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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

June 21st 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
4th Sunday after Pentecost (*Extraordinary Form*)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	20th June	5.00pm	Priest's Intentions
Sunday	21 st June		
Monday	22 nd June	10.00am	Dorothy Devitt & deceased of Doherty & Devitt families
Tuesday	23 rd June		
Wednesday	24 th June		
Thursday	25 th June		
Friday	26 th June	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	27th June		Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	21 st June	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Holy Souls
Monday	22 nd June		
Tuesday	23 rd June	12.05pm	Private Intention (RP)
Wednesday	24 th June	12.05pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	25 th June	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	26 th June	12.05pm	Marie and Bernard Fanning
Saturday	27 th June	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of Tony Turnbull
Sunday	28 th June	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Sy Jun

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

Sanctuary Candle: Candidates for first Holy Communion

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our first Holy Communion candidates who made their first **Confession** on Saturday 20th June – well done **Ember, Sinachi, Jacob, Chris, Gabriella** and **Vera**

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 May: £7437

Outgoing : £6620

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 May: £1740

Outgoing: £0796.83

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.

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.

Mill Hill Missionaries – Red Box Appeal

David Reid who has been looking after the boxes for fund-raising for the Mill Hill Missionaries is stepping down. If anyone would be willing to take this over please speak to David or Canon Michael

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 14th July** at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole. Please note change of date. All welcome

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Fridays at 4.30pm

Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity

Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs

First Holy Communion Candidates

Please keep in your prayers; **Ember, Sinachi, Chris, Gabriella, Vera** and **Jacob** as they prepare to make their first Holy Communion this summer.

VOLUNTEERS

Cleaners meet on a **Friday afternoon** 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 ask for a volunteer form.

Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please collect a volunteer's form.

SKIP HIRE

We need to hire a skip to get rid of all the garden waste, this can be a very costly business and so we are appealing for donations to enable us to cover the cost without digging into general parish funds, please consider making a donation – place your money in an envelope and put it on the collection plate or give it directly to one of our 'welcomers'

John Fisher is usually associated with Erasmus, Thomas More, and other Renaissance humanists. His life therefore, did not have the external simplicity found in the lives of some saints. Rather, he was a man of learning, associated with the intellectuals and political leaders of his day. He was interested in the contemporary culture and eventually became chancellor at Cambridge.

John Fisher had been made a bishop at 35, and one of his interests was raising the standard of preaching in England. Fisher himself was an accomplished preacher and writer. His sermons on the penitential psalms were reprinted seven times before his death. With the coming of Lutheranism, he was drawn into controversy. His eight books against heresy gave him a leading position among European theologians.

In 1521, Fisher was asked to study the question of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, his brother's widow. He incurred Henry's anger by defending the validity of the king's marriage with Catherine, and later by rejecting Henry's claim to be the supreme head of the Church of England.

In an attempt to be rid of him, Henry first had John Fisher accused of not reporting all the "revelations" of the nun of Kent, Elizabeth Barton. In feeble health, Fisher was summoned to take the oath to the new Act of Succession. He and Thomas More refused to do so because the Act presumed the legality of Henry's divorce and his claim to be head of the English Church. They were sent to the Tower of London, where Fisher remained 14 months without trial. Finally both men were sentenced to life imprisonment and loss of goods.

When the two were called to further interrogations, they remained silent. On the supposition that he was speaking privately as a priest, Fisher was tricked into declaring again that the king was not supreme head of the church in England. The king, further angered that the pope had made John Fisher a cardinal, had him brought to trial on the charge of high treason. He was condemned and executed, his body left to lie all day on the scaffold and his head hung on London Bridge. More was executed two weeks later.

John Fisher's liturgical feast is celebrated on June 22. Franciscanmedia.org

The Day for Life

There will be a **Retiring Collection NEXT WEEKEND** to mark the Day for Life.

This year's theme is '**The Wonder of the Child in the Womb**'

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

"His Holiness prays that all parents grieving the loss of a child, especially an infant, may find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love for them and for their child, 'for to him all of them are alive' (Luke 20:38)," writes Cardinal Parolin.

"It is likewise his hope that these parents find the support they need in the Church community and especially in a life nourished by prayer and by the Sacraments."

The Day for Life Fund provides financial assistance each year to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. Each year, the money donated on the Day for Life is dispersed to these organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects relating to life issues. These can range from educational workshops to advocacy campaigns, practical support services to commissioning research.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 14th July – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Sunday 12th July – First Holy Communions – six of our children will receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time – please keep them in your prayers and rejoice with them on this day

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 27th June**. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

MUSIC MATTERS - A Day of Reflection for Musicians

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite all parish musicians to a day of reflection on Saturday 27 June on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 7DW. The day will be an opportunity to reflect the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and will be an opportunity to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. The day will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA). There is a £7.50 charge for the day, to book a place please email dcma@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Led by Bishop Stephen 22nd – 29th October 2027 £1725 per person.

Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place.

The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk)

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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.