

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 14/03/ 2021

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A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED C No. 1143450

BOOKINGS FOR ST JOSEPH'S HALL: 07989 734644

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday and Mothers' Day

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalms: 136 Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

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Introit: Isaiah 66, 10, 11 Epistle: Galatians 4:22-31 Gradual: Psalm 121, 1, 2.
Gospel: John 6:1-15

Mass Online

www.churchservices.tv and www.mcnmedia.tv or <https://mass-online.org>
some parishes stream live on YouTube - search by parish name.

Lenten Reflections

a series of daily reflections for available on the diocesan website, or sign up for them to be emailed to you on a daily basis.

Youth Team video reflections: "Wait a Minute - It's Lent", are available daily via YMT's YouTube channel,
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVIOoCyoXRWub3zoPJorMhQ>

Global Healing Online Talks

Pope Francis has called each of us to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This Lent, there will be a series of reflective evenings with speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These documentaries will help us respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Hosted by the Global Catholic

Climate Movement Laudato Si' Animators in the UK. Speakers:

March 18th: Graham Gordan, Head of Public Policy at CAFOD

March 25th: Paul Kelly, a retired GP, is a Live Simply Award assessor and member of the NJPN (National Justice and Peace Network) Environment Group

Further details on their website: catholicclimatemovement.global or
email{ jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

Holy Week Celebrations

We will be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services, but only following all the current restrictions. The Vatican has given some guidance on what should be celebrated and how, and we are hoping to have further information from the Bishop's Conference soon, but we already know that it will not be a normal Holy Week or Easter.

The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for March 2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

A Very Happy Mothers' Day to All Mothers

Feast of Saint Joseph Friday 19th March

On Friday we celebrate the Feast our Parish Patron, Saint Joseph, Mass will be celebrated at 12.05 and 7.00pm (EF).

Pope Francis has proclaimed this a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

The Letter 'Patris Corde' marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration by Blessed Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

There will be suitable celebrations in the diocese during the year.

For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic Letter please visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

in his apostolic letter on St Joseph, Pope Francis highlights the following themes:

- A beloved father
- A tender and loving father
- An obedient father
- An accepting father
- A creatively courageous father
- A working father
- A father in the shadows

Novena to St Joseph

The Mill Hill Missionaries invite you to take part in a National Novena to St Joseph which will take place from 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and also to send in your petitions. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena Prayer leaflet. Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10th - 12th March), at 7.30pm; Saturday 13th March at 10am; Sunday 14th March at 11.00am; Monday - Thursday (15th - 18th March) at 7.30pm. To obtain the Novena leaflet please write to the Novena Director at St Joseph's Missionary Society, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW including a stamped addressed envelope, or email novenamhm@gmail.com. If you would like to send in a petition. Please write your petition along with your name and address, the name of the Parish and the Town. Please indicate if you require a receipt and make cheques payable to "St Joseph's Missionary Society". Send to the address above.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

You can keep yourself informed about Parish activities and more by following us on Social Media:
Face Book and Twitter

And by logging into the parish website at: <https://stjosephstwilfridsgatesheadnewsblog.wordpress.com/>

Or the Parish Blog at: <http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk>

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	13 th March	People of the Parish	5.00pm		11.00am (EF)
Sunday	14 th			Pat Elvin Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	15 th	Funeral Service for Bob Adams	10.45 am		
Tuesday	16 th			Intentions of Peter and Mary Beth	12.05
Wednesday St Patrick's Day	17 th	No Mass as Canon Michael attends		Requiem for Fr Tom Cunningham	
Thursday	18 th			Peter Dickson	In Private
Friday St Joseph's Day	19 th			Fr Tom Cunningham Deceased Members of Wright and Urwin Families	12.05 7.00pm (EF)
Saturday	20 th	People of the Parish	5.00pm	A.T.	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	21 st			Robert and Alistair Anderson Priest's Intentions	10.00 am Midday (EF)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, THE SICK AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY PHONING CANON MICHAEL OR SPEAKING TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER MASS

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted.

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Wilfrid's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution" for collection money

"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

GIFT AID

Doesn't cost you a penny, but charges the taxman 25p in every pound. Find out more, please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wifrid's to find out more about becoming a Gift Aider.

Making Your Will?

Have you heard about 'Legacy Donations'? Will you remember your parish in your will? It is a great help to the running of our parishes when we receive a legacy donation.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2021

£3 paperback or £3.50 for ring bound. Please see canon Brown if you would like one

Universe and Catholic Times Readers

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER for 3 MONTHS:-£25.00; SPECIAL OFFER for 12 Months:-£99.00; OR DIGITAL COPY for 12 Months: £55.00

Pilgrimage to Rome

The rescheduled pilgrimage due to leave on May 3rd, has been cancelled as international travel is not permitted until the 17th May. You may transfer your booking to a Pilgrimage led by Canon John Cooper departing on the 25th October, or have your money returned in full. Canon Michael is intending to lead a pilgrimage at a later date, more information to follow.

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on a Thursday.

If you wish to receive/continue to receive this newsletter by email please contact: shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk

ST WILFRID'S

'CANDLE OF HOPE' these are LED candles with, on the reverse, the Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady imploring an end to the corona virus.

These are priced at £6 each and are beautiful. We also have Stations of the Cross, Rosary booklets and all types of crosses to help with spiritual preparations for Easter. Please see Rachel if you want any of these items.

If you would like to take part in the 'Gift Aid' scheme please speak to Stephen Hogarth

St Joseph's

A message from Alan Young Gift Aid Rep

I will be distributing the 2021- 2022 Gift Aid Envelopes before the 10.00 and 12.00 Masses on the following Sundays: - 21st and 28th March 2021.

I will be situated at the back of church, Please maintain 2 meter rule.

I will also have forms for anyone who wishes to become a member.

To those who pay by standing order, everything is taken care of.

**Thanks to Canon Michael and our volunteers public Mass continues as follows: -
St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm
St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF), Tuesday 12.05pm,
Friday 12.05**

**Please Continue at all times, even if you have been vaccinated, to: -
cover FACE, leave SPACE, wash HANDS regularly**

and

DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS

Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you. Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

**Please consider helping with the CLEANING at our churches, if you can help
Email: gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk**

Lenten Alms "At St Cuthbert's Care, we provide a very personal and sensitive approach to our care. The pandemic has made this so much more challenging for us. Throughout the past year, we have carefully transformed the delivery of all our frontline services, to ensure residents and service users still enjoy life to the full. Replicating this care to every resident throughout our nursing homes alongside our disability provision and children's homes has been at a significant cost, and these increased costs look set to continue for some time to come. Circumstances have been difficult for us all this year. For this Lent Appeal, any donation we receive towards our frontline care work, however small, would be deeply appreciated. I now that for some parishioners, financial donations may not be an option and I fully accept this. Thank You. Moira Ashman. If you wish to make a donation please place an offering in an envelope and mark it either "Lenten Alms" or "St Cuthbert's Care" and drop off at the Presbytery

New Lectionary for our Readings

The Bishops of England and Wales website - cbcew.org.uk - last week informed us of the latest development of the New Lectionary for use throughout England and Wales. The change to the new English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible, rather than the Jerusalem Bible, is likely to be effective sometime in 2022, so don't buy a new Missal just yet for your personal use! All texts used in our Masses and Liturgies will change to this new translation

Justice and Peace refugee Project

St Vincent's Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle NE1 2TQ

Deliveries can only be received on Mondays, 10.30am-1.30pm

Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed in advance.

Contact Sara Harris, Refugee Project Co-ordinator Tel: **07407091184**

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild

a literary competition for schoolchildren - the theme is:

"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"

A maximum of 20 lines

The lines don` t have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds.

Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51

Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW

Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Deadline: 8th April 2021

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.