talk will be on Thursday 5th June in St Joseph's hall at 2pm when Maddy Keightley-Phillipps will speak on "From the Home to the Cloister: The Journey of English Catholic Women's Books"

All welcome.

Book club

June 10th at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss the film 'Therese'.

All are welcome

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

On Sunday 22nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service.

You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

Hope in a Time of Darkness

This is a lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP, on Monday 23rd June 2025 at 7:45pm in the Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands. For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>.

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between 23rd and 31st of May. Prayers for each day will soon be available on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#). On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources. Donations can be made through this website also.

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