

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

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

| | MAY | | SAINT WILFRID'S | | SAINT JOSEPH'S |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday | 20 | 5.00pm | People of the Parish | | |
| Sunday | 21 | | | 10.00am | For a sick priest (JD) |
| | | 10.30am | <i>Polish Mass</i> | 12 noon (EF) | Well-being of Nancy O'Sullivan |
| | | | | 2.00pm | Charismatic Prayer group |
| Monday | 22 | 10.00am | Margaret Iveson | | |
| Tuesday | 23 | | | 12.05pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | 24 | | | 12.05pm | In thanksgiving |
| Thursday | 25 | | | 12.05pm | Priest's Intention |
| | | | | 7.00pm EF | Ben Schiphorst |
| Friday | 26 | 10.00am | David Mrli (Early) & Vrhowski family | 12.05pm | For peace |
| Saturday | 27 | 5.00pm | People of the Parish | 11.00am (EF) | Repose of Kathleen Cassidy |
| Sunday | 28 | 10.30am | <i>Polish Mass</i> | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | | | 12 noon (EF) | Taydler Family Intentions |
| | | | | 2.00pm | |
| | | | | African Mass | |

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: .07.05.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £165.32 Midweek £92.45
12 noon £191.04
Total £356.36

St Wilfrid's. £182.04

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 this weekend. Next month's will be the last.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The next session, led by Sr Jacinta, will take place on Sunday 21st May at 4pm in the presbytery at St Wilfrid's.

SECURITY: There have been recent incidents of handbags being stolen in Gateshead at church services. Please be careful to keep your belongings with you while in church.

ST JOSEPH'S

THE NORTH EAST HOMELESS CONFERENCE will be held in the church hall on Friday 26th May 2017, from 10am -4pm. Christians from across the North East will gather to discuss practical solutions to the housing need and homelessness. There will also be a series of workshops and a chance to speak to other Christians and faith based organisations involved in homelessness in the region. Senior clergy and housing experts will address the meeting and there will be a chance for questions and networking. 1,317 households were accepted as homeless and in priority need of accommodation by local authorities in the North East during 2016. 57,678 people were on local authority waiting lists for housing during the same period. Housing Justice, an ecumenical Christian based homeless charity (formerly the Catholic Housing Aid Society) and Depaul UK will host the event. Entry is free and lunch is provided. You can book your free ticket online at www.housingjustice.org.uk/Event/ne-homeless-conference : just turn up on the day.

ASCENSION THURSDAY: There will be a Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form for the Ascension on Thursday evening at 7pm. The Ascension is celebrated in the Ordinary Form next Sunday.

ST WILFRID'S ROSARY PROCESSION. It has been proposed we process to the garden next Saturday night after Mass to say the Rosary to mark the end of the month of May.

HALF-DAY RETREAT St. Anne's, Low Fell will be holding a half-day retreat with prayer and reflection on Saturday, 24th June in St. Anne's Church. This will be led by Sister Michael (Sisters of Mercy, Seaham) and will begin after 10.00 am Mass (following refreshments) at approx. 11.00 am until 3 pm. Please bring packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided). If you would like to attend, please send your name and contact details via the church email to info@stannesgateshead.org.uk or telephone 0191 4913722.

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.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017 - EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE, ALLENSFORD The fifth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 June 2017 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. This year's theme is 'Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship'. Clare Dixon will speak about the life of Oscar Romero, whose centenary we celebrate this year. RISE Theatre will present a drama about this martyr of our own times. There will be talks from David Wells and Sr Judith Russi. It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. You are warmly invited to come and experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome. Booking forms are now available either from the back of church or can be downloaded at www.rcdhn.org.uk Online booking for non-residential attendees is also available on our website. For more information, email festival@diocesahn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

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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6th Sunday of Easter: Year A (OF)

5th Sunday after Easter (EF)

20th May /21st May 2017

Saint Rita of Cascia

(1381 – May 22, 1457)

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counselled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Feast Day 22nd May

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