

St Joseph's Catholic
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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**15th March 2026 – Year A – Laetare Sunday
Mother's day**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	14 th March	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	15 th March		
Monday	16 th March	10.00am	No Intention
Tuesday	17 th March		
Wednesday	18 th March		
Thursday	19 th March		
Friday	20 th March	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	21 st March	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	15 th March	10.00am 12.00pm(EF)	People of the Parish Leo & Angelina Edgar
Monday	16 th March		
Tuesday	17 th March	12.05pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	18 th March	10.00pm	No Intention
Thursday	19 th March	12.05pm	No Intention
Friday	20 th March	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)	No Intention Thanksgiving to Holy family
Saturday	21 st March	11.00am (EF)	Joseph Kim
Sunday	22 nd March	10.00am 12.00 (EF)	George and Elsie Dalton People of the Parish

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:
Verina Telford

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

EXPOSITION of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** 11.00am – 11.55am

Parish Finances

St Joseph's

Account Details

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Account Number: 31164066
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead St Joseph

February Income & Outgoings

Income: £4769.96
Outgoings: £6968.00

St Wilfrid's

Account Details for

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid
Account Number: 01164120
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

February Income & Outgoing

Income: £1631.10.
Outgoings: £623.58

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme which enables the parish to claim back tax on the money donated, it costs nothing extra to you but can add a lot to parish funds.

Altar Servers

We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in serving please speak to Canon Michael

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office

Book Club will meet on 1st April at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss the film The Stations of the Cross. All welcome.

Young Persons' Social Group (formally Youth Club)
Next Meeting **Sunday 22nd March at 6pm** come along to relax with your friends. Anyone aged 11yrs – 16yrs is very welcome; there is no ongoing commitment to this group, just email to say you are coming. The format changes each time – sometimes we have benediction, sometimes we have a film about the life of a saint, we always have snacks, free time, games and activities and we always finish with a prayer. Why not come along and see what you think?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Continues each Friday at 4.30pm
Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity
Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs

First Holy Communion

Do you have a child who has already passed their 6th birthday or who will reach this milestone by the end of August 2026? Would they like to make their first Holy Communion? Register today, preparation classes will begin soon.

Confirmation

Any young person aged 12+ who would like to be confirmed may fill in an application form and once we have a minimum of 8 young people we will begin preparation classes.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits served with a smile. Available in the hall **EVERY SUNDAY** straight after the 10.00am Mass.

After the 12.00pm Mass today and on the following dates: 29th March, 26th April, and 10th May
These sessions could become a weekly occurrence if we had some more volunteers to run them – please speak to Canon Michael if you can help

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Take extra care in the car park and on entry to the hall whilst scaffolding is up.

PASTORAL STRATEGY

In Bishop Stephen's Pastoral Letter read at all Masses two weeks ago, we heard about God's calling for our Diocese. The hopes and challenges we all face in the coming years. All parishioners are asked to reflect (as we did with the Forward Together in Hope process ten years ago) and discern on their mission as we continue our journey to live as a diocese.

Information is available via: www.https://diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy/. There you will find the 'diocesan toolkit' with a set of questions for reflection and discussion.

Copies of the questionnaire are available at the back of church today Please take a copy.

Each parish will have a meeting to discuss these. There will be a meeting for St Wilfrid's on Thursday 19th March at 6.30pm and at St Joseph's on Thursday 26th March at 6.30pm.

Saint Joseph's Story

The Bible pays Saint Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Feast Day 19th March

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 19th March – Meeting at St Wilfrid’s – 6.30pm

Thursday 26th March – Meeting at St Joseph’s – 6.30pm

Sunday 22nd March – Young Person’s Social – 6.00pm – Church Hall

Tuesday April 1st – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph’s Presbytery

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help clean the church on a regular basis, if you are interested and can give some time each week please ask for a volunteer registration form.

Health and Safety regulations mean cleaning volunteers must not work alone.

If you would like to volunteer to serve refreshments after the midday Mass please speak to Canon Michael and collect a volunteer form.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

Mass Intentions

Recently there has been a falling off in the number of Mass intentions. However, we have a good number of intentions for Saturday night and Sunday Masses. Please remember a priest can only take one Mass offering per day and Saturday night counts as a Sunday Mass. Apologies if you have put in an intention for a Saturday night or Sunday morning and, as no specific date was asked for, you have been waiting a long time. All Masses will eventually be said

PARISH LIBRARY

PLEASE LEAVE BOOKS you are DONATING to the LIBRARY in the OFFICE, NOT on the SHELVES. THANK YOU.

St Joseph's

Our Catholic Primary Schools

St Wilfrid's

A Catholic school is not sustained by buildings or budgets, but by the faith of a community willing to pass the Gospel on to the next generation. If we want our children to grow in faith, we must be willing to stand behind the places where that faith is taught, the future of a Catholic school depends not on how many Catholics live nearby, but on how many are willing to care.

We can build a stronger bond with our parish primary schools through prayer and active participation. PLEASE come along to the School Masses which are held periodically throughout the year.

Partnership Lenten Courses

Fr Christopher Warren is offering a time of reflection and a book group for Lent based on the book 'Easter in Disguise' The 2026 Lent Book published by Bloomsbury. This book is a companion to the six weeks of Lent, with each week and its gospel focus corresponding to one of Jesus' six spiritualities of social justice. It culminates in a fresh look at the traditions of Holy Week. Everyone is welcome at Corpus Christi on Wednesdays during Lent at 18.30 for a time of prayer and reflection on the chapter. Contact St Peter's Parish Office to reserve a copy or source your own copy (available in a variety of formats).

Something to Follow for Lent: A Partnership Wide Lenten Course focused on helping people enter more deeply into prayer will be offered on Wednesday evenings during Lent in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 6.30pm. The course will offer lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. Each hour long session is based on a short filmed presentation by Fr. Stephen Wang, (Who is also the author of the Sycamore RCIA Course). Topics covered include:

Session 4 HOW TO PRAY THE MASS

Session 5 SILENT PRAYER AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD

All are most welcome to attend all or any of these sessions.

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.