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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

8th Sunday of ordinary time (OF)

2nd March 2025

Quinquagesima Sunday (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 1 st St David	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 2 nd		
Monday	March 3 rd	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	March 4 th		
Ash Wednesday	March 5th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thursday	March 6 th		
Friday	March 7 th	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell families
Saturday	March 8 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 1 st St David	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	March 2 nd	10.00am	Elsie & George Dalton
		12.00pm (EF)	Deceased members of Reece Family
Monday	March 3 rd		
Tuesday	March 4 th	12.05pm	McDonach & Butler families
Ash Wednesday	March 5th	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
		7.00pm (EF)	Maria Ha and Joseph Kim
Thursday	March 6 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	March 7 th	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	March 8 th	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	March 9 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Line Edgar

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

Confessions this week: Saturday 8th March 12.00 – 12.30 &
Wednesday after Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Thursday 6th March 11.00 – 11.55am
Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)

Sanctuary Candle:

Guadate Sunday the fourth Sunday of Lent is a day of joy within the period of solemnity. This year it falls on **March 30th** which is also **Mothers' Day** and the day on which five of our children will be making their **first Holy Communion**. We ask you to keep in your prayers; **Freya, John, Dominic, Isobel and Chris** as they meet Our Lord for the first time in this very special way.

First Holy Communions will take place during the 10.00am Mass and we will have a small celebration straight afterwards in the hall, please come and celebrate with the children and their families.

Saints Perpetua and Felicity's Story

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.”

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheatre. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.



Feast day 7th March

franciscanmedia.org

Assisted Suicide - What you can do to defeat the Assisted Suicide Bill

MPs voted for Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. **This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April, but we need your help.** To find how you can help to defeat this bill, **please attend a meeting organised by SPUC's *Lives Worth Living* campaign on Wednesday 12th March at 7pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX.** For further details, contact Terry Graham at: terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Children at St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

We are delighted to see so many children of all ages attending Mass regularly at our churches.

Baptism

Parents are requested to speak with Canon Michael and complete a registration form if they have a child they would like to be baptised. The parents will be expected to attend the preparation classes which are organised by Canon Michael as and when required.

Good Shepherd Catecheses

This delightful, child-centred and hands on learning experience for children aged 3+ begins at 4.30pm on Friday 7th March in the Atrium at St Joseph's Church, High West Street. Registration forms are available from the office.

First Holy Communion

If you have, or know of a child aged 6+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please collect a registration pack from the office at St Joseph's Church.

New Altar Servers

We are always eager to welcome more young people to our growing family of Altar Servers. If you are aged 7+ and think you may like to give serving a go please speak to Canon Michael.

St Joseph's

Children's Library

The library area is in the porch; children are welcome to look at the books here or take them to their pews during Mass, please return the books to the shelves at the end of Mass. If your child would like to borrow a book to take home for a week please allow him/her to do so, just sign it out and in again via the recording book. Please help your child to look after our books carefully.

Changing Facilities

These can be found in the lounge area of the hall, please ask one of the 'ushers' for the key to access this area during Mass.

Juice & Biscuits

Children are very welcome to come **with their parents** to the hall after the 10.00am Mass to enjoy juice/hot chocolate/ milk and biscuits as they draw or play with the activities provided.

St Joseph's Weekly Income 23/02/25
Loose Plate: £258.80 Gift Aided: £157.50

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 22/02/25
Loose Plate: £188.80 Gift Aid £42

Would you like to volunteer?

We need extra people to: -

- help serve teas and coffees after 10.00am Mass
- mind the piety stall once in a while
- clean the church and Sacristy
- collect the offertory
- become an ushers
- join the choir
- arrange and maintain the flowers
- keep the church environment clean
- assist with Health & Safety regulations

Volunteering for your parish is a great way to meet and get to know fellow parishioners whilst really making a difference.

If volunteering sounds like "your thing" Please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide details of two referees who are not your family members or connected to the parish. **Some roles require an enhanced clearance which means you will have extra forms to fill in and will need to provide evidence of you identity.**

St Joseph's Teas and Coffees

Every Sunday after 10.00am Mass. why not come along and make some new friends whilst enjoying a free cuppa in a warm, welcoming environment.

Book Club

Set yourself a New Year's resolution to read a book once a month and come along to discuss its contents with others in a relaxed and friendly parish family atmosphere.

The next meeting is on Friday March 14th at 7pm. We will meet to talk about "Bede and the Theory of Everything" by Michelle P Brown All welcome.

Piety Stalls

We extend a very warm welcome to the **Sisters from Belarus** who will be selling **handmade icons and crafts** at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's on the 7th of March at 10am and Church of St Joseph's at 12.05pm and also both Churches on the weekend of the 8th and 9th of March. All proceeds go towards helping the Sisters in their missionary work supporting the homeless and disabled. Please see notice board for further information.

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk
Email address for correspondence including hall bookings: stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

The pilgrimage will take place between: - **Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025.**

Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until **31st March 2025**

Please register via one of the following links

Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

Existing Appointed Registered Helper

If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024

please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form

If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form

The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MOqReuZD>

Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation.

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email:

lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk or visit our 'Facebook' page: *Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes*

Jubilee 2025: Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint as he will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life of deeply commitment Catholic faith in the 21st century, he is a wonderful example to all of us.

We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese from 26th -30th March 2025 and there will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo, and all are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

<i>Saturday 29 March</i>	<i>Cardinal Hume Catholic School Wrekenton, NE9 6RZ</i>	<i>10.30am Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus 11.30am Veneration 1.30pm Talk 2pm Veneration Confessions will be available throughout</i>
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Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Tony Flannery speak about The Bible, history or myth? Why it is important to know. The talk will be given twice at **Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle**, on **Tuesday 11 March, at 2.30pm – and again at 7.30pm.**