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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

24th May 2026 – Year A – Pentecost Sunday

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	23 rd May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	24 th May		
Monday	25 th May	10.00am	Fr Denis O'Mahony
Tuesday	26 th May		
Wednesday	27 th May		
Thursday	28 th May		
Friday	29 th May	10.00am	Malcolm Steele
Saturday	30 th May		Bell and Cantwell families

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	24 th May	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	People of the Parish Intentions of the LMS
Monday	25 th May		
Tuesday	26 th May	12.05pm	Private Intention (RP)
Wednesday	27 th May	12.05pm	Private Intention (RP)
Thursday	28 th May	12.05pm	In honour of St Joseph
Friday	29 th May	12.05pm	Tommy Matthews
Saturday	30 th May	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	31 st May	10.00am 12 Noon (EF) 2.00pm	People of the Parish Priest's Intention African Community Mass

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

Sanctuary Candle: Soy's family

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

The Sacraments

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office.

We usually expect first Holy Communion candidates to be aged 6+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.

First Holy Communion preparation classes continue on Saturday Mornings at 9.15am – parents for those involved have been contacted.

All candidates for first Holy Communion and Confirmation MUST be attending Mass regularly.

First Holy Communion Candidates

Please keep in your prayers; Ember, Sinachi, Chris, Gabriella, Vera and Jacob as they prepare to make their first Holy Communion this summer.

We welcome all those who are seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith with a view to being Baptised.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic please invite them along to Mass.

House blessings

If you would like your house blessed please arrange a time and date with Canon Brown.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile

Today straight after each Mass

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 7th July** at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole. All welcome

Young Persons' Social Group for those aged 11 to 16yrs will meet again very soon.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Resumes after half term.

Fridays at 4.30pm

Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity

Parish Finances

St Joseph's

Account Details

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Number: 31164066

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead St Joseph

April Income & Outgoings

Income: £

Outgoings: £

St Wilfrid's

Account Details for

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

Account Number: 01164120

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to:

DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

April Income & Outgoing

Income: £

Outgoings: £

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme which enables the parish to claim back tax on the money donated, it costs nothing extra to you but can add a lot to parish funds. If you want to sign up for this scheme please speak to **Iain Dunn** at St Joseph's or **Stephen Hogarth** at St Wilfrid's

Mill Hill Missionaries – Red Box Appeal

David Reid who has been looking after the boxes for fund-raising for the Mill Hill Missionaries is stepping down. If anyone would be willing to take this over please speak to David or Canon Michael

The Lay Training Fund Collection will be taken next Sunday, 31st May. This Lay Training Fund is meant to be accessible to anyone who wishes to claim some funding for a course or project in the Parish or to assist with further studies and is accessible through application to the Diocesan Finance Office finance@diocesehn.org.uk or alternatively via the parish office.

Altar Servers Celebration

The training and social will begin at 5.30 this afternoon in St Joseph's hall

Saint Joan of Arc's Story

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically-motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920.

Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiègne the following year, Joan was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison.

In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed.

On this day in 1431, Joan was burned at the stake in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. A second Church trial 25 years later nullified the earlier verdict, which was reached under political pressure.

Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life “offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action” because her spiritual insight is that there should be a “unity of heaven and earth.”

Joan of Arc has been the subject of many books, plays, operas and movies.

Joan of Arc is like a shooting star across the landscape of French and English history, amid the stories of the Church's saints and into our consciousness. Women identify with her; men admire her courage. She challenges us in fundamental ways. Despite the fact that more than 500 years have passed since she lived, her issues of mysticism, calling, identity, trust and betrayal, conflict and focus are our issues still.” (*Joan of Arc: God's Warrior* by Barbara Beckwith)

Feast day May 31st

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 7th July – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Sunday 12th July – First Holy Communions – six of our children will receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time – please keep them in your prayers and rejoice with them on this day

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

VOLUNTEERS

Cleaners meet on a **Friday afternoon** to clean the Church and Sacristy, if you have some spare time to give to the parish please fill in a volunteers form and come along to help with this important job. Health and Safety regulations mean cleaning volunteers must not work alone.

Teas/coffees are served after each Mass on a Sunday; we could do with some more volunteers to help out on a Rota basis so that it doesn't fall on the same people every week. If you would like to volunteer for this role please ask for a volunteer form.

Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to man this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please collect a volunteer's form.

Mass Intentions

Recently there has been a falling off in the number of Mass intentions. However, we have a good number of intentions for Saturday night and Sunday Masses. Please remember a priest can only take one Mass offering per day and Saturday night counts as a Sunday Mass. Apologies if you have put in an intention for a Saturday night or Sunday morning and, as no specific date was asked for, you have been waiting a long time. All Masses will eventually be said

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Led by Bishop Stephen 22nd – 29th October 2027 £1725 per person.

Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place.

The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk) or alternatively via the parish office.

Corpus Christi: at Ushaw

On Sunday 7th June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 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.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
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- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.