

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	NOV		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	4	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	5			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	Audrey McDonald
Monday	6	10.00am	Mary Ferrie		
Tuesday	7			12.05pm	D m of Wright & Urwin families
Wednesday	8			12.05pm	Fr Jeff (Birthday)
Thursday	9			10.30	Funeral Service for Ben Hemphill
				12.05pm	Beverly Govet
Friday	10	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm	Christopher Morris
Saturday	11			11.00am	Intentions of FM
		5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	12			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Margaret & Bill Armstrong

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.
ST WILFRID before 55.00pm Mass Saturday

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday

COLLECTIONS: Not available

Parish Book Club. The next book will be *The Shack* by Wm Paul Young Copies available second hand from £2.43 on AbeBooks.co.uk. The meeting will be on Monday 27th November at 7pm in the Ingram Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Copy the instructions below into your notebook and follow their direction.

First Communicant's Task for 4th /5th November

- Listen carefully to and join in with the 'Penitential Rite'.
- Join in with the Lord's Prayer – the 'Our Father'
- Dip the middle finger of your right hand into the Holy Water Stoop as you enter and exit the church and make The Sign of The Cross with care and reverence.
- Remember to always sit near enough to the front of the church so that you can see what is happening on and around the Altar.

Altar Servers Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen at Mass on his Feast Day – 26th December.

Annual Mass Count. This weekend and next are the final two weekends for noting the Mas attendance figures for diocesan statistics.

A Light in the Darkness: a service for those who mourn the loss of a child Sunday 19th November 2023 3:00pm St Joseph's, Gateshead.

SPUC COFFEE MORNING You are invited by SPUC to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea in the church hall after Mass **SUNDAY 19th November**, please support this event. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help serve teas and coffees please give your name to Canon Michael

ST WILFRID'S

RAFFLE; Once again there are some great prizes to win this year so many thanks once more to those of you who have donated the raffle prizes and of course to those who have sold and bought raffle tickets. A tremendous effort from everyone, we are very grateful to you all!!! Raffle tickets are still available to buy at ALL Masses.

PIETY STALL Cards are now 70p unless priced. Christmas cards, 2024 diaries are now available in the kitchen. We also have Christmas grave candles on sale. There are also some reduced Christmas items on sale at the back of Church. Please see Rachel if you need any help.

NOVEMBER CANDLES in BOTH CHURCHES

If you would like a candle, in the memory of a loved one, to be lit throughout the month of November please put the name of the deceased into an envelope along with £1.50 per person.

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year A (OF)
23rd Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

4th /5th November 2023

The Dedication of St. John Lateran

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated. In the 14th century when the papacy returned to Rome from Avignon, the church and the adjoining palace were found to be in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds Saint Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches, this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. In a sense, St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics, because it is the pope's cathedral. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

Feast day November 9th.