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Pentecost Sunday 27th May 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 27 th	Elizabeth Ann Burns	5.00pm
Sunday Feast of Pentecost	May 28 th		
Monday	May 29 th	Bell and Cantwell Families	10.00am
Tuesday	May 30 th		
Wed	May 31 st		
Thursday	June 1 st		
Friday	June 2 nd	Fr John Reid (NBF)	10.00am
Saturday	June 3 rd	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday	June 4 th		

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 27 th		
Sunday Feast of Pentecost	May 28 th	People of the parish Priest's Intention African Community Mass	10.00am 12.00pm (EF) 2.00pm
Monday	May 29 th		
Tuesday	May 30 th	In Thanksgiving in Honour of St Joseph	12.05
Wed	May 31 st	Isabel Carss	12.05
Thursday	June 1 st	Sarah Dewsnap	12.05
Friday	June 2 nd	Requiem Mass for Pat Turnbull	12.05
Saturday	June 3 rd	Jenifer Stokewell	11.00am
Sunday	June 4 th	People of the Parish Patricia Turnbull	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)

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.

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

Confessions: after Mass Wednesday and Saturday
EXPOSITION Wednesday morning 11.00 – 11.55am.
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm
First Saturday Devotions every month

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 21st May 2023

Loose Plate: £316.83 Gift Aid Envelopes: £77 Donation £100

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 21st May

Loose Plate £152.10

Gift Aid £ 64.50

Thank You

Baptism

ALL parents seeking Baptism for their child will be required to attend preparation classes, the next baptism course will begin soon.

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.

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.

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.

Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers Joseph, George, Kaci, Evangeline, John, Vincent, Nancy, Reeve, Rianna, Norma and Martina who are confirmed today.

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

BOOK CLUB

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

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 – EXTENDED to JUNE 11th

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!

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

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.

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/DHND0C23>

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.

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.