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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

November 1st 2026
Feast of All Saints

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

DAY			
Saturday	**31st Oct**	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	1st Nov		
Monday	2nd Nov	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	3rd Nov		
Wednesday	4th Nov		
Thursday	5th Nov		
Friday	6th Nov	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday	**7th Nov**	5.00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	1st Nov	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	Priest's Intention Elizabeth Wright
Monday	2nd Nov	**7.00pm (EF)**	Billy McStea (1936-2006)
Tuesday	3rd Nov	**10.00am**	Holy Souls (School Mass)
Wednesday	4th Nov	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	5th Nov	12.05pm	Family & Intercession of St Jude Thaddeus
Friday	6th Nov	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	7th Nov	11.00am *(EF)*	Holy Souls
Sunday	8th Nov	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	Priest's Intention Jean McCormick and Bernard Wright

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

Sanctuary Candle: None

Confessions: St Joseph's after Mass on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY
12.00 – 12.30pm. St Wilfrid's after SATURDAY Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Thursday 11.00am – 11.55 noon

Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood every Tuesday after Mass

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 7+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.

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

St Wilfrid's

Account Details

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's

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

Alternatively you can set up a regular standing order mandate with your bank – gift aided or not – this way if you cannot attend Mass for any reason you will still contribute to the weekly income.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile straight after Mass, in the parish hall.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

New Altar Servers are always welcome; if you would like to become a server please speak to Canon Michael.

St Stephen's Guild Mass – 26th December – 10.00am – all Servers are asked to attend – some of our newer servers will be enrolled into the Guild during this Mass

St Joseph's 10 O'clock Choir

We are looking for new singers to join in leading the singing at 10.00 Mass. You are not expected to attend any practices and there is no audition. Recordings of the music are sent out each week. Please speak to David, the organist, if you would like to join us or ask any questions

All Saints Celebration on Sunday 1st November

Join the Holy Family Guild "All Saints" celebration, to be held in St Joseph's hall. Arrive at 3:30pm, 4pm - saints' parade (with children dressed up as saints speaking about their chosen saint they have chosen), followed by homily and benediction, hymn singing and candle-lit procession to the grotto in the garden, with prayers and hymns for all souls. Followed by a party in the hall with saint themed games, foods etc., finishing at approx. 7 pm. Speak to Paul Hammond for further info.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

In the Catholic Church, a plenary indulgence applicable only to the souls in Purgatory can be gained each day from November 1 through November 8 by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. Saltwell cemetery 2pm, Heworth 2.20pm on November 7th

Ceilidh Tickets

These will be on sale from next weekend. All tickets MUST be bought IN ADVANCE.

Tickets cost: £15 per adult,
£7 for youngsters aged 12 – 18yrs (inclusive)
Under 12s Free

All those under 18years MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Light refreshments served. Bring your own alcohol if wanted.

Book Club

The next book is A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, by James Joyce

The next meeting is on 3rd November at 7pm. All welcome

Epiphany Party

Sunday January 3rd after mid-day Mass hosted by the Holy Family Guild £3.00 per person.

Join us for crafts, games, refreshments and fun.

Please see poster at back of church or speak to Angela or Paul Hammond for further information.

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.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on **Saturday 6th March.** The theme is **'TAKE COURAGE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, almost 900 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £55 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact Mary Madzivammadziva@ymt.org

The Partnership RCIA meetings, for all those seeking to know more about the Catholic Faith. The next meeting will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Felling at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th November

North East Catholic History Society
Our next meeting is on **Thursday 5th November at 2pm** in the parish hall. Alexandra Verini will talk on:
"Pioneering Social Activism: The History of the Faithful Companions of Jesus in the UK"
All welcome.

Special Collection for the missions. This is the collection that was due last weekend but as we had Fr Mulroy here for the annual Mission Appeal, it will be a retiring collection after Mass today.

November Plenary Indulgences
How to gain the November

- Cemetery Visit (November 1–8): Visit a cemetery and pray for the faithful departed (even mentally) on any or all of these eight days; one plenary indulgence can be gained per day.
- All Souls' Day Church Visit (November 2): Visit a church or oratory on All Souls' Day (or the preceding/following Sunday or All Saints' Day) and recite the Our Father and the Apostles' Creed.

General Requirements

- To obtain a plenary indulgence, all of the following conditions must be met:
- State of Grace & Detachment: Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from all sin, even venial sin.
- Sacramental Confession: Go to confession (one confession within roughly 20 days before or after can suffice for multiple indulgences).
- Holy Eucharist: Receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day as the work).
- Prayers for the Pope: Recite prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (such as an Our Father and a Hail Mary or Apostles' Creed)

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 1st November – All Saints procession and Benediction
Tuesday 3rd November – Book Club
Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh
Saturday 26th December – St Stephen's Day – Guild of St Stephen's Mass for Altar Servers
Sunday 3rd January – Epiphany Party – after Midday Mass - £3.00 entry fee – parish hall

Saint Martin de Porres' Story

"Father unknown" is the cold legal phrase sometimes used on baptismal records. "Half-breed" or "war souvenir" is the cruel name inflicted by those of "pure" blood. Like many others, Martin de Porres might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. It was said that even as a child he gave his heart and his goods to the poor and despised.

He was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother. That irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society.

When Martin de Porres was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin de Porres applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor.

It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their colour, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" When his priory was in debt, he said, "I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me."

Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister's house.

Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent.

Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima

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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 speak to Canon Michael.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Details of our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be found on the notice board in the porch and the Parish Centre, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on: safeguarding@dioceseh.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3305