

Calling All Altar Servers

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St Stephen, 26th 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 around the church would parents please ask children to refrain from touching them lit or otherwise.

Christmas Party – Monday 23rd December 2.00pm – 5.30pm

We invite all children aged between 4 and 16yrs to come along to a Christmas party, there will be games, activities, music, refreshments, talent show and fun, oh and possibly a visit from St Nicholas.

If you would like to come along you **MUST** register in advance in order that we know for how many we are catering and to ensure adult to child ratios conform to the diocesan safeguarding guidelines.

Parents please register your child by emailing shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk with your child(ren)s names and ages and stating whether or not they have any allergies, dietary requirements or if there is any other medical information of which we ought to be aware – asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc.

If your child would like to perform at the talent show please let me know what they will be doing.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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 20th 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.

Raffle Draw and Tree Decorating

Come along to St Joseph’s on Saturday 14th December at 1.30pm to help decorate the Christmas tree and enjoy mulled wine and warm mince pies as we draw the raffle. If you intend to come along please let Father know in order that we cater according to numbers.

First Confessions and Penitential Service

You are invited to the Penitential Service on Wednesday 20th November at 6pm led by five of our youngest children who will be making their first Confessions.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday	19 th November	7.00pm
Wednesday	20 th November	6.00pm
Saturday	30 th November	11.00am until 2.00pm
Saturday	14 th December	1.30pm
Saturday	21 st December	9.00am
Monday	23 rd December	2.00pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday	24 th December	5.00pm St Wilfrid’s
Wednesday	25 th December	9.30am (OF) 11.00am (EF)
Thursday	26 th December	10.00am

Servers – certificates of service to be awarded and new members enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen

Book Club
first Confessions and Penitential Service
Table Top Sale
decorate Christmas tree, Raffle draw, mulled wine

Big Church Clean
Christmas Party for 4-16yr olds
St Joseph’s 10.00pm carols followed by Mass
St Stephen’s Day Mass especially for **ALL** altar

Sanctuary Candles Intentions 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.

Teas, coffees, hot chocolate, juice and biscuits 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.

Current First Holy Communion Class

Meet in church on WEDNESDAY 20th November at 6.00pm for first Confessions

Baptism

If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 19th 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

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March, the theme is: -

'UNSTOPPABLE FAN; THE FLAME OF HOPE'

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: - mary.hughes@ymt.org

Vocations Discernment 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 3rd December.

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

First Holy Communion Preparation 2025

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.

Good Shepherd Programme

We are hoping and praying that the Missionaries of Charity will take up the reigns of this programme at St Joseph's.

If you would like your child aged 3yrs – 7yrs to be included in this wonderful, hands-on Catechetical programme please fill in a form available from the office – or catch Shauna

Raffle Prizes

If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle prize please hand it in to either Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt

Retreats

Be Still and Know that I am God, 21st – 24th November 2024

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: -

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

Marriage Care is looking for volunteer couples and individuals who would like to train in this exciting role. For further information contact: marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com

NATIVITY

It appears there is not only "no room at the Inn", but this year there is no Inn at all. Every year the Nativity scene is erected in the shed at the front of the church, this welcoming sight has become much loved, appreciated and expected by the people of Gateshead. Sadly time, weather and some vandalism has taken its toll on the shed and we desperately need to replace it in order to house the Nativity figures safely and visibly. Are there any carpenters or joiners in the congregation who could donate their time and expertise to helping us create a suitable housing for the Nativity this year? Please make yourself known to Canon Michael.

Saint Cecilia's Story

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art.

Feast Day November 22nd franciscanmedia.org

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

St Wilfrid's collection: 09.11.24

Mass £135. Gift Aid packets £62
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: 10.11.24

Mass £294 Gift Aid envelopes £125

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

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 is open this Sunday and will be open at the table top sale on November 30th.
Some new stock has arrived, including Catholic diaries for 2025

Table Top Sale

Saturday 30th November from 11.00am-2.00pm

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.

Mass Intentions

Sometimes it takes a long time for a Mass intention you have requested to be said. This is particularly true for Mass requests for Saturday evening or Sunday morning. This is because a priest may only take one stipend a day; Saturday night and Sunday morning are considered as one day. There is a backlog. On the other hand requests for Masses to be said on weekdays are usually fulfilled very quickly. Please be patient: requested Masses will be said but a request for Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning may take a while unless you ask for a specific date.

Holy Family Guild upcoming events to which ALL families are invited

22nd December: Carol Singing see poster on notice board for further details and use link to RSVP

5th January: Epiphany Party at St. Joseph's, Gateshead
More details to follow.

16th March: Stations of the Cross at Osmotherley

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 6th Sunday remaining after Epiphany (EF) 17th November 2024

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	16 th Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Monday	18 th Nov	10.00am	Deceased members of McDonack & Butler families
Friday	22 nd Nov	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	23 rd Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intentions

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	16 th Nov	11.00am (EF)	Special Intention
Sunday	17 th Nov	10.00am	Margaret & Michael Lawson
		12.00pm (EF)	People of the Parish
Tuesday	19 th Nov	12.05pm	Billy McStea (1936-2006)
Wednesday	20 th Nov	12.05pm	Ethel Tommy Kelly
Thursday	21 st Nov	12.05pm	Deceased members of Armstrong, Peace, Dalby, Atkinson, Fairbridge, Walsh, & Moll families
Friday	22 nd Nov	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	23 rd Nov	11.00am (EF)	Protection of the Latin Mass
Sunday	24 th Nov	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Janice Hall

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

Confessions: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

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