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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (OF) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (EF) 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> May		
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Heany Family
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> May		
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> May		
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May		
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00am	Jovita's Intentions
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> May		

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:**

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)	People of the Parish Living & deceased of Armstrong family
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> May		
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Deceased members of McDonagh and Butler families
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	12.05pm	George & Elizabeth McDonald
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	NO MASS
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	Priest's Intention Intentions of Tony Turnbull

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

**Confessions:**  
WEDNESDAY after Mass  
SATURDAY 12-12.30pm

**Sanctuary Candle:**  
**Shaun Smith**

**EXPOSITION THURSDAY**  
11.00am – 11.55am

## Saint Gregory VII

The 10th century and the first half of the 11th were dark days for the Church, partly because the papacy was the pawn of various Roman families. In 1049, things began to change when Pope Leo IX, a reformer, was elected. He brought a young monk named Hildebrand to Rome as his counselor and special representative on important missions. Hildebrand was to become Gregory VII.

Three evils plagued the Church then: simony—the buying and selling of sacred offices and things; the unlawful marriage of the clergy; and lay investiture—kings and nobles controlling the appointment of Church officials. To all of these Hildebrand directed his reformer's attention, first as counsellor to the popes and later as pope himself.

Gregory's papal letters stress the role of the bishop of Rome as the vicar of Christ and the visible centre of unity in the Church. He is well known for his long dispute with Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV over who should control the selection of bishops and abbots.

Gregory fiercely resisted any attack on the liberty of the Church. For this he suffered and finally died in exile. He said, "I have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore, I die in exile." Thirty years later the Church finally won its struggle against lay investiture. The liturgical feast of Saint Gregory VII is celebrated on May 25.



**Relic of The Holy Cross** – organised by the Latin Mass society the relic is touring the country and will be here at St Joseph's **TODAY** after the 12.00 O'clock Mass until approximately 1.00pm, come along for silent prayer and veneration.

### 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 18<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 - TODAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY** at 3.00pm 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 **WEDNESDAY 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 Orirafo 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.

### **TABLE TOP SALE – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am – 2.00pm**

Tables - £5 – each, the numbers are limited so reserve yours as soon as possible – put £5 in an envelope with your name on the front and place on collection plate. 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**.

**No tables** to be **hired** to raise money for **other organizations** – any money made must be for personal use or donated to the parish.

### **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

**CROWNING of the statue of OUR LADY TODAY** we will have the traditional May crowning of the Statue of Our Lady after the 10.00am Mass.

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Ascension Day 29<sup>th</sup> May Holy Day of Obligation  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost

**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

***Laudato Si' Mass***

Mass with Bishop Stephen at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am on Saturday 24th May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical – Laudato Si'.