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7th Sunday of Easter (OF) Sunday after Ascension (EF) 21st May 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 20 th	Karen Mary Scullion	5.00pm
Sunday	May 21 st		
Monday	May 22 nd	NO MASS	10.00am
Tuesday	May 23 rd		
Wed	May 24 th		
Thursday	May 25 th	NO MASS	10.00
Friday	May 26 th		10.00am
Saturday	May 27 th	Elizabeth Ann Burns	5.00pm
Sunday Feast of Pentecost	May 28 th		

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 20 th		
Sunday	May 21 st	Priest's Intention People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)
Monday	May 22 nd		
Tuesday	May 23 rd	Service of The Word and Communion	12.05
Wed	May 24 th	NO MASS	12.05
Thursday	May 25 th	NO MASS	12.05
Friday	May 26 th	NO MASS	12.05
Saturday	May 27 th	NO MASS	11.00am
Sunday Feast of Pentecost	May 28 th	People of the parish Priest's Intention African Mass	10.00am 12.00pm (EF) 2.00pm

Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

Altar Server Training

This will take place on Monday 12th June at 6.00pm for all those who currently serve, or **anybody who would like to serve** at the **10.00am Mass** at St Joseph's or the **5.00pm Mass** at St Wilfrid's. Please let Peter Armstrong or Canon Michael know if you will be able to attend.

We welcome into the church Danielle and Eve who are baptised at St Wilfrid's this weekend.

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

NO Confessions: - Saturday 12-12.30 after Mass
NO EXPOSITION Wednesday morning 11.00 – 11.30
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm
First Saturday Devotions every month

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Turnbull who died this week, may she rest in peace and may her family and friends find comfort in the Lord

St Joseph's

St Joseph's & St Wilfrid's Women

It has been suggested that we have a women's group, similar to St Joseph's men, which meets once a week to pray together and discuss the readings of the day and to give each other support. If this is something in which you would be interested please put your name on the list at the back of church.

TABLE TOP SALE

Are you doing a bit of spring cleaning? Have you things you no longer need? Would you like to make a little bit of money from those items? And help parish funds at the same time?

We will be holding a 'Table Top' sale in the parish hall on the **morning of Saturday 24th June**

Tables are limited so it will be **first come first served**. Each **table will be £5**, you can keep whatever money you make or donate it to the church if you like. There will be a small entry fee for buyers. Teas and coffees will be available.

If you would like to reserve a table please put £5 in an envelope along with your name and hand it into the office

The 50/50 Club has been abandoned due to lack of support

If you handed in your £10 to anyone please ask them for your refund, unless you are happy for it to be put into parish funds.

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Piety Stall

Open every second Sunday of the month before and after each Mass

Income 14th May 2023

Loose Plate: £268.88 Gift Aid Envelopes: £98.30

Piety £35.80 Donation from Tuesday Club £50

Thank You

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

Income 14th May

Loose Plate £87.50

Gift Aid £72

Piety £41.50

Donation £5

Thank You

The Good Shepherd

This wonderful, child centred Catechesis programme will begin in September, led by Peter Armstrong.

Do you have a child aged 3-7yrs? Would like them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through interactive, hands on, gentle and joyful, child-centred teaching?

Please take a registration form, available at the back of church, or from the office at St Joseph's, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE the sessions will **NOT** be on a Sunday during Mass.

Confirmation

Next preparation class Sunday May 21st at 6.00pm

Please bring your folder and 'YOUCAT'.

Please come to front door on High West Street

Tea and coffee is available for parents/carers as they wait in another room

First Holy Communion

Do you have a child aged 7+ attending Mass regularly and who would like to make their first Holy Communion?

Please speak to Canon Michael about preparation classes for children and parents.

Please keep in your prayers the young people who have decided to be confirmed next Sunday at the 10.00am Mass on the Feast of Pentecost

Joseph

George

Kaci

Nancy

Evangeline

Vincent

John

Reeve

Rianna

May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and in His guidance become true witnesses to the Holy Catholic Faith throughout their lives

If you have a child aged 3- 7 whom you would like baptised please register him/her for the Good Shepherd programme and speak to Canon Michael.

If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael about children's preparation classes.

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

St Joseph's & St Wilfrid's Summer Magazine

If you wish to submit anything for the summer magazine please email it to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk or place your contribution into an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through St Joseph's Presbytery door.

Deadlines for submissions – JUNE 4th

Perhaps a family member has been Baptised, Received First Holy Communion, been Confirmed, or married in one of our churches this past year and you would like to share some of the experience, perhaps you have joined in with one of the groups and have a reflection on this?

All contributions which you feel may of interest to our parish readers are encouraged and welcomed in almost any form: - prose, poetry, commentary, song!

A Day for Catechists Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic.

Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the new Directory for Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Saturday 15th July 2023, from 10am – 3pm. Refreshments are included, please bring a packed lunch.

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington, NE38 8AF.

Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s), visit <http://bit.ly/DHNDOC23>

St Joseph's hall is available to hire for any event

Downstairs hall capacity 200 people

Lounge capacity 80 people

Upstairs Hall capacity 140 people

£20 per hour for each of the above

Small Room capacity 40 people at a rate of £15 per hour

We also have a recently refurbished kitchen area, tables, chairs, cutlery etc.

For all enquiries please email shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese

[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

Diocesan Vacancies

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact them on: - 0191 243 3301

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday June 21st at 7.00pm to discuss "Conclave" by Robert Harris

SPUC

Meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7,00pm in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

Laudato Si Week

Sunday 21st – Sunday 28th May 2023.

Throughout the week there will also be screenings of the film, 'The Letter', which is a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film My Octopus Teacher. It brings the message of Pope Francis's 'Laudato Si' to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world.

This is a film that everyone should see and talk about in their families and communities, definitely not to be missed!

- Monday 22nd May: at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

- Tuesday 23rd May: at St Wilfrid's, Waterloo Road, Blyth NE24 1EA at 7.00pm.

- Wednesday 24th May: at Carmel College, The Headlands, Darlington DL3 8RW with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

- Saturday 27th May: at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB at 7.00pm

Vocations to the Priesthood

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

In the Gospel reading we have what might be one of the greatest consolations we could ever receive: Jesus prayed for us. We know that He is in Heaven interceding for us, but to know that while He was on earth He actually prayed for us. He prayed: "I do not pray for the world, but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours..." Think about this: not only did Jesus pray for you, but He said that you are the Father's!

What comes next is also amazing to consider, and it might even make us wonder: Jesus says He has been glorified in you and me. How is this even possible? If we think back to the original context of the prayer, Jesus is speaking about the Apostles. At the time of the prayer, the Apostles were still arguing with each other about who was the greatest, they generally did not understand our Lord's preaching, and they were pretty clueless about what was happening. They had remained faithful to our Lord for three years, but within a very short time they would deny Him, run away when He was arrested, and lock themselves away because of fear.

This does not sound like our Lord was glorified in them. But in reality, they had been formed by our Lord to bring them to the point where they were at the Last Supper with Him. He had tried to prepare them for His death and resurrection, but they were incapable of grasping His teaching. Therefore, the only way they could be formed into the Apostles our Lord would send into the world was to allow them to go through the Passion with Him so they could experience the power of the resurrection. This would change their lives and the Lord would be truly glorified in all of them.

One of the things they clearly learned from our Lord's words and example is the necessity of prayer. We saw that a few weeks ago when the first deacons we made. The Apostles wanted to dedicate themselves to prayer and preaching. Today we see another aspect of this where the eleven "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and his brothers."

The natural tendency, once our Lord was not with them physically, was to draw near to our Blessed Lady and learn from her. Who better to teach them than the one who had been perfectly faithful to our Lord? To this day, and forever, our Blessed Mother is and will be the only disciple of our Lord who was always faithful to Him. The natural inclination of the Apostles to draw near to her must be our inclination as well.

The prayer of the Apostles began to form them more and more to be like our Lord. Jesus had taught them, as we read in today's Gospel, that eternal life is knowing the One True God and Jesus Christ Whom He had sent. There is only one way to know Jesus, and that is through prayer. All the books, homilies, movies, etc. can teach us about Jesus, but they do not put us into a relationship with Him. Our Lady certainly would have taught the Apostles many things they could understand only after the death and resurrection of our Lord, but most importantly, she taught them to know and love her Son.

The nature of this kind of knowledge and love is to conform the individual more and more to the person who is known and loved. Through this conformity to our Lord, the Apostles were then able to understand and even embrace what they had tried assiduously to avoid: the suffering of our Lord. In the Gospel today, Jesus stated that the hour had come it was now time for God to give glory to His Son. That glory was not in the Ascension and glorification of our Lord in Heaven; it was the Passion and death He was to undergo for our salvation.

If this is the glorification of Jesus on earth, then those who are conformed to Him should recognize that when they are united to the sufferings of Jesus, they are being glorified by God and Jesus is being glorified within them. Of course, if the sufferings are accepted and offered, these souls are glorifying God as well. Did the Apostles understand this? A quick look at the second reading today shows us the fruit of our Lord's prayer.

St. Peter not only tells us to rejoice to the extent that we share in the suffering of Christ, but he says the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon us and we are to glorify God because of the Name. They got it, do we?

Fr. Altier