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Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 22 nd	5.00pm	Peggy & Billy Mohan
Sunday	March 23 rd		
Monday	March 24 th	10.00am	Protection of Fruit of the Womb
Tuesday	March 25 th		
Wednesday	March 26 th		
Thursday	March 27 th		
Friday	March 28 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	March 29 th	5.00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	March 22 nd	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	March 23 rd	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Priest's Intentions
Monday	March 24 th		
Tuesday	March 25 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	March 26 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	March 27 th	12.05pm	McDonald & Hall Families
Friday	March 28 th	12.05pm	Livia Toscanbolt
Saturday	March 29 th	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of Philip Dillon
Sunday	March 30 th	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
		12.00pm	Molly Scott

(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: Bethan

Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday a day of joy within the period of solemnity, it is also **Mothers' Day**, a day we honour our own mothers and our 'Mother Church', the church where we were baptised.

This year **Laetare Sunday** is extra special for five of our children, **Frey, Chris, Dominic, Isobel** and **John** will be making their **first Holy Communion** during the **10.00am Mass**.

All parishioners are **invited** to join the children and their families in the hall after Mass where there will be a **small celebration**. This is a '**shared table**' event, so we ask each person to **bring** along a **contribution of food all can share**, teas/coffees/soft drinks will be provided.

The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.



Feast day 25th March

franciscanmedia.org

Wembley

Congratulations to Newcastle United on winning the Carabao Cup.



Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale 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 THIS Sunday 23rd March between the two Masses. We can only accept cash payments at this time.

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 15/03/25
Loose Plate: £200 Gift Aid £167

St Joseph's Weekly Income 16/03/25
Loose Plate: £308.40 Gift Aided: £170

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

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 BillMPs 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