

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+  
GATESHEAD**

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**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES**

	MARCH		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	9	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	10		<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon	Angelina Edgar
Monday	11	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Tuesday	12			12.05pm	Intentions of Jovita Udeh
Wednesday	13			12.05pm	NO MASS
Thursday	14			12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	15	10.00am	Fr John McElhone (NBF)	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
				12.05pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	16		William Douglas	11.00am EF	Intentions of LMS
		5.00pm			
Sunday	17		<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12.00noon	

**CONFESSIONS** ST. JOSEPH'S Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.  
ST WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

**COLLECTIONS:** St Wilfrid's Collection £189.50 Gift Aid £97 Piety £22.50. Family Fast £26 Holy Places £5-.50

St Joseph's Collection £409

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** At St Wilfrid's: Silver Jubilee of Sr Claire  
At St Joseph's: John

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** A very happy Mothers` Day to all mothers.

**ST JOSEPH'S**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** Families of First Holy Communion candidates will be contacted via email this week regarding classes.

**FIRST COMMUNICANT'S TASK FOR 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March** Continue following all the instructions you have been given so far.

- Take your copy of the Lenten workbook and start the activities

**BOOK CLUB.** The next meeting will be on April 8th at 7pm when we will discuss Hilaire Belloc`s Path to Rome. All welcome.

**HOLY HOUR** There will be a Holy Hour on Wednesday from 7-8pm to pray that MPs will vote down Dame Diana Johnson`s amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill which will effectually decriminalise abortion to birth.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Friday at 11.30am.

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

The books have been removed to check for damage and to be repaired or removed as necessary. If you have any suitable books which you no longer use please consider donating them, leave them in the office. If anyone has a forward facing book case they no longer need it would be gratefully received.

**DONATIONS APPEAL** Thank you to those who have contributed. So far the total for St Joseph`s Debt fund is £1230.

**TUESDAY LUNCH GROUP** Parishioners may not be aware that on a Tuesday after Mass there is a lunch group which you are welcome to join. We ask for a small donation to cover costs

**SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE** is available after the 11 o`clock Mass in the Ingram Room off the sacristy.

## **ST WILFRID`S**

St Patrick, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards are on sale at the back of Church or in the kitchen. First Holy Communion medals and Prayer cards are also now on sale.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B (OF)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (EF)**

**9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Saint Louise de Marillac's**

Born near Meux, France, Louise lost her mother when she was still a child, her beloved father when she was but 15. Her desire to become a nun was discouraged by her confessor, and a marriage was arranged. One son was born of this union. But Louise soon found herself nursing her beloved husband through a long illness that finally led to his death.

Louise was fortunate to have a wise and sympathetic counsellor, Francis de Sales, and then his friend, the bishop of Belley, France. Both of these men were available to her only periodically. But from an interior illumination she understood that she was to undertake a great work under the guidance of another person she had not yet met. This was the holy priest Monsieur Vincent, later to be known as Saint Vincent de Paul.

At first, he was reluctant to be her confessor, busy as he was with his "Confraternities of Charity." Members were aristocratic ladies of charity who were helping him nurse the poor and look after neglected children, a real need of the day. But the ladies were busy with many of their own concerns and duties. His work needed many more helpers, especially ones who were peasants themselves and therefore, close to the poor and able to win their hearts. He also needed someone who could teach them and organize them.

Only over a long period of time, as Vincent de Paul became more acquainted with Louise, did he come to realize that she was the answer to his prayers. She was intelligent, self-effacing, and had physical strength and endurance that belied her continuing feeble health. The missions he sent her on eventually led to four simple young women joining her. Her rented home in Paris became the training centre for those accepted for the service of the sick and poor. Growth was rapid and soon there was the need for a so-called "rule of life," which Louise herself, under the guidance of Vincent, drew up for the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Monsieur Vincent had always been slow and prudent in his dealings with Louise and the new group. He said that he had never had any idea of starting a new community, that it was God who did everything. "Your convent," he said, "will be the house of the sick; your cell, a hired room; your chapel, the parish church; your cloister, the streets of the city or the wards of the hospital." Their dress was to be that of the peasant women. It was not until years later that Vincent de Paul would finally permit four of the women to take annual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. At her death on March 15, 1660, the congregation had more than 40 houses in France. Louise de Marillac was canonized in 1934 and declared patroness of social workers in 1960.

Feast day 15<sup>th</sup> March [Franciscanmedia.org](http://Franciscanmedia.org)