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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

1st Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 8 th	5.00pm	Paul & Rose Odile Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	March 9 th		
Monday	March 10 th	10.00am	Marcellus Ejiogu
Tuesday	March 11 th		
Wednesday	March 12 th		
Thursday	March 13 th		
Friday	March 14 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	March 15 th	5.00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 8 th	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	March 9 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Line Edgar
Monday	March 10 th		
Tuesday	March 11 th	12.05pm	McDonach & Butler families
Wednesday	March 12 th	12.05pm	Stephen Stanley & family
Thursday	March 13 th	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	March 14 th	12.05pm	Mary & George Wright
Saturday	March 15 th	11.00am (EF)	Armstrong Family
Sunday	March 16 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
		12.00pm	Danny Edgar

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

STATIONS of the CROSS 5.00pm Sunday

Confessions
Saturday 12.00 – 12.30 & Wednesday after 12.05 Mass

NO Exposition THIS Thursday

Sanctuary Candle: Jonathon, Lara and Otto

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.

Saint Dominic Savio's Story

So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954.



Feast day 9th March

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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

St Joseph's Easter Raffle – tickets will go on sale shortly for this – if you have anything you would like to donate as a prize please give items to any of the ushers or leave them in the office – Thank You



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 02/03/25
Loose Plate: £272.50 Gift Aided: £163

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 01/03/25
Loose Plate: £188.30 Gift Aid £77

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

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, this weekend, will be selling **handmade icons and crafts** at both Churches. All proceeds go towards helping the Sisters in their missionary work supporting the homeless and disabled.

Paul & Rose Odile are celebrating their 10th anniversary of their wedding at St Wilfrid's and tonight will renew their vows at Mass. Congratulations to Paul and Rose

CALLING ALL ANGELAS at St Joseph's – please make yourself known to Canon Michael as he has a letter for one of you



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

*Saturday 29
March*

*Cardinal Hume
Catholic School*

10.30am

Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus

Wrekenton,

11.30am Veneration

NE9 6RZ

1.30pm Talk

2pm Veneration

*Confessions will be available
throughout*

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.**