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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Nov 8 th	5.00pm	Fot & George Adams
Sunday	Nov 9 th		
Monday	Nov 10 th	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell families
Tuesday	Nov 11 th		
Wednesday	Nov 12 th		
Thursday	Nov 13 th		
Friday	Nov 14 th	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	Nov 15 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	Nov 9 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm(EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	Nov 10 th		
Tuesday	Nov 11 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	Nov 12 th	12.00pm	Willian Henderson
Thursday	Nov 13 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	Nov 14 th	12.05pm	Joyce's birthday
Saturday	Nov 15 th	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	Nov 16 th	10.00am	People of the parish
		12.00 (EF)	12.00 (EF) Armstrong family

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass & SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle: Soy's family

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: THURSDAY 11.00am – 11.55am

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £197 Gift Aid £67
St Joseph's collection £224.50 Gift Aid £212.50

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme.

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.

Account Details for St Joseph's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Account Number: 31164066
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Details for St Wilfrid's

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

Almost a Christmas Ceilidh

Tickets on sale now:

Adults (over 18yrs) - £10
Young parishioners (aged 12 – 18 yrs) - £5
Under 12yrs free – MUST be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: - Friday 28th November beginning at 6.00pm.

WHERE: - in St Joseph's Church Hall

Your ticket includes admission, participation in all dances and light refreshments.

If you would like to bring alcoholic beverages please feel free to do so.

Even if you don't dance come along for the music and the friendship.

Farewell to Sr Vivian who is moving on to pastures new. Thanks for all she has done during her time as parish sister and we wish her every blessing in her new appointment. Welcome to Sr Rose. We hope she settles in quickly as she takes on the role of parish sister.

YOUTH CLUB

Sunday November 16th @ 6pm

Please email before 2.00pm on the 15th if you would like to come along:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

Book club will meet on December 9th at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss *Galileo's Daughter*. Copies available on Amazon from £3.66. All welcome.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Friday - 4.30pm in St Joseph's presbytery.

All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.

Please keep in your prayers: Colette, Eric, Christabel, Daniel and Olaedo who are preparing to make their first Holy Communion on Gaudete Sunday - 14th December.

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office, or scan the QR codes on the notice boards.

St Stephen's Day – 26th December – Boxing Day – the day after Christmas Day -We will be holding our annual St Stephen's Guild Mass on his feast day.

All Altar Servers are asked to attend, we have some new servers to be enrolled into the Guild and the current members will receive service award certificates.

Teas/coffees/juice and light refreshments will be served in the hall following Mass.

Mass will begin at 10.00am – ALL parishioners are invited and welcomed.

Servers please email to let us know if you will be serving.

St Joseph's CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donations for prizes are gratefully accepted.

Tickets are £1 per strip, to be drawn on Sunday 21st December after the 10.00am Mass

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits

Served after 10.00am Mass in the church hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need **regular volunteers** for the following

roles:-

Cleaners

Flower arrangers

Serve teas/coffees

Welcomers

Readers

Choir Members

Manning Piety Stall

Money Counters

If you are interested in any of the above please collect an application form

And **occasional volunteers** for the following:-

Helping at jumble sale

Helping at Christmas church clean & decorating

Please email:

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TOILET WIPES

Please do not put any type of wipes down any of the toilets, in the hall or presbytery buildings. These cause blockages in the sewers and lead to flooding of the area. Even wipes which say they are flushable must not be flushed down the toilet. The blockage of sewers can be traced to individual sites and a charge will be levied against offenders. Please use the bins provided for the disposal of wipes. Only toilet paper is permissible to be flushed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PLEASE PARK in the **marked bays only**, giving consideration to others and leaving access for emergency services if required.

'GOOD OLD-FASHIONED JUMBLE SALE'

to be held in the hall on SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER starting at 12.30pm

All items gratefully received: - **toys, clothes, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture etc. NO electrical goods – unless new, boxed and unused.**

You may leave any donations for the sale in the church porch from where they will be collected, or leave them in the office at St Joseph's, please mark the bags –'Jumble'.

Volunteers Needed to Man the stalls please email - stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com – if you can help.

Preparing the church for Christmas – Saturday 13th December – Beginning at 12.45pm

We ask for volunteers to help prepare the church for Christmas, this includes cleaning and putting up decorations. It is also an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners as we work together and relax afterwards with mulled wine and mince pies. Mark the date in your diaries and please email

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ST WILFRID'S

Raffle Tickets - £1 per book

Piety - Christmas cards, 2026 diaries and calendars and other items are now available at the back of church or in the kitchen.

St Joseph's Piety Stall

This will be open today, Sunday 2nd November and hopefully in a fortnight's time when our new stock eventually arrives.

We have some Christmas cards and Advent Candles on sale this week.

We accept cash only

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.

Rorate Mass This year this Mass (EF) will be on Saturday 6th December at 7am. This Mass is a popular Advent devotion and is said before dawn by candle light.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY. The next talk will be on Thursday at 2pm in St Joseph's Hall when Richard Pears will speak on 'Catholic Country House Building in Durham and Northumberland 1570-1829'. All welcome. Non-members £1.

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 color, 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](#).

Racism is a sin almost nobody confesses. Like pollution, it is a “sin of the world” that is everybody's responsibility but apparently nobody's fault. One could hardly imagine a more fitting patron of Christian forgiveness—on the part of those discriminated against—and Christian justice—on the part of reformed racists—than Martin de Porres.

Feast Day 3rd November

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- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;

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