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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (OF) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter (EF) 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> May		
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell Families
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> May		
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> May		
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> May		
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Fr William Dickinson
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> May		

**Confessions:** before Mass on Saturday

**St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services**

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)	Matthew Bell People of the Parish
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> May		
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Private Intention (TT)
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	George & Mona McGowan
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Margaret & Bill Brown
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	Priest's Intention Nick Murray

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

**Confessions:**  
After Wednesday Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

**Sanctuary Candle:** Members of Donald Family. Living & Dead

## 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 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. He 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 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 5<sup>th</sup>

Franciscan Media



**Easter Raffle** Please would all winners collect their prizes before the end of the week – thank you.

**Winning Ticket** holders are: –

**John Smith**

**Sheila McCready**

**Hallie W.**

**Mary Francis**

### **Baptism**

We welcome into the church **Charlotte Miles** who was baptised on Saturday and **Angel** and **Kenneth Ikwuzom** who are Baptised today. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

If you have a child you would like to be Baptised please speak to Canon Michael and complete an application form.

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Would **all** those who have **signed up for Gift Aid envelopes** and have not yet received them please **collect** yours from the **back of church** – please **ensure you take the box with your name** on it. Thank you.

Did someone say **FREE** teas and coffees?



And **Free** biscuits too?

Come along to the church hall straight after 10.00am Mass each Sunday.

**PARKING** – Please **DO NOT Park** down the **middle** of the car park – this is an **EMERGENCY** access point and **must be kept clear** at all times. Cars **MUST** be parked within the parking bays and if these are full there is a car park on Walker Terrace just behind the church. Please Park Responsibly and consider the safety and comfort of others. Thank You

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES** begin on **TODAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 5.30pm.

**Applicants MUST COMMIT** to attending **ALL** sessions and any additional events prepared for them.

**There will be 8 sessions in all and each session will last approximately one to one and a half hours.**

Anyone aged 11+ interested in being confirmed please email [stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com) to have forms emailed out to you, or collect forms from the office.

Next Confirmations will be in 2027

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** begin **TOMORROW - MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 4.15pm and each Monday after that.

**We anticipate each session will last for approximately one hour and the number of sessions will depend upon the children's prior knowledge and understanding.**

**ALL children MUST be attending Mass regularly and an application form must be completed and returned to the office prior to the first class.**

Any child over the age of 7 is welcome to apply to make their first Holy Communion; names will be added to the waiting list for future classes.

### **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 or one of our current Servers or collect an application form from the office.

### **Spring Cleaning or hanging onto unwanted Christmas presents? Do you produce craft items you would like to sell?**

Don't throw anything out; instead consider renting a table for £5 at our next **Table -Top sale**. You can keep anything you make or you can donate your takings to the parish.

No food or drink to be sold by table hirers as Refreshments will be available at this event to raise funds for the parish.

Further information will be available soon.

### **Stella Maris is leading a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday May 31st**

Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world.

They improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through a network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

**Please come together to support this event.**

See poster for further information

### **ST STEPHEN'S GUILD MEMBERS THIS IS FOR YOU**

**The National Mass for members and their families** will be held at **Lancaster Cathedral** on **Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 12.15pm – 2.00pm.

If any altar servers and families would be interested in going together as a Parish group please email: [stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com) Or fill in the form at the back of church. Please note all under 18's MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian

If there is enough interest we will consider hiring a bus.

### **PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER**

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Access it via the website;

[www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)

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

- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to; [stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)

If you don't bother to read the bulletin you are missing out on Parish News and Activities and letting your parish down.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have recently received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, may their faith be strengthened day by day.

Pray also for all those preparing to receive the sacraments, especially; Collette, Olaedo, Eric, Daniel and Christabel who are beginning preparation for Confession and first Holy Communion and Merit, Esther, John, Osaretin, Raphael, Franco, Rory, Billy, James, Tom, Andre and Cordelia who begin preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

### **St Joseph's Weekly Income 27/04/25**

Loose Plate: £248.50 Gift Aided: £180.70

### **St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 26/04/25**

Loose Plate: £206 Gift Aid £90 Easter Offering: £25

**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>.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2025 this year will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

***Hope in a Time of Darkness***

This is a lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at 7:45pm in the Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year’s Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands. For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>.

***Science and Faith: An Invitation to Conversation***

Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, at the Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm. “At ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science) and YMT, we value the work and vocation of those who work in science, technology, and engineering; we value this as a gift from God and as an opportunity for the mission and ministry of the church. We would like to talk with those who are involved in science at whatever level in university, industry, schools, or the health service about the possibility of doing work in local churches in the diocese.” This is an open invitation to begin a conversation and explore how these gifts can enrich the life and mission of our parishes. All are welcome! For more information, please contact [phillipsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillipsalkeld@ymt.org) or 01207 592244

***Assisted Dying Bill***

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is to be debated back in the House of Commons for its Third Reading on 16<sup>th</sup> May, delayed by three weeks for further consideration. It has undergone significant changes since an initial vote in Parliament in November. Some of the safeguards that were there to protect the vulnerable in such difficult situations have been eased, or taken away, making this Bill slightly more worrying. While we know our two local MPs David Smith MP and Ian Lavery MP are probably going to vote against this Bill, it is still good for us to be persistent in our lobbying of Parliament to encourage more to oppose this Bill

***Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May is Good Shepherd Sunday and is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are all asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life regularly, but especially on the day of Prayer.