

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	MAR		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	25	5.00pm	John Henry Higgins		
Sunday	26			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Private Intention
				2.00pm	African Mass
				4.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Monday	27	10.00am	Heany family		
Tuesday	28			12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
				1.00pm	Funeral Service: Ada Mayer
Wednesday	29			12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	30			12.05pm	In thanksgiving (SW)
Friday	31	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05 pm	Catherine Banning
				1.00pm	Wedding
Saturday	APRIL 1			10.00	Anniversary Mass
		5.00pm	People of the Parish	11.30am	Edmund and Mary O'Donnell
				(EF)	
Sunday	2			10.00am	Gerge & Elizabeth McDonald
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	James and Veronica Foster
				3.00pm	Holy Hour

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS

COLLECTIONS: 19.03.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £270.10 Midweek £119.92
12 noon £189.82
Total £459.92

St Wilfrid's. £133.297 Donation £20

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers, Bernadette Hand and Alexis May Miller

SYRIAN PROJECT. £1051.90 raised so far. Next collection April 2nd.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to the housebound parishioners in Sunderland Road on Friday morning this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The next session, led by Sr Jacinta, will take place on Sunday April 2nd at 4pm in the presbytery at St Wilfrid's.

ST JOSEPH'S

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARISMATICS IN HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE. Bishop Cunningham will celebrate Mass on Saturday at 10 to mark this anniversary. Latin Mass will take place at 11.30.

SAFEGUARDING. Our safeguarding rep, Raj, will be distributing forms to those who need their safeguarding check updated. These include adult altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, organists and key holders.

MISSION BOXES Could all those with a red mission box please bring this in to Church and leave it either with David the organist at the 10.00 Mass or in the sacristy. Thank you. If any parishioner would like a mission box please see David at Mass or telephone him on 07592291358.'

ST WILFRID'S

PIETY STALL; New stock is available at the back of Church including First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards and Easter Cards. Other new stock is also available including various Prayer Cards and other items so please do have a look.

ST WILFRID'S UPDATE. As you may have noticed, last week had a new Loop System installed and Fr got a new microphone!!! It is lovely to be able to hear people properly!!! This has been made possible by donations, the domino card, tombola, raffles and bonus ball and this is were that money is being used. It has also paid for painting, roof fixing and other jobs that have needed doing.

We are in the advance stages of ordering new signage for the church too. You are all playing a vital role to St. Wilfrid's as it continues to swim against the tide. But we could not do without our band of helpers to whom we owe a debt of gratitude .May God Bless You All.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE`S PLACE at St. Joseph`s Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers.If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335.We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: A RESPONSE As we move into new partnerships, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people`s survey `The Way We See It ` and Pope Francis` call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. Th speaker will be the Anglican Rev David Wilkinson of St John`s College, Durham. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a Diocesan Conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on SATURDAY 13TH MAY. Every church community is asked to be represented. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team (01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org) Details also on YMT website www.ymt.org

INTERFAITH SERVICE Following the events in London earlier this week, there will be an Interfaith Prayer for Unity Service on Sunday 26th March at 3pm at St Mary`s Cathedral. We will come together to pray and encourage people to continue to work together for peace and unity.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent:Year A (OF)

Fourth Sunday of Lent (EF)

25th /26th March 2017

Saint Catherine of Genoa

(1447 – September 15, 1510)

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

When Catherine 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.

She 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.

Feast Day March 26th

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