

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 21/03/ 2021

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BOOKINGS FOR ST JOSEPH'S HALL: 07989 734644

Fifth Sunday of Lent (OF), First of Passiontide (EF)

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Psalm: 50 Second Reading: *Hebrews 5: 7-9* Gospel:
John 12:20-33

(EF)

Introit: *Psalm 42, 1. 2.* Epistle: *Hebrews 9:11-15* Gradual: *Psalm 142, 9. 10.*
Gospel: *John 8:46-59*

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 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

Saint Joseph

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

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.

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

PRO-LIFE

Vaccinations **SAVE LIVES**, all vaccinations against **COVID-19** are safe, and in guidance from the Vatican there is **NO** legitimate reason to refuse yours on moral grounds, in fact to refuse is putting the lives of others at risk and this can **NEVER** be in line with Catholic Teaching.

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	20 th March	People of the Parish	5.00pm		11.00am (EF)
Sunday	21 st			Robert and Alistair Anderson Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	22 nd			Intentions of Anna Barnes	In Private
Tuesday	23 rd			Sylvia and George Armstrong	12.05
Wednesday	24 th			Adrian Barnes	In Private
Thursday	25 th			Margaret Seymour	In Private
Friday	26 th			Moira and George McGowan	12.05
Saturday	27 th	John Rath	5.00pm	Thomas and Rebecca Carrott in Thanksgiving for Marriage	11.00 (EF)
Sunday Palm Sunday	28 th			People of the Parish Fr Wilf Elkin	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.

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.

Donations

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

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle	Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Wilfrid's	St Joseph's
Sort Code 40-34-18	Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 01164120	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.

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE We are looking for volunteers to help in the garden to bag up all the leaves and to give a general tidy up. Also we need help with some pointing around the church and perimeter walls. All help will be very much appreciated

St Joseph's

Alan Young, Gift Aid Rep, will be distributing the 2021- 2022 Gift Aid Envelopes before the 10.00 and 12.00 Masses on Sunday 21st and 28th March.

He will be at the back of church.

Please maintain 2 meter rule.

Forms will be available for anyone who wishes to become a member.

Thank you to those who have made generous donations for the improvement of security around the church and presbytery

Choir Loft and Lourdes Garden funds are still open and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

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

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.

New Lectionary for our Readings

The Bishops of England and Wales website - cbcew.org.uk - 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

Clocks Change Please note that the clocks go forward on Sunday 28th March in the UK (next weekend).

National Day of Reflection

Tuesday 23rd March has been designated as a National Day of Reflection for COVID-19 to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm.

The English Bishops have written these words to encourage us ... "We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer. "

There is so much on which to reflect and include in our prayer

We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.

We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive.

We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.

We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus.

Full text available on 'cbcew.org.uk'

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