

**Saint Joseph's Catholic Church**  
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**Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church**  
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*Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C (OF), Fifth Sunday after Easter (EF) 22nd May 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Otto Jude Ignatius Devitt (birthday) Adrian Barnes	10.00am Midday
Monday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving R. refurbishment LTD	10.00am		
Tuesday	May 24 <sup>th</sup>			Stanley Sosabarski	12.05pm
Wed	May 25 <sup>th</sup>			Albert Morgan	12.05pm
Thursday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	People of the Parish	10.00am	Priest's Intention Waropom Puhmdi	12.05 7.00pm
Friday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	10.00am	Stanley Sosabarski	12.05pm
Saturday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Bernard Wright	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>			Tommy Matthews People of the Parish African Mass	10.00am Midday 2,00pm

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11 - 11.55

Benediction and Vespers 3.00pm EVERY FIRST Sunday of the Month

African Mass 2.00pm Every LAST Sunday of the Month

**Congratulations** to Grace, Anna, Olivia, Joshua, Merit, Lucia, Mandili, Eli, Maisie, Kaci, and Ayana who make their First Holy Communions at the 10 O'clock Mass today.  
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### Good Shepherd Catechesis

#### Beginning September

Do you have a child aged 3-6 years?

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

Please take a registration form from the back of church, 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.

### Youth Choir Beginning September

Do you like to sing? Would you like to perform for family and friends? Would you enjoy making new friends and having some musical fun?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above questions and are aged between 8 and 12 please take a registration form from the back of church, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

**Spaces are limited.**

### Altar Servers Training

Training sessions are being arranged for ALL Servers and ANYONE wanting to become a Server.

**Requirements for ALL Servers:** - punctuality, decorum, humility, willing to learn, prayerful, respectful, helpful, cheerful, gentle, polite, obedient.

**To Serve at the Ordinary Form Mass** you need to be: at least 7 years old, have made (or be preparing for) First Holy Communion, can be male or female. Please speak to Canon Michael or Peter Armstrong if you are interested in becoming a server for the Ordinary Form (10.00am) Mass.

**To Serve at the Extra-ordinary Form/Latin Mass** you must be:

Male, have made your First Holy Communion and be willing to learn some basic Latin. Please speak to Canon Michael if you are interested at serving the Latin (12.00) Mass.

**Watch this space for further information regarding training sessions.**

If you would like to **volunteer** to help in the parish please put your name on the lists at the back of church, fill in a volunteer's registration form and return it to the office

### Beginning Soon

*Scoutisme*, (French-style Catholic Scouting), the *Scouts d'Europe* movement.

This is the only international Scouting Movement recognised by the Holy See as an international association of the faithful of Pontifical Right.

If you are a boy aged between 8 and 12 yrs who would like to join this new venture please take a registration form from the back of church, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

**Spaces are very limited.**



### Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction at Ushaw College

The Bishop will be leading an afternoon of prayer and devotion in the grounds of Ushaw College on the 19<sup>th</sup> June for the Feast of Corpus Christi. If enough people are interested in attending this event we will organise a coach to transport everyone. Please sign the list at the back of the church to register your interest.

### FAMILY FUNDRAISING PARISH EVENT

Watch this space for further details of an exciting fun filled parish event with a Mexican flavour.

### SVP

Would you be interested? Please speak to Canon Michael.

### GREGG'S FOOD VOUCHERS

There are a number of people coming to the presbytery door asking for money for food. We are discouraged from giving cash as this may be used to aid an addiction, but we are reluctant to turn people in need away empty handed. Please consider buying some Gregg's food vouchers and donating them to the parish in order that these can be given out to anyone coming to the door asking for money for food.

Please don't forget to read the notice boards at the back of church for additional information and events, the newsletter can only carry so much information, it is important that you avail yourselves of all the other avenues for finding out about Parish and Diocesan news and events.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration**  
**Join us in St Wilfrid's beautiful garden on**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for a shared table party.**

Don't forget to look at the Parish website  
[St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website](http://stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)  
([stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk](http://stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk))

There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness.

The disciples must have felt a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure. In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..."

Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

#### **Ascension Thursday Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday 26th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

Masses will be celebrated at 10am at St Wilfrid's Church, and 12.05pm and 7pm (EF) at St Joseph's Church.

#### **Sunday Obligation to Return**

The Bishops of England and Wales met recently for their Easter Meeting and have announced that the **Obligation for Sunday and Holyday Mass** will be reinstated on **Pentecost Sunday, 5th June**.

In a document entitled 'Returning to Mass: An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales', they state, "In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom **attendance at Mass is essential**."

Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."

The Bishops have stressed **that those who still do not feel safe enough to return to Mass should not do so. All other Catholics are subject to the precept to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation**. Live streaming of Masses has been a great benefit to many during the pandemic, and will continue to be for those genuinely unable to attend Mass.

**The Bishops remind us; however, that watching a live streamed Mass does not fulfill the obligation.**

### Weekly Income for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £307

Gift Aid Envelopes: £100 Votive Candles: £

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £40

Candles: £16.04 Little Sisters: £164 Piety: - £

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £142.20 Gift Aid: £42

Donation: £20 Candles £12



### World Communications Day

There will be an extra collection for World  
|Communications Sunday NEXT Weekend

### New Syro-Malabar Parish

At the request of Mar Joseph Srampickal, the Bishop of the Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain, Bishop Robert has given the pastoral care of the Parish of Our Lady and St. Vincent in Walker to the SyroMalabar Eparchy. With the agreement of Mar Joseph, Bishop Robert has appointed Fr. Jojo Plappallil Devasia as Parish Priest of Our Lady and St. Vincent, this will be a joint parish of the Syro-Malabar Rite and Latin Rite of which Fr Jojo will have pastoral care of both communities. We warmly welcome Fr Jojo to the Diocese.

### Our Lady of Fatima

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of the Ss Jacinta and Francisco will be visiting the following parishes on

**Thursday 26 May 2022.**

- **St Mary Magdalen RC Church**, Seaham SR7 7DS.

10.00am – Rosary & Floral Crowning.

**St Michael RC Church**, Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8NF.

1.00pm – Rosary followed by talk, tea/coffee.

**St Cuthbert RC Church**, Seaham SR7 0HW. 6.00pm –

Adoration, Rosary, Procession and Mass (at 7.00pm).

This visit coincides with the **Holy Day of Obligation** for the **Ascension of the Lord** and Fr Marc will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Seaham SR7 0HW

### Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association

St. Cuthbert's, North Shields.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm** for a talk by Father Chris Hughes entitled "Can Theology Be Practical? Encouraging Reflective Discipleship". All welcome.

### AROUND OUR DIOCESE, AND FURTHER AFIELD

#### Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 - Volunteers Needed

Urgently Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022, we urgently need new volunteers please visit our website:

<https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

#### Holy Island Camp Social Ceilidh - Calling Existing and New Camp Volunteers and Friends Holy island

Vinnies Camp will be holding a free social/ Ceilidh

**Saturday 28th May 7:30pm - 11:30pm (Bar open).** Blackfriars @The Ouseburn All welcome.

Please email: [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk) for tickets as numbers are limited.

**Mass of Thanksgiving said by Bishop Byrne for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 19:00 on Thursday 14th July**, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

#### JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT in

Newcastle provides basic food and toiletries to nearly 400 asylum seeker individuals and families every month.

#### Stella Maris Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy

Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
safe crossing times 9:10am - 17.05pm

#### Job Vacancies

there are several vacancies advertised on the Diocesan website [Job Vacancies - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

Property Surveyor – full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 1st June 2022. IT Project Manager – full-time. Fixed term contract – 12 months. Closing date for applications: 2nd June 2022. Please visit 0191 243 3301 [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact

**Interreligious Programme** [Sion Centre Summer 2022 Programme - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**"Encountering the Son"** the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced the 'Encountering the Son' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>