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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

June 28th 2026 Feast of St Peter and St Paul Year A
External Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (*Extraordinary Form*)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	27th June	5.00pm	Priest's Intentions
Sunday	28 th June		
Monday	29 th June	10.00am	Fr James Doherty & deceased of Doherty & Devitt Families
Tuesday	30 th June		
Wednesday	1 st July		
Thursday	2 nd July		
Friday	3 rd July	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	4th July		Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	28 th June	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Sy Jun
Monday	29 th June		
Tuesday	30 th June	12.05pm	Basilio Lleses
Wednesday	1 st July	12.05pm	Colette Lleses
Thursday	2 nd July	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	3 rd July	12.05pm	For the intercession to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for the protection of the family, life and vocations
Saturday	4 th July	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	5 th July	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Private Intention of AT

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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.

KEEP in YOUR PRAYERS our first HOLY COMMUNION Candidates:

Ember, Sinachi, Jacob, Chris, Gabriella and Vera who make receive this wonderful Sacrament on Sunday July 12th

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS

Cleaners meet on a **Friday afternoon straight after mid-day Mass** 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 speak to Canon Michael or Shauna.

Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please speak to Canon Michael or Shauna.

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'

Peter's Pence Collection

The Collection taken every year on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul is called 'Peters Pence', it is the collection every Catholic Parish takes and it is forwarded to our Holy Father Pope Leo so that he can use the donations for charitable works he supports throughout the world.
This collection will be taken next weekend.

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome's Story

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). [Saint Paul](#) had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D.

There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Chrestus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after Claudius' death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumor blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians

Liturgical feast is celebrated on June 30th

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The Day for Life

There will be a **Retiring Collection THIS 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

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)

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God.

The Wednesday Word is a website with reflections on the forthcoming readings for the Sunday Mass and it is available each Wednesday beforehand. <https://www.wednesdayword.org/> – It has three Sections—one for parents, so they can use it with children, and within their families; one section for schools; and one section for Parishes to use. It is free to use. A great resource.

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- Access it via the website;
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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.