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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (OF) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter (EF) 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> May		
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	David Baker
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> May		
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> May		
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> May		
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> May		

**Confessions:** before Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:** Maria Bell

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)	Priest's Intentions Nick Murray
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> May		
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	NO MASS
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	People of the Parish Living & Deceased of Armstrong Family

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

**Confessions:**  
NONE this WEDNESDAY  
Saturday 12-12.30pm

**Sanctuary Candle:**  
**Margaret Scott**

NO EXPOSITION this  
THURSDAY

## The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Feast day May 13<sup>th</sup>

Franciscan Media



**Easter Raffle** Please would **Mary Francis** collect her prize from the office as soon as possible thank you

### Baptism

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 **PARK RESPONSIBLY** and ensure your vehicle is **PARKED WITHIN** one of the **MARKED BAYS**.

**DO NOT PARK** down the **MIDDLE** of the car park – this is an **EMERGENCY** access point and **MUST be KEPT CLEAR** at all times.

If all the marked parking bays are occupied please use the public car park on Walker Terrace just behind the church. Thank You

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES** continue **TODAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 5.30pm. Please come to the hall.  
The session this week will last approximately one and a half hours.

The next **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS - MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 4.15pm and will last approximately one hour.

### **BECOMING a CATHOLIC?**

A number of adults have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be, there will be a meeting on **21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm** at **St Joseph`s** to discuss the best way to proceed.

**Please keep in your prayers all those preparing to receive the sacraments, especially;**

Collette, Olaedo, Eric, Daniel and Christabel who are preparing for **Confession** and first **Holy Communion**  
and Merit, Esther, John, Osaretin, Raphael, Franco, Rory, Billy, James, Tom, Andre and Cordelia who are preparing to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation**.

If you have a child you would like to be Baptised please speak to Canon Michael and collect a form from the office.

### **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.

### **Youth Council**

We are delighted to announce that Joseph Hammond and Esther Oriaifo will be representing the parish as the Diocesan Youth Council, a pivotal platform for young voices within our Diocese, is re-launched next Sunday. This council is not just a forum for dialogue but a space for developing leadership and interpersonal skills as well as actively shaping the future of our church.

**Mental Health Awareness Week Monday 12 May 2025 to Sunday 18 May 2025** A time of prayer to mark Mental Health Awareness Week 2025 A short time of prayer, reflection, connection and community will be held on **Wednesday 14 May 2025 6.30 pm St Patrick's RC Church, Felling, Gateshead**

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY** we will have the traditional May crowning of the Statue of Our Lady after the 10.00am Mass.

**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

### **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.

### **St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 03/05/25**

Loose Plate: £202.90 Gift Aid £82

### **St Joseph's Weekly Income 04/05/25**

Loose Plate: £224 Gift Aided: £268.20

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

**Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw**

On Sunday 22nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service.

You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

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

This is a lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP, on Monday 23rd 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, 28th 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 16th 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 11th 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.