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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**22nd March 2026 – Year A – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Of)
Passion Sunday (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	21 st March	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	22 nd March		
Monday	23 rd March	10.00am	Ronnie and Jean Bell
Tuesday	24 th March		
Wednesday	25 th March		
Thursday	26 th March		
Friday	27 th March	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	28 th March	5.00pm	Fred, Ellen and Michael Barker

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	22 nd March	10.00am 12.00pm(EF)	George and Elsie Dalton People of the Parish
Monday	23 rd March		
Tuesday	24 th March	12.05pm	Maureen Wilson
Wednesday	25 th March	10.00pm	Jinky Barawed
Thursday	26 th March	12.05pm	Special Intention (RP)
Friday	27 th March	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	28 th March	11.00am (EF)	Fr Gary Dickson
Sunday	29 th March	10.00am 12.00 (EF)	Priest's intention 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.

BAPTISM

Would ALL those interested in having their child(ren) Baptised please come to a short meeting straight after the 10.00am Mass TODAY to discuss arrangements for the Baptism preparation session.

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

Preparation classes for children who are regular Mass attendees and for whom application forms have been submitted will begin after Easter.

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.

Young Persons' Social Group (formally Youth Club)

Scheduled for 6.00pm this evening **has been postponed** due to unforeseen circumstances. Please watch this space for the re-scheduling of the session.
Apologies to all who hoped to come along.

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://diocesahn.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 at St Joseph's on Thursday 26th March at 6.30pm.

Saint Catherine of Genoa's Story

Going to confession one day was the turning point of Catherine's life.

When Saint Catherine of Genoa was born, many Italian nobles were supporting Renaissance artists and writers. The needs of the poor and the sick were often overshadowed by a hunger for luxury and self-indulgence. Catherine's parents were members of the nobility in Genoa. At 13, she attempted to become a nun but failed because of her age. At 16, she married Julian, a nobleman who turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while she tried to numb her disappointment by a life of selfish pleasure.

One day in confession she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave good example to Julian, who soon turned from his self-centered life of distraction. Julian's spending, however, had ruined them financially. He and Catherine decided to live in the Pammatone, a large hospital in Genoa, and to dedicate themselves to works of charity there. After Julian's death in 1497, Catherine took over management of the hospital.

Saint Catherine of Genoa wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God. Life with God in heaven is a continuation and perfection of the life with God begun on earth.

Exhausted by her life of self-sacrifice, Catherine died September 15, 1510, and was canonized in 1737. The liturgical feast of Saint Catherine of Genoa is celebrated on September 15.

Feast Day 26th March

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

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

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 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.