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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (OF) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (EF) 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> May		
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> May		
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> May		
Ascension	29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Holy Day		
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>		

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:**

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)	Dennis & Margaret Duffy People of the Parish
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> May		
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Margaret and Bill Brown
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Intentions of Elsie Moreland
Ascension Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	People of the Parish
Holy Day of Obligation		7.00pm (EF)	Tony Turnbull
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> May	12.05pm	Private Intention (SE)
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	11.00am	Patricia Turnbull
Sunday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am 12.00 (EF) Latin Mass	People of the Parish Thanksgiving to St Joseph

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

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

**Sanctuary Candle: Soy's  
Intentions**

**EXPOSITION THURSDAY**  
11.00am – 11.55am

## 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.



### THE WEEKEND of SATURDAY JULY 12<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY JULY 13<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Stephen will be visiting the parishes; he will also be CONFIRMING 14 of our young parishioners at the 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are invited.

#### 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 25<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** – will be **TOMORROW - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> MAY** at **4.15pm** and will last approximately one hour.

**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, Cordelia, Hector and Harry 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**

There will be a special training session soon for all those able and willing to serve at the Masses over which the Bishop is presiding.  
Please email  
[stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)  
To let us know if you can commit to serving on that day – thank you.

#### **Youth Council**

A big thank you, to Joseph Hammond and Esther Oriaifo, who are representing the parish at the Diocesan Youth Council, this forum is a space for developing leadership and interpersonal skills as well as actively shaping the future of our church.  
The first meeting was held last Sunday.

**BENEDICTION** for the **YOUTH** of the Parish, but open to all, will take place on **SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY** at 5.00pm.  
**All those preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend along with their sponsors.**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

#### **ADULT CATECHISES** **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.**

Sessions for adults interested in becoming a Catholic or for those who would like to deepen their understanding and faith.  
Please come to the presbytery door opposite Canon Michael's garages.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER**

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If you don't bother to read the bulletin you are missing out on Parish News and Activities and letting your parish down.

**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

**Day for Life**

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Prayers for each day will soon be available on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#). On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources.