

**Calling All Altar Servers**

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St Stephen, 26<sup>th</sup> December by serving Mass at 10.00am followed by refreshments in the hall. We will be inviting some of our newer altar servers to become enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen on this very special day.

St Wilfrid`s: Candles. While the November candles are around the church would parents please ask children to refrain from touching them lit or otherwise.

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[www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk](http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)

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**Remember in Your Prayers**

John, Isobel, Freya, Dominic and Chris who are preparing to make their first Holy Communion and who will be making their first Confession on the Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Pray for:** - Justice, Truth, Honesty, Compassion, Integrity, Reconciliation, Understanding and Mercy to be at the heart of all conversations, all meetings and all interactions at every level of society.

During the month of November in particular we remember those who have died "Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord"

Keep in your prayers all those who are ill or suffering at this time especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom there is nobody else to pray for them.

<p><b>Current First Holy Communion Class</b> Meets again on WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm</p>	<p><b>First Holy Communion Preparation 2025</b> If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to make his/her first Holy Communion please fill in an application form, available from the office. Your child's name will be added to the waiting list for the next series of classes to be held.</p>
<p><b>Baptism</b> If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.</p>	<p><b>Good Shepherd Programme</b> <b>Due to unforeseen circumstances this has been postponed indefinitely</b></p>
<p>If you would like to volunteer for any role within the parish please collect and fill in application forms. The names of two referees are required, one of which must not be a parishioner or known through church activities. Family members cannot act as referees.</p>	<p><b>Teas, coffees, hot chocolate, juice and biscuits</b> will be served in the hall after the 10.00am Mass. Please come along to this social event. Refreshments are free, but donations are welcomed.</p>
<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b> The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss the book "The King and the Catholics" by Antonia Fraser which explores how Catholic Emancipation happened in 1829. All welcome  New Members are always welcome</p>	<p><b>John Ingram Partnership RCIA</b> Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling. If you need further information please contact Alan on 07976402023.</p>
<p><b>FLAME 2025</b> Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the theme is: - <b>'UNSTOPPABLE FAN; THE FLAME OF HOPE'</b> It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age, those under the age of 18 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, over 700 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: £45 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: - <a href="mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org">mary.hughes@ymt.org</a></p>	<p><b>Raffle Prizes</b> If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle prize please hand it in to either Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt</p>
<p><b>Vocations Discernment</b> Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. These meetings take place each month, between 6pm and 8pm, at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley on: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.</p>	<p><b>Retreats</b> <b>Be Still and Know that I am God, 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>  Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information and to register go to: -  <a href="https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/">https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/</a></p>
<p><b>Sanctuary Candles Intentions</b> if you would like the Sanctuary candle lit for your intentions or those of a loved one please put these in an envelope along with £5 donation and hand it in to canon Michael or place it on the collection plate.</p>	<p>Marriage Care is looking for volunteer couples and individuals who would like to train in this exciting role. For further information contact: <a href="mailto:marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com">marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com</a>  <b>Mass Intentions</b> If you would like a Mass said for a loved one or for your own intentions please write the intention down, place it in an envelope along with a suggested offering of £10 and hand in to Canon Michael or put the envelope on the collection plate.</p>

## Saint Martin of Tours' Story

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was manoeuvred into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

Feast Day November 11<sup>th</sup>      franciscanmedia.org

### St Wilfrid's collection: 02.11.24

Mass £157. Gift Aid packets £97  
November Candles £260

If you would like to make a donation by BACs the details are: -

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Wilfrid  
Sort Code: 40-34-18

### St Joseph's collection: 03.11.24

Mass £326      Gift Aid envelopes £130

If you would like to make a donation by BACs the details are: -

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph  
Sort Code: 40-34-18  
Account No.: 31164066

### Gift Aid

Remember if you are a tax payer you can, at no extra cost to yourself, add 25p in every £1 you donate to the church just by gift aiding your donation

Come to help **decorate the Christmas tree** and enjoy warm mince pies and mulled wine on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

### St Joseph's Christmas Raffle

Tickets are on sale now - £1 a strip – don't miss out on your chance to win one of our fabulous hampers, or one of the many other prizes on offer.

### St Joseph's Piety Stall

The piety stall will be open again soon.  
If there is anything you want in the meantime please speak to me and I will be able to open the store for your purchase.  
Shauna

### Canon Michael's New Alb

Thank you to all who have contributed to this fund, a grand total of £400 has been raised which will enable the Canon to replace his old tattered alb for a new one, (or perhaps two), of his choice.

### Table Top Sale November 30<sup>th</sup>

Clear out things you no longer need and sell them at our table top event – tables cost £5 each – you can keep anything you make from sale of your second-hand goods or you can donate your profit to the parish. Reserve your table as soon as possible – put £5 in an envelope and hand in to Canon Michael or Shauna Devitt – limited spaces available.

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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday remaining after Epiphany (EF) 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Deceased members of McDonack & Butler families
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Private Intention JM
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

**Sanctuary Lamp Intention:**

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Agnes McStea (1939-2014)
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Silver wedding anniversary of Lisa & Ian Hall
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Adrian Barnes
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	George & Mary Wright
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.00am (EF)	Special Intention
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Margaret & Michael Lawson
		12.00pm	People of the Parish

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

**Confessions: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass**

**Sanctuary Lamp Intention:**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11-11.55am & Saturday 7.00am**