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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

1st March 2026 – Year A – Second Sunday of Lent

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	28 th Feb	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	1 st March		
Monday	2 nd March	10.00am	Bell & Cantwell families
Tuesday	3 rd March		
Wednesday	4 th March		
Thursday	5 th March		
Friday	6 th March	10.00am	No Intention
Saturday	7 th March	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	1 st March	10.00am 12.00pm(EF)	Elspeth Hatwood People of the Parish
Monday	2 nd March		
Tuesday	3 rd March	12.05pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	4 th March	10.00am	Florence Rainbow
Thursday	5 th March	12.05pm	William & Elizabeth Peason
Friday	6 th March	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	7 th March	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	8 th March	10.00am 12.00 (EF)	People of the Parish Maria Ha

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:
Soy's family

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

EXPOSITION of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** 11.00am – 11.55am

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

January Income & Outgoings

Income: £4,820.28
Outgoings: £9,002.20

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

January Income & Outgoing

Income: £1,034.30
Outgoings: £3,383.62

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.

Saint Joseph's Primary School

We are hoping to build a stronger bond with our parish primary school and ask everyone to pray for the success of this.

The school has begun to create a prayer garden and grotto, they need help – can you volunteer some of your spare time to do some gardening, space clearing, building/creating this space for the children of our parish? Do you have a large outdoor statue of Our Lady you could donate to the school?

Please email

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

If you can help in any way.

Book Club

Reading **Lord of the World** by R.H. Benson
To be discussed at next meeting on **Tuesday March 3rd at 7.00pm.**

The book club meetings are very relaxed, we share a glass of wine, (tea or coffee) and nibbles as we share thoughts about the book we have been reading in our own time.

ALL are welcome

Young Persons' Social Group (formally Youth Club)
Next Meeting **Sunday 22nd March at 6pm** come along to relax with your friends. Anyone aged 11yrs – 16yrs is very welcome; there is no ongoing commitment to this group, just email to say you are coming. The format changes each time – sometimes we have benediction, sometimes we have a film about the life of a saint, we always have snacks, free time, games and activities and we always finish with a prayer. Why not come along and see what you think?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Continues each Friday 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

Do you have a child who has already passed their 6th birthday or will reach this milestone by the end of August 2026? Would they like to make their first Holy Communion? Register today, preparation classes will begin soon.

Confirmation

Any young person aged 12+ who would like to be confirmed may fill in an application form and once we have a minimum of 8 young people we will begin preparation classes.

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office

Altar Servers

We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in serving please speak to Canon Michael

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits served with a smile. Available in the hall **EVERY SUNDAY** straight after the 10.00am Mass.

After the 12.00pm Mass TODAY and on the following dates: 15th March, 29th March, 26th April, 10th May

These sessions could become a weekly occurrence if we had some more volunteers to run them – please speak to Canon Michael if you can help

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

PIETY STALL

OPEN TODAY in the HALL after each Mass
Sunday 1st March

Saint David of Wales' Story

David is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints. Ironically, we have little reliable information about him.

It is known that he became a priest, engaged in missionary work, and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was limited to bread, vegetables and water.

In about the year 550, Saint David of Wales attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw, where he had his monastery, now called St. David's. He ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

Saint David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that once while he was preaching a dove descended to his shoulder and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so that he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days.

Were we restricted to hard manual labour and a diet of bread, vegetables and water, most of us would find little reason to rejoice. Yet joy is what David urged on his brothers as he lay dying. Perhaps he could say that to them—and to us—because he lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. For, as someone once said, "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." May his intercession bless us with the same awareness!

Feast Day March 1st

White Flower Appeal

Second collection THIS weekend. Please give generously to this very worthy cause which is dedicated to protecting unborn children and promoting the right to life. The donations received allow SPUC to continue their tireless work to build a culture of life by educating, lobbying politicians, providing support to students facing crisis pregnancies, mobilising pro-life activities in the community and much more.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 3rd March - Book Club – 7.00pm – Presbytery – John Ingram Room

Thursday 5th March - NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY - 2pm – Church Hall

Saturday 14th March – Snacks and Sewing – 2.00pm – Presbytery – John Ingram Room

Sunday 22nd March – Young Person's Social – 6.00pm – Church Hall

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

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.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

Snacks and Sewing Social Afternoon

Can You Sew? And/or Iron? Would you like to join us for an afternoon of chatter, coffee/tea/snacks and sewing? We would like to mend the Altar Servers vestments before Easter and need some helpful hands. Please come along to the presbytery on **SATURDAY MARCH 14th at 2.00pm.**

Volunteers

We need someone to organise the Gift Aid scheme

Speak to Canon Michael for more information and to collect the relevant paperwork to be completed.

PLEASE leave NO LITERATURE,

BOOKLETS, PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES, POSTERS, PRAYER CARDS etc. are to be left at the back of church without the **prior consent** of Canon Michael Brown – Parish Priest.

PARKING

Our car park is small, with limited room for maneuvering, **it is essential we leave access** for any **emergency services** which may be needed.

Last year the ambulance service and the police service were called to the premises on a Sunday morning.

PLEASE PARK in the **marked bays only**, giving consideration to others and leaving access for emergency services if required.

Hall Roof Repairs

During this time there will be scaffolding up around the building so please take extra care when entering and exiting the premises.

The capacity of the car park will be reduced, please make alternative arrangements for your vehicle if possible.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY

SOCIETY meets in the hall at 2pm on Thursday 5th March. The speaker is Daniel Reed who will speak on `Jacque Sterne and the Bar Convent—persecutor turned protector

All welcome Non-members £1 entry

Partnership Lenten Courses

Fr Christopher Warren is offering a time of reflection and a book group for Lent based on the book 'Easter in Disguise' The 2026 Lent Book published by Bloomsbury. This book is a companion to the six weeks of Lent, with each week and its gospel focus corresponding to one of Jesus' six spiritualities of social justice. It culminates in a fresh look at the traditions of Holy Week. Everyone is welcome at Corpus Christi on Wednesdays during Lent at 18.30 for a time of prayer and reflection on the chapter. Contact St Peter's Parish Office to reserve a copy or source your own copy (available in a variety of formats).

Something to Follow for Lent: A Partnership Wide Lenten Course focused on helping people enter more deeply into prayer will be offered on Wednesday evenings during Lent in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 6.30pm. The course will offer lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. Each hour long session is based on a short filmed presentation by Fr. Stephen Wang, (Who is also the author of the Sycamore RCIA Course). Topics covered include:

Session 2 SEVEN RULES OF PRAYER

Session 3 PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Session 4 HOW TO PRAY THE MASS

Session 5 SILENT PRAYER AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD

All are most welcome to attend all or any of these sessions.

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.