

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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Second Sunday in Lent 5th March 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 4 th	Fr P. McMahon (NBF)	5.00pm		
Sunday 2 nd in Lent	March 5 th			People of the parish Margaret & Bill Armstrong	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)
Monday	March 6 th	Intentions of Sr Stella Maris	10.00am		
Tuesday Sts Perpetua & Felicity	March 7 th			Funeral Service for Nancy Witherley Sarah Dewsnap	10.00am 12.05pm
Wed St John of God	March 8 th			Well being of Verina Telford	12.05pm
Thursday St Francis of Rome	March 9 th			Fr P. McMahon (NBF)	12.05pm
Friday St John Ogilvie	March 10 th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	David Gough (RIP) and Gough Family	12.05pm
Saturday	March 11 th	Cantwell and Bell Families	5.00pm	NO MASS	11.00am (EF)
Sunday 3 rd in lent	March 12 th			People of the Parish Special Intention	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: **NONE THIS Saturday 12-12.30 and AS USUAL Wednesday after Mass**

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition @ St Joseph's every Wednesday 11.00am - 11.55

African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or have recently died

St Joseph's

Church Cleaning Volunteers

PLEASE NOTE cleaning will take place on a **Saturday** morning **between 9.30am and 10.30am** and **after confessions until 1.45pm** and on a **Tuesday straight after 12.05 Mass until 2.00pm ONLY**, this is to ensure health, safety and fire regulations as well as safeguarding guidelines are adhered to, to make it easier to co-ordinate and to allow Canon Michael some undisturbed privacy.

If you wish to help with the cleaning and have not yet filled in a volunteer form please do so before helping out. Thank you for your co-operation.

Heating Collection

There will be an extra collection today for heating the church

50/50 Draw Buy Your Tickets NOW – See Angela Gallagher

For only £10 get one chance in ALL THE 10 MONTHLY DRAWS. From March-December 23.

You can of course buy more chances by buying more tickets.

The pot from each draw will be split as follows:
50% to St Joseph's fund and 50% divided between prizes.

1st prize 35%

2nd prize 10%

3rd prize 5%

The Monthly draw can be on any allotted day of the Month from a random generator.

You can always join at any period of time for example if you join August you will be entered into six draws.

Volunteers

We always need volunteers to help in the parish, if you feel you could give of your time please collect a volunteer form from the office, fill it in and let us know what you are volunteering for. **ALL** volunteers need two referees and **cannot begin** in any role until references have been seen and approved. Some roles require DBS clearance before the role can begin.

Lost Property

Any items left behind in church or mislaid in the church grounds and discovered by us will be held in the office for a month, after which time they will be given to charity. If you have lost anything please call into the office to see if it has been handed in.

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Income 26th February 2023

£703 of which £120 was Gift Aided

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

Income 26th February 2023

Loose Plate £226.50 Gift Aided- £51

Donation of £25 from Mrs. Trott in memory of her late husband George

Thank You

Stations of the Cross

During Lent these will take place at 11.00am on Friday mornings at St Joseph's Church.

Confirmation Classes

The initial meeting will be an opportunity for young people and their parents to find out a little more about this sacrament and how the classes will be organized. If you are thinking about receiving the sacrament of Confirmation but have not yet filled in a form, because you want more information, or have any questions, then this meeting is for you and your parents too!! Come along to the meeting on **Sunday 12th March at 5.00pm.**

BOOK CLUB:

Next meeting, Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm All welcome. We are reading "A River of Light", by Carlos Caso-Rosendi, the Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SPUC

The Gateshead branch will meet on Wednesday 8th March at 7.00pm in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

Hiring St Joseph's Church Hall

The hall is available for anyone to hire at a cost of £20 per hour, if you would like to hire the hall for any event please email the office.

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Planning Your Catholic Funeral

Funeral Planning Forms are available from the office now. Complete the Form and let your loved ones know where you are keeping your copy.

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

Pilgrim's Progress: Life as Journey

The years of our life pass smoothly by; each one seeming shorter than the last. We are on a journey from youth to age, from the cradle to the grave. In his dream-like poem, *The Lotus Eaters*, Alfred Tennyson describes a sense of weary resignation, one option we might take, in face of the passing years:

“Let us alone. Time driveth onward fast,
And in a little while our lips are dumb.
Let us alone. What is it that will last?
All things are taken from us, and become
Portions and parcels of the dreadful past.”

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death (full stop, *finis*), we will emerge into the life of heaven (welcome, transition into God's presence.) We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

Pilgrim's Progress: In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing much signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires are short-term, narrow, and superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, we go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave *your country and your father's house*," but "*leave your old ways*, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and good-will. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven.'

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind.

Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

Altar Servers

Calling **ALL current** and **prospective Servers** under the age of 18, from **BOTH churches** and **ALL Masses** (EF & OF)

There will be a **training** and **social session** on **Wednesday March 8th** beginning at **6.00pm**; please join us in the Servers' room – access via main front door on High West Street @ St Joseph's. The session will be led by Peter Armstrong lead Server for OF Mass and Sean Beh lead Server for EF (Latin) Mass, and overseen by Canon Michael.

For catering purposes please let us know if you intend to come along.

Shauna Devitt safeguarding Rep will be present throughout so parents are not required to stay with their offspring, but to collect them promptly at **8.00pm**

Children's Catholic Activity Youth Club

Calling children aged 7-11 (KSI &2), would you like to have fun with other children from our parishes? Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a Catholic? Do you enjoy listening to stories, being arty, creating things? Would you like to explore our churches and their grounds, discovering hidden secrets and their history?

If this is you, please get a grown up to email shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk with your name and age to register your interest.

Look out for further information shortly.

Vocations to the Priesthood

The Priesthood Vocations Team invite men aged 18+ who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more.

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

Saturday post Mass coffee

Please note Canon Michael often requires the John Ingram room for meetings on a Saturday afternoon, and/or he needs to know the premises have been vacated and made secure before he can retire to his rooms for much needed rest and relaxation, he therefore respectfully asks that everything is cleared and put away and the **premises vacated by 2.00pm** at the very latest.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Standing Order

Would you like to set up a Standing Order so that your Offering to the Church comes directly out of your Bank Account automatically? Please contact the Parish Office for Bank Details, it would be helpful for us to know that you are doing so or have done this with a quick message to the parish office.

Catholic Nursing Home Vacancies

There are vacancies in the Catholic Nursing Homes run by St Cuthbert's Care -

St Catherine's Home in Newcastle and Holy Cross Home in Sunderland. Should you wish to know more information, please contact Gill Ennis, St Cuthbert's Care Registered Manager, on 07779 248 185 and she will be delighted to help.

Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools. Appeal panel members hear parents appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you: are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher; have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions; have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting); are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email - education@diocesehn.org.uk or give them a call on 0191 2433313.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)