

**Saint Joseph's Catholic Church**  
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**Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church**  
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Palm Sunday*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Celebrant's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	March 24 <sup>th</sup> St Palm Sunday			People of the Parish Danny Edgar	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Souls	10.00am		
Tuesday	March 26 <sup>th</sup>			Holy Souls	12.05pm
Wed	March 27 <sup>th</sup>			George & Mona McGowan	12.05pm
Thursday	March 28 <sup>th</sup>			Pat Turnbull	7.00pm (EF)
Friday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>			Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	11.30am 3.00pm
Saturday	March 30 <sup>th</sup>			Celebrant's Intention	7.00pm
Sunday	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	People of the Parish	9.30am	Intentions of Tony Turnbull African Mass	Midday (EF) 2.00pm

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11-11.55am**

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

St Wilfrid's:

St Joseph's: For peace on Ukraine and the Holy Land

**Income 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

St Wilfrid's: - £205.70 Gift Aided- £30  
 St Joseph's - £397.01 of which £95.25 was Gift Aided  
 Many Thanks

### First Holy Communion

**Next Class for FIRST GROUP is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm in the presbytery, the parents' of these candidates have been contacted directly, please note: If you haven't been contacted about this class do not just turn up, we cannot take more than the numbers prepared for.**

#### Group One

**Harry, Hector, Osaretin, Justin, Chisom, Jessica, Raphael, Reon, Andre**

**If you missed the first class last Wednesday please collect your text book and quiz from Canon Michael today**

Parents' of children already registered for classes will be contacted directly via email when there is a class beginning for their child. Please ensure we have the correct contact details.

**If you have received no emails from us regarding the position of the preparation classes, but have already expressed an interest, then it means we do not have your correct email address, please email your details to Canon Michael as soon as possible.**

If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please collect an application form from the office.

**Activity this Week :** Read the 'Easter Story' in the Bible.

### Tuesday Club

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass  
Join us for a light lunch, a warm welcome and friendly conversation as well as bingo and other activities  
All this for a small donation of £1 per person  
For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

### Book Club

We meet again on April<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the presbytery.  
The book we are reading is Hilaire Belloc's 'Path to Rome'

This is an informal, friendly group and new members are always welcome. We often have lively chat accompanied by refreshments of various kinds.

### Children's Library

Books have been checked, repaired and replaced.  
Please parents' supervise your child's use of the library.

### Parking for Mass at St Joseph's

Our car-park is relatively small; there is enough space for approximately 20 cars when all are parked carefully. Please **DO NOT Park down the middle of the car park** as this blocks access for emergency services if needed and traps other drivers in. If you arrive when the car-park is full please park in the public car-park a minute's walk from the church grounds.

**ATTENTION 10.00am Mass attendees, please do not leave your car in the car-park after Mass whilst you 'pop to the shops' - those coming to Mass at Mid-day will need the parking spaces, all 10.00am cars ought to be out of the car-park by 11.30 at the very latest.**

Thank you for your co-operation  
parking with respect for others is the Christian way.

### Raising Funds

Both parishes of St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's are in debt, we need to raise funds to try and begin to clear as much of this debt as possible especially in the present climate where the diocese is looking to make savings and churches which appear not to be self sufficient could come under scrutiny for closure.

If you want your parish to remain open please consider making a donation, doing some fund raising, adding a legacy to your will, increasing your weekly or monthly donations and consider gift aiding them.

### Gift Aid Appeal

**This scheme asks nothing more of you personally other than to complete a form. You do not have to give more than you do at present, you do not have to commit to a certain amount each week, and you do not even have to commit to giving every week. Once registered there is nothing more for you to do, your donation will automatically be given a boost by the tax man, every penny you give via your dedicated envelope raises an extra 25% for the parish. Please speak to Mr. Alan Young for more information**

### Saturday Morning Coffee

After the 11 o'clock Mass in the Ingram Room off the sacristy. A small donation is asked to cover costs of tea, coffee, biscuits and the use of the room which requires heating and lighting.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place at St Joseph's Church on Friday at 11.30am.

Please take this newsletter home with you or sign up to receive it via email - send your email address to [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **HALL RENTAL**

Our Church Hall is available for anyone to hire subject to availability and adherence to hall policies  
**If you would like to book the hall for any event please contact Canon Michael via email initially.**

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese  
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](http://diocesehn.org.uk)  
[diocesehn.org.uk](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright on Holy Thursday, 28th March at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne. At this Mass, the priests present renew their Priestly Commitment to their Ministry and the Bishop blesses the Oils used for the celebration of the Sacraments in the parishes. All Welcome.