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2nd Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 15 th	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 16 th		
Monday St Patrick's day	March 17 th	10.00am	Protection of Fruit of the Womb
Tuesday	March 18 th		
Wednesday Feast of St Joseph	March 19 th		
Thursday Feast of St Cuthbert	March 20 th		
Friday	March 21 st	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	March 22 nd	5.00pm	Peggy & Billy Mohan

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Candle: Maria Bell

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 15 th	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	March 16 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
		12.00pm (EF)	Danny Edgar
Monday St Patrick's day	March 17 th		
Tuesday	March 18 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday Feast of St Joseph	March 19 th	10.00am	Holy Souls
		19.00hrs (EF)	Intentions of Joseph Patrick D.
Thursday Feast of St Cuthbert	March 20 th	12.05pm	TV Joseph
Friday	March 21 st	12.05pm	Stephen Stanley and Family
Saturday	March 22 nd	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	March 23 rd	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Priest's Intentions

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

STATIONS of the CROSS 11.30 Friday

Confessions
Saturday 12.00 – 12.30 & Wednesday after 12.05 Mass

Exposition Thursday 11.00am – 11.55am

Sanctuary Candle: Joseph, Katie & Jonah

Laetare 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. This is a 'shared table' event so we ask that parishioners bring along some food to share. Teas/coffees/soft drinks will be provided.

Saint Joseph's Story

The Bible pays 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

franciscanmedia.org

Wembley

Good Luck to Newcastle United as they take on Liverpool in the Carabao Cup final.



Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale this weekend at £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, that is five chances to win one of the fabulous prizes for just £1



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+ is held at 4.30pm each Friday 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 classes will begin for regular Mass attendees in April/May.

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.

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

The next meeting is on Monday 21st April at 7.00pm, to discuss "the Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene. All are welcome.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's will be open on Sunday 23rd March between the two Masses. We can only accept cash payments at this time.

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 08/03/25
Loose Plate: £166 Gift Aid £122

St Joseph's Weekly Income 09/03/25
Loose Plate: £204 Gift Aided: £105

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

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

ALL parishioners are cordially invited by Fr Marc Lyden-Smith, to attend Mass with the relics of Blessed Carlo on Saturday 29th March at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by veneration at 11.30, a talk at 1.30 and veneration at 2.00pm and confessions are available throughout the day.

Tickets for this event are available free of charge by accessing CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

We urge ALL young people in particular, especially those who have recently made or are about to make their first Holy Communion, to take advantage of this wonderful experience and to find out more about Blessed Carlo Acutis who is scheduled to be the first millennial saint when he is canonized in April.

Find out more at CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

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/m1MQfReuZD>

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:

The theme of this Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation.

More information about the Jubilee Year is available on the diocesan website

<https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

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.** Please write to or meet with your MP. For further details, contact Terry Graham at: terrygraham@spuc.org.uk