

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	MAY		SAINT WILFRID'S	SAINT JOSEPH'S	
Saturday	6	5.00pm			
Sunday	7	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon (EF)	Intentions of Peter & John O'Sullivan
				3.00pm	Holy Hour
Monday	8	10.00am	Ellen Swinburn		
Tuesday	9			12.05pm Holy Souls	
Wednesday	10	10.15	Funeral Service for Audrey Davies Polish funeral	12.05pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	Priest's Intention
		1.00p.m			
Thursday	11			12.05pm George & Mary Wright	
Friday	12	10.00am	William & Margaret Mitford	12.05pm Fr Leo Coughlin	
Saturday	13	5.00pm	People of the Parish	11.00am (EF) Ben Schiphorst	
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	Mary Cheetham & Jean Hildyard
12 noon (EF)	Theresa & Terry Owens				

EF DENOTES EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM AND 4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS: .30.04.17 St Joseph's 10.00: £198.95 Midweek £88.02
12 noon £256.15
Total £455.10

St Wilfrid's. £168.43

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

SYRIAN PROJECT. £1099.57 raised so far. Next collection May 13th.

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

CHANGE OF DATE Please note that the meeting to plan the Confirmation Mass, which was scheduled for Wednesday, 28th June has been brought forward to Wednesday, 21st June to avoid the clash with the Feast of SS Peter and Paul on 28th/29th June which is a Holyday of Obligation. Musicians and singers from St. Alban's, St. Augustine's, St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Wilfrid's are invited to this meeting to help prepare the music with the candidates.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 7th June will still take place on that date. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus on Thursday, 6th July at 19.00 in St. Augustine's Church, Leam Lane.

APPEAL. The annual appeal will be made at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Syrian collection is moved to next week.

ST JOSEPH'S

CROWNING OF STATUE OF OUR LADY. This will take place after the 10.00am Mass

Welcome to Fr Jeremiah from the USA who is concelebrating at the 10.00am Mass today.

FATIMA CENTENARY: May 13th marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. After Mass on Saturday there will be a presentation on Fatima in the Ingram room followed by Rosary and Benediction in church at 1pm.

COFFEE AFTER MASS. A reminder that there are teas and coffees after Mass in the hall after 10.00am Sunday and 12.05 Tuesday Masses and also in the Ingram room after 11.00am Mass on a Saturday. All welcome.

DAY CENTRE. St Joseph`s Day Centre will close by the end of June due to lack of funding. The diocese will be looking to find another use for the rooms. The staff will be re-deployed and the clients are to be found alternative care.

ST WILFRID`S

CROWNING OF STATUE OF OUR LADY. This will take place before the 5.00pm Mass tonight

First Holy Communion/Confirmations Cards and other stock available at the back of Church.

REFORMATION WALK: Tony Flynn, a Guide for Newcastle City Walks, will lead a guided walk entitled "The Reformation in Newcastle" on Sunday, May 14th, 2.30pm. Walkers meet at Grey's Monument and finish at The Guildhall no more than 2 hours later, looking at the many religious buildings and sites, including monasteries, parish churches and cathedrals, and explores the political, economic and religious implications of the Reformation in Newcastle. Charge-- Adults £4, over60s £3.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary`s cathedral on Saturday 10th June at 11.00am to give thanks for the sacrament of marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for marriage across the diocese and to the wider north-east community.

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.

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4th Sunday of Easter:Year A (OF)

3rd Sunday after Easter (EF)

6th May /7th May 2017

Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka`I

(January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889)

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, Hansen`s disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government`s leper colony on the island of Moloka`i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people`s physical, medical, and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support. Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen`s disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien`s body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.Feast Day 10th May <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>