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BETWEEN 9am & 5pm Monday to Friday

*Corpus Christi (EF) External solemnity of Corpus Christi (EF) 19th June 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intentions	5.00pm		
Sunday	June 19 <sup>th</sup>			Alan Tapless People of the Parish	10.00am Midday
Monday	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Derrick	10.00am		
Tuesday	June 21 <sup>st</sup>			Service of the Word and Holy Communion	12.05pm
Wed	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Dorothy Devitt & deceased of Devitt & Doherty families	12.05pm
Thursday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>			Thanksgiving for birthday (HH)	7.45
Friday	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Cowens (NBF)	10.00am	Holy Souls	12.05pm
Saturday	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	People of the Parish	5.00pm	Adrian Barnes	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>			Priest's Intention Lucy Arevalo African Mass	10.00am Midday 2.00pm

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11 - 11.55

Benediction and Vespers 3.00pm FIRST Sunday of the Month African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** It is more than five years since our Ministers of Holy Communion were originally commissioned or re-commissioned. In previous years we have only ever renewed their Commitment. So **today**, on the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, we will celebrate the Rite of Recommissioning of all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 5pm and 10am Masses.

Please take this Newsletter home with you so that you know what's happening in your parish this week

## **The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord: Reverence for the Eucharist**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, or as it used to be called, Corpus Christi. This solemnity differs from Holy Thursday when we celebrate the initiation of the sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper and emphasize the union of our reception of the sacrament with the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross on Good Friday. Catholicism runs deep. We cannot simply change faiths because to do so would be to leave the Eucharist. For Catholics, Jesus Christ is really and truly present in the Eucharist uniting us to his Passion, Death and Resurrection, nourishing us. Unlike many other Christian Churches we do not believe that the Eucharist just points to the Lord or signifies our union with Christ. We believe that the Eucharist is the Lord. We believe that when we receive Communion, we receive Jesus within us, sanctifying us. We speak to the Lord within us. When the bread and wine are consecrated during the Mass, the very substance or essence of the bread and wine is changed from the physical to the spiritual. The accidents of the physical makeup of bread and wine remain, but what this now becomes is the Lord. We call this the Real Presence. That is why we say that the hosts and the wine are consecrated, not just blessed. That is also why the hosts which are consecrated during the Mass are reserved in our tabernacles after Mass. We can then take the

Real Presence of the Lord to the sick and dying. We also can worship before the Eucharistic presence of the Lord here in Church. The Eucharist is the meal of the Catholic community, but it is far more than just a meal of fellowship. Each person who receives communion receives the Body of Christ within him or her as individuals. In this way each person is united together to the total Mystical Body of Christ. Our union is far more than fellowship. Perhaps the best example is the one St. John gives: the example of the vine and the branches. The branches of a vine or a tree do not just live in fellowship with each other; they live united to each other through their union to the life giving trunk. We are the branches united to the vine and sustained by the life force of the Eucharist. Sometimes people ask about non-Catholics receiving the Eucharist or Catholics receiving communion in non Catholic churches. In the Catholic Church the Eucharist is offered only to practicing Catholics capable of receiving communion. For a Catholic, the reception of the Eucharist is an affirmation of the entire faith of the Church. People may share a belief in Christ, and even celebrate a communion service, but not necessarily share a belief in the Eucharist as being the real presence of Christ. A person needs to profess the faith of the community before the person can join the community meal. Our theology does not isolate the Eucharist from the rest of our beliefs. Other faiths do not view the Eucharist as being a total statement of their faith. Therefore, a Protestant Church could very well invite everyone present to receive communion. Should Catholics attending a protestant church perhaps at a funeral or wedding receive communion if they are invited? No, because for a Catholic the reality of communion means something far more profound than it does for a non-Catholic. Catholics in the state of grace are invited to receive communion? State of Grace? Do you remember that term? It is used to refer to a person who has not destroyed the life of God received at baptism by committing a grave or mortal sin. If a person has refused to worship, engaged in serious immoral practices, etc, making the conscious choice to put this before God, that person needs to reestablish the life of God through confession before receiving communion. By the way, if a person has any doubt regarding whether they have committed a serious sin, then the person has not committed a serious sin. A sin is only mortal when it is known to be mortal and has been freely chosen. Only Catholics who know that they have lost their relationship to God are excluded from the Eucharist. This is an area where there has been a lot of false information being circulated with regard to the situation of people who are separated or divorced. The only people who are excluded from the Eucharist are those who have attempted marriage outside the Church. They are not excommunicated, but they are separated from the Eucharist. If a person married outside of the Church wants to rectify this situation, the Church can investigate to see if the marriage can be celebrated within the Church. This is what we call a marriage convalidation. After the convalidation, the person or people can return to receiving communion. Those who are separated or divorced but not remarried outside the Church are welcome to receive communion. People should not listen to anyone telling them anything different. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord is a good time for a bit of a refresher regarding proper reverence in the church and when receiving communion. Because we believe that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament within our tabernacles, we need to show reverence in Church. When we enter a pew, we need to genuflect, bend the right knee. If we have bad knees and cannot genuflect, we should bow. Once in our place, we should say a prayer of greeting to the Lord. At communion time we make a gesture of reverence before receiving; this can be a small bow, or a genuflection, whatever way you decide to show reverence is fine, as long as the action is one of reverence, not a declaration of piety for others to notice. When we receive the consecrated host on our tongues, we need to be sure that the minister of the Eucharist has access to our tongues. We should not just open our mouths, but also extend the tongue. When we receive by hand, we should place one hand over the other, step aside, and then consume the consecrated host immediately. The most important practice we must have comes next. We need to speak to the Lord within us. We need to pray directly to Jesus inside of us in the Eucharist. It is so wrong, and so disrespectful, to the Presence of the Lord, for us to receive communion and then ignore the One within us. We have been entrusted with the Body of Christ. We must care for this gift properly. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord leads us to reflect on the depth of this great gift. The celebration reminds us that when we receive communion, we do not just perform a symbolic action, we receive Jesus Christ. May we do so with reverence!

Msgr. Joseph Pellegrino

**Congratulations to James Hammond who makes his first Holy Communion at Mid-Day Mass this Sunday.**

Bishop Robert will say Mass on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12.05 pm at St Mary's Cathedral, to celebrate Bishop Seamus' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. All are most welcome to attend.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 19:00 on Thursday 14th July**, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights, Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers: Please pray for those we know who are unwell, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospital; for those still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic; for all who have died recently, including Father Michael Keogh, retired: and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – starting in September 2022

Are you currently involved in Church ministry but wish you knew more about your faith? Do you sometimes lack confidence and feel you could benefit from further training and formation? Do you want to grow in your faith and ministry and perhaps find new ways to share your gifts with others? We have a course designed just for you. The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is an online, two-year learning experience created with the busy person in mind. It will take you on a journey of discovery about key aspects of the Catholic faith while helping you to reflect upon your own ministry and the ministry of others.

To find out more join us online for one of our information evenings: Tuesday 14th June 2022 or Wednesday 22nd June 2022 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. To register your interest for one of the information evenings or for further information please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

Bishop Robert will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 22 June in thanksgiving for a combined 670 years of priestly service from this year's Jubilarians.

The Mass, at which all are welcome, will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street West, at 12.05pm. For those unable to join in person, the Mass will also be live-streamed to the Cathedral's YouTube channel. [Click Here](#)

This year's Jubilarians are:

**Fr John O'Gorman**, retired and in residence at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle who will celebrate his Platinum Jubilee.

**Fr Mark Carroll, Fr Patrick Kennedy, Fr Seamus McGivern, Fr Michael McKenna, Fr Patrick O'Connell and Fr Anthony Owens** will all celebrate their Diamond Jubilee.

**Fr Brendan Kelly, Fr Jim O'Keefe and Fr Gordon Ryan** will be celebrating their Golden Jubilee

**Fr Philip Quinn** is celebrating his Ruby Jubilee.

**Canon Simon Lerche and Fr Graham Williams** are both celebrating their Silver Jubilee.


Lay Dominicans North East invite you to A Day of Study, Prayer and reflection on the theme of Thomas Aquinas, The Eucharist and Salvation.

St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Durham DH1 3HL on Saturday 25 June from 10.45am – 3.30pm. The day includes talks, Mass, Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and buffet lunch.

The day is free, but booking your place is necessary to manage numbers. Please contact Andy Doyle mobile: 07985 434185 or email: [andydoyle1066@sky.com](mailto:andydoyle1066@sky.com).

### **Diocesan Vacancies**

Safeguarding Advisor – full-time, permanent. Closing date for applications: 27 June 2022 Refugee Project Co-ordinator – part-time (18 hours), initial 12- month contract. Closing date for applications: 4 July 2022 Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

<p>If there are any children from St Wilfrid's or St Joseph's aged 7 years and over who are not yet baptised or have not yet made their first Holy Communion but would like to do so please contact Canon Michael as soon as possible. Thank You.</p>	<p><b>New Parishioner and Updated Information</b> Please complete one of the forms available at Church and send back to us. If you want this form emailed to you, please let us know and then you can complete it on your own computer and email it back to us</p>
<p><b>Extraordinary Rite altar server training</b> is to be held on Tuesday <b>21<sup>st</sup> June at 5.30pm</b>, open to any male aged 7+ and who has made his first Holy Communion, come along and learn how to serve at the Traditional Rite Mass.</p>	<p><b>CMUK/St Joseph's Men</b> Meet on <b>Saturday</b> mornings at <b>7.00am</b> for Exposition, Bible reading and breakfast, <b>all are welcome to Exposition and all men are welcome to Bible and breakfast.</b></p>
<p><b>Book Club</b> We are reading 'The Monk', a novel by Matthew Lewis and will meet to discuss on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm all are welcome.</p>	<p>Teas and Coffees are served in the John Ingram room after Mass on Saturday and in the hall after Mass on Tuesday, please come and join us, ALL are welcome</p>
<p><b>Day For Life Extra Collection Sunday 19th June</b> The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. "We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations." [Rt Revd John Sherrington, Bishop for Life Issues] The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you</p>	<p><b>Weekly Income for 12th June 2022</b> <b>St Joseph's</b> Loose Plate Collection: £ 299 Gift Aid Envelopes: £77 Votive Candles: £19.27 Rental income: Room: £24 Donation: £10 Piety: £ Lay training Fund: £42</p> <p><b>St Wilfrid's</b> Loose Plate: £136.90 Gift Aid: £67 Donation: £100 Candles:</p> 
<p><b>Volunteers</b> If you would like to volunteer for any role at St Joseph's please fill in a volunteer form available from the office.</p>	<p>The Catholic Herald, which is now a monthly magazine, is on sale in the porch at a cost of £5</p>
<p><b>GREGG'S FOOD VOUCHERS</b> There are a number of people coming to the presbytery door asking for money for food. We are discouraged from giving cash as this may be used to aid an addiction, but we are reluctant to turn people in need away empty handed. Please consider buying some Gregg's food vouchers and donating them to the parish in order that these can be given out to anyone coming to the door asking for money for food.</p>	
<p>Bishop Paul McAleenan who has special responsibility for migrants and is Chair of the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops' Conference made this statement on June 14th 2022: The UK's plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called the 'loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based'. The plan is presented as a humanitarian response to combat people trafficking and smuggling yet the result will compound the suffering of those who are already victims. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing victims. This scheme will increase the difficulties of those hoping for a new beginning, and it does nothing to address the problems which cause people to flee their homes. Migration is a complex issue, but it is not resolved by delegating our roles and responsibilities to other countries. Our starting point should be the innate dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. Whether or not the flight to Rwanda takes off today we are now in a new situation. With greater force we insist that asylum seekers are not commodities for profit, nor are they problems to be rejected and deported by government. Instead we should be guided by the four verbs provided by Pope Francis in our approach to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, protect, promote and integrate'.</p>	