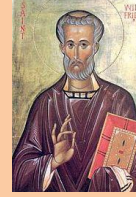


ALL ARE WELCOME at ST JOSEPH'S and ST WILFRID'S



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Today 30th May 2021 is Trinity Sunday

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	30 th May	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	31 st May			Dennis Duffy People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	1 st June	Deceased members of Bell and Cantwell Families	10.00am		
Tuesday	2 nd June			Tommy Matthews	12.05
Wednesday	3 rd June			Nasser Chaminian	12.05
Thursday	4 th June			T.V. Joseph People of the Parish	7.45am 7.00pm (EF)
Friday	5 th June	Peggy and Billy Mohan	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Tuddenham family	12.05
Saturday	6 th June			Alma Ruiz de Castillo	11.00am
Corpus Christi	7 th June	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	People of the Parish	10.00am
2 nd Sunday after Pentecost EF				Guadalupe Lopez- Gambaa	Midday (EF)

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

CONFESIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY SPEAKING TO CANON MICHAEL

Please remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Mass Intentions:-drop a note to canon Michael if you would like a Mass said.

Altar Servers

Please speak to Canon Michael about resuming your service or about becoming an Altar Server

From the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales April 2021

"In the time to come we can do no better than to rekindle in our hearts, foster and encourage, a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a gift so deeply appreciated in these times of lockdown. We need to begin by fostering this in ourselves. For the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Preparing for Baptism

If you have a child who you would like Baptised, please contact Canon Michael to discuss your commitment to the Faith, and the procedure for Baptism to take place.

Celebrating a Funeral

Until 'Step 4' of the 'Government Roadmap' which will be on June 21st, the number of people able to attend Funerals in our churches depends upon the limits governed by social distancing, so the same as for any Mass. A list of those attending must also be provided by the family in advance to assist our stewards. The Funeral Director will help with this.

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion medals, brooches, pens and other items are available at the back of church, cards are available in the kitchen

St Joseph's Piety Sale

At the back of church all the piety stall items are offered at a reduced price, please place money in the box.

Church Cleaning

Even when Covid has disappeared, the church still needs to be cleaned. The more volunteers we have, the less you would be called upon. Currently the church has 11 volunteers working in 3 teams. The Church is cleaned every 3 weeks so each team works every 9 weeks. It would be better if the church could be cleaned fortnightly and so we need some more volunteers. Please give your name to the Canon if you can help.

As 1st June marks the beginning of National Volunteers Week, we continue to be very thankful to all our volunteers who do a magnificent job welcoming you into Church and keeping it Covid safe and generally clean. It's not a glamorous role, but one which we need even more especially at this time. Without your help we could never have opened our churches.

Coming Soon to St Joseph's

Sung Evening Vespers

Watch this space for further information



Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Wilfrid's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Joseph's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to
'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'
These can be posted to the parish address
Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

St Joseph's has several 'Special Funds' open at the minute, these are:-

"Choir Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

If you wish to contribute to any of these please mark your donation as such.

St Joseph's Weekly Offertory Income 23rd May 2021:- £362.22

Gift Aid

Does not cost you a penny, but charges the taxman 25p in every pound. To find out more please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's or email gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

St Joseph's Security Plea

We desperately need to improve the security around the Church and Presbytery grounds.

This week saw more human feces, a used tampon, bottles and cans discarded on the church steps, two more people spent a night on the doorsteps swearing and breaking bottles, these people were not necessarily homeless or hungry and destitute as they left behind them a complete loaf of bread, a very smart ladies jacket as well as umpteen cigarette butts and disposable coffee containers along with the numerous broken bottles!! This anti-social behaviour is beginning to escalate as any attempt to engage with the perpetrators is now resulting in verbal abuse and the ignoring of requests.

If you can help towards this fund please mark your donations as 'Security'.

The gate to the street has been secured at a cost of £400; we need to improve the gates to the car park and the fencing/railings around the grounds as well as updating and extending the CCTV system.

This urgent job will be very expensive, every penny counts!

"We are fortunate in this country to have such an efficient vaccination programme... I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the vaccine to bring the virus under control, not only for our own good but also for the common good of the whole of humanity. Please be responsible."

Bishop Robert's pastoral letter 21st March 2021

[Pastoral Letter 5th Sunday of Lent 2021.pdf \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdhn.org.uk/Pastoral-Letter-5th-Sunday-of-Lent-2021.pdf)

"As Covid restrictions slowly begin to lift, it is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission"
Please read the full statement to find out what, if anything can change for our churches.

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

As we welcome back to church many parishioners for whom the pandemic has proved a very isolating and lonely time please spare a moment to chat a while **outdoors** but **remember** to maintain **social distancing** especially if removing your mask to speak.

....., it is possible and advisable now to make a reassessment of the covid-secure capacity of churches based on the principles of **combination prevention**, specifically:

- **Continuing use of physical mitigations, especially face coverings continue to be worn and hand sanitiser used on entry**
- Evaluation of the virus prevalence in the local area
- **Good ventilation of the sacred space**
- **Local percentage of the population vaccinated**
- Any Covid-19 variants of concern in the local area
- Seating arrangements for family groups and bubbles

Based on these considerations, **some churches may conclude they can safely increase the covid-secure capacity of the building factoring** into the calculations **the mitigations of coverings, ventilation and vaccines** listed above (eg by making spacing 1m where there is good ventilation and good mitigation measures). In some churches, this reassessment may bring the covid-secure capacity up to 50% of that of the building.

Risk Assessments should be dynamic, i.e., they should be refreshed and revised as circumstances change in the locality for the better (lower prevalence and risk of transmission) or worse (higher transmission risk.)

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How sad it is that we continue to be unable to have holy water in our stoops, that our benches are taped off, and capacity is limited, we are working and praying hard to return our church to normal as soon as we can.

The vaccination continues to be the light at the end of a long tunnel, the more of us vaccinated the more people we can have in church at any one time and the sooner we return to normality.

**As restrictions are slowly lifted it is essential in church that we continue to: -
cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly**

When you go for your vaccine against COVID you will probably not be given the choice of which vaccine you are to receive. We have been assured by the Church that we are NOT morally culpable in having any of the Covid vaccines on offer. However, I urge each of you to let the Vaccination team know that you are a Catholic and oppose the use of any by-products, no matter how distant the link, from aborted babies to be used at any point during the production of any vaccine, and urge them to make it known that we seek completely ethical methods of research and vaccine production.

CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. You can help by donating online

[athttp://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response)

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to ask ward staff to make a record of your Religion, they will not ask you as a matter of course, it is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Keeping Up to Date

Are your contact details up to date? If you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please update things via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Stay up to date with diocesan news, visit their webpage at: [Diocesan eNewsletter archive \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](http://rcdhn.org.uk)

Continuing the Journey (Beyond RCIA)

Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA? For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm beginning on June 30th, followed by July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Each session will last for around 1½ hours. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK> or contact Faith & Mission by email at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for June 2021

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Year of St. Joseph- 8thDecember 2020 to 8th December 2021.

For more information please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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