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Our Lady & St Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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**3rd May 2026 – Year A – Fifth Sunday of Easter (OF)
Fourth Sunday after Easter (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	2 nd May	5.00pm	Jean & Ronnie Bell
Sunday	3 rd May		
Monday	4 th May	10.00am	Intentions of Elsie Moreland
Tuesday	5 th May		
Wednesday	6 th May		
Thursday	7 th May		
Friday	8 th May	10.00am	Fr Pat McKenna
Saturday	9 th May		Maureen Wakes

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	3 rd May	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the parish Priest's Intention
Monday	4 th May		
Tuesday	5 th May	12.05pm	Bill Henderson
Wednesday	6 th May	12.05pm	Maureen Wilson
Thursday	7 th May	12.05pm	For healing and restoration of family
Friday	8 th May	12.05pm	Mary & George Wright
Saturday	9 th May	11.00am (EF)	Nick Murray
Sunday	10 th May	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Priest's Intention

(EF) = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Sanctuary Candle:

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

The Sacraments

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office.

We usually expect first Holy Communion candidates to be aged 6+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.

First Holy Communion preparation classes continue on Saturday Mornings at 9.15am – parents for those involved have been contacted.

All candidates for first Holy Communion and Confirmation MUST be attending Mass regularly.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile

Today straight after each Mass

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 19th May** at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss 'The Idiot' by Dostoevsky. All welcome

Please park in marked parking bays only, if the car park is full please find an alternative parking area.

If you regularly give via Gift Aid envelopes please collect your new pack from the back of church.

If you want to sign up for this scheme please speak to **Iain Dunn** at St Joseph's or **Stephen Hogarth** at St Wilfrid's

House blessings

If you would like your house blessed please arrange a time and date with Canon Brown.

First Holy Communion Candidates

Please keep in your prayers; Ember, Sinachi, Chris, Gabriella, Vera and Jacob as they prepare to make their first Holy Communion this summer.

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

Altar Servers

There will be a training and social session for ALL our servers very soon. Please ask parents to check emails.

We are always happy to welcome new altar servers to our teams, if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please come along to a 'taster' session.

Young Persons' Social Group for those aged 11 to 16yrs will meet again very soon.

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

April Income & Outgoings

Income: £

Outgoings: £

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

April Income & Outgoing

Income: £

Outgoings: £

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.

Please remember in your prayers **Alan Young** who died this week, "**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him Oh Lord May He Rest in Peace**" – we remember all the years of service Alan gave to the parish in his role as 'Health and Safety' representative and 'Gift Aid Organiser', he will be missed by many.

Saint Hilary of Arles' Story

It's been said that youth is wasted on the young. In some ways, that was true for today's saint.

Born in France in the early fifth century, Hilary of Arles came from an aristocratic family. In the course of his education he encountered his relative, Honoratus, who encouraged the young man to join him in the monastic life. Hilary did so. He continued to follow in the footsteps of Honoratus as bishop. Hilary was only 29 when he was chosen bishop of Arles.

The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. Hilary of Arles did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels to ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

That was the bright side. Hilary encountered difficulty in his relationships with other bishops over whom he had some jurisdiction. He unilaterally deposed one bishop. He selected another bishop to replace one who was very ill—but, to complicate matters, did not die! Pope Saint Leo the Great kept Hilary a bishop but stripped him of some of his powers.

Hilary of Arles died at 49. He was a man of talent and piety who in due time, had learned how to be a bishop

Feast day May 5th

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 19th May – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

VOLUNTEERS

Cleaners meet on a **Friday afternoon** to clean the Church and Sacristy, if you have some spare time to give to the parish please fill in a volunteers form and come along to help with this important job.

Health and Safety regulations mean cleaning volunteers must not work alone.

Teas/coffees are served after each Mass on a Sunday; we could do with some more volunteers to help out on a Rota basis so that it doesn't fall on the same people every week. If you would like to volunteer for this role please ask for a volunteer form.

Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please collect a volunteer's 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.

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

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Led by Bishop Stephen 22nd – 29th October 2027 £1725 per person.

Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place.

The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk) or alternatively via the parish office.

Saturday May 9th AGM of the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council

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www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.