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*Today Sunday 21st November is the Feast of Christ the King Ordinary Form Year B
and the Last Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

"You say I am a king." So Jesus responds to Pilate, when Pilate presses him on his kingship.

"Are you then a king?" asks Pilate.

*"You say I am a king." So Jesus admonishes Pilate, with this half-affirmation at best, because he knows what kind of King Pilate has in mind: the beastly kind, the prophet Daniel's tyrant of ten horns, who rules by the lie that *might makes right*. The kind of king whose reign begins and ends steeped in others' blood. As Jesus stands before Pilate, he stands ready to shed his *own* blood for a different kind of reign. He's not Pilate's kind of king at all.*

The church's choice of this gospel passage for the Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to solemn reflection. We would do well to heed Jesus' admonishment ourselves, for too many times in Christian history we've made Pilate's mistake. When

Christians marched under the banners of the Crusades, they marched under a false flag; when the Inquisition bled its opponents with the blade, it sought truth with lies; and today, in this age of anxiety, do we not face the temptation to hitch ourselves to a leader, *any* leader, who has the seeming strength to save us? Or to any power, or any technology, or any means whatsoever, no matter the ultimate cost—so long as it seemingly helps us through the terrible *now*?

The Solemnity of Christ the King confronts us with that temptation toward worldly strength and power and glory. For that very reason, we can and must celebrate it, to nourish our hope and resistance. For there is different kind of strength to save here. It's the kind of strength the poor know in their extremity, and that Saint Oscar Romero discovered when he fell in love with them and the gospel. There's a scene in the movie *Romero* that captures the moment of his discovery. "You are a liar,"

Raúl Juliá's Romero says to the dictator's face. And so he realizes the truth: the power that oppresses depends on lies. It is *not* absolute. Try as it might, it cannot make right. And so it cannot last. It falls in self-contradiction.

Whereas Jesus stands before Pilate, strong in the everlasting truth of the reign of God, the truth for which he came into the world. By his own blood he testifies, that God's dominion extends over life and death itself and knows no contradiction. And so Jesus goes willingly to his death, trusting that *God saves*.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, God proclaims in the Book of Revelations. *God has made the world firm, not to be moved*, we ourselves proclaim with the psalmist. Dare we believe it? Dare we believe what we truly celebrate today, and so draw the strength to walk in Jesus' footsteps, and stand with all those who speak truth to power?



MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	20 th Nov	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	21 st Nov			People of the Parish Intentions of Elizabeth Wright	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	22 nd Nov	Holy Souls	10.00am		
Tuesday	23 rd Nov			Bernard Wright & Jean McCormick	12.05pm
Wednesday	24 th Nov			Fr William O'Gorman	12.05pm
Thursday	25 th Nov			Gordon Robinson	7.45am
Friday	26 th Nov	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Rachel Birkbeck	12.05pm
Saturday	27 th Nov			Intentions of LMS	11.00am
		John Thompson	5.00pm		
Sunday	28 th Nov			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Confessions:- St Joseph's: Wednesday after Mass; Saturdays from 12-12.30

.St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Mass intentions:- give to canon Michael

Prayers for:- anniversaries occurring at this time; the sick and recently deceased

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament @ St Joseph's Wednesdays 11.00am-12.00pm

Vespers and Benediction every First Sunday of the Month at 3pm

African Mass Every Last Sunday of the Month

The **Library** in the Church Porch at St Joseph's is now up and ready for use, please read and follow the guidelines as to usage.

If you have any suitable books at home with which you have finished but think somebody else may enjoy please consider donating them to our library, by placing them into the box available, do not put them directly onto the shelves.

Thank you



Children's Books to Borrow

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass, or take them home for a week.

If you have any suitable children's books with which you have finished please donate them to our collection by placing them in the box provided.

Thank You



The third session of the **Book Club** takes place on Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm in the John Ingram Room located off the Sacristy at St Joseph's. We will be discussing the book "No Place for God" by Moyra Dooley, a book about church architecture.



Christmas Raffle tickets on sale now on sale at St Joseph's £1 per strip of 5 tickets, please give this fund raising event a lot of support. There are many prizes to be won – First Prize £50 cash, two second prizes of £25 each and many smaller prizes including wine, toiletries, gift ware and much more



Piety Stall at St Joseph's - Can anybody spare an hour on a Sunday morning between the end of 10.00am Mass and the beginning of 12.00pm Mass to man the stall? If so please email shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk



Clergy Training Fund remains open until 28th November; please give generously to this worthy cause. The money helps with the expense of training our future Priests as well as enabling our current clergy to take part in continuing development courses. To donate please place money in an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through the Presbytery door at St Joseph's or alternatively make a bank transfer and use the reference 'Clergy Training'.



Offertory Collections and Donations

Thank you to all who are regularly contributing to our collections at Mass each week, and to all who continue their regular Standing Orders.



Gift Aiding your donations is a great way to increase your giving without actually costing you a penny more – think about it, if you have any questions please speak to Alan Young or get in touch with the Parish office.

Collection for 13th /14th November St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £255.34 Gift Aid Envelopes: £98 Votive Candles: £34.20
Rental income: Room: £24 & Car park: £35
El Shaddai: - £120 Raffle Tickets: £20

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate Collection: £128.40 Gift Aid Envelopes: £22 Donations: £5 piety: £11.40
Many Thanks



Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

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Account Number 01164120

Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Where does the money go? The upkeep of any Parish is an expensive one, the older the church or presbytery the more expensive the running costs, not only are there all the usual bills: - water, heating, lights, insurances, stationery, church supplies etc there are also maintenance and historical buildings repairs to undertake, we also still provide 10% of the capital costs for the maintenance of our school premises.

(By providing money for our schools the Catholic Church actually saves the taxpayer tens of millions of pounds a year - Why not Gift Aid your donations and let's get some back!)

Memorial Mass - Remembering those who died since the Pandemic began

Since the Pandemic began, the ways in which we have been able to say goodbye to our loved ones and to celebrate their funerals have been severely restricted. This applies to those who died with the Coronavirus and to those we have lost through other circumstances. Every family and parish is finding ways to express their loss. As part of our Diocesan family approach to these difficult times we shall especially dedicate the month of November to our remembrance.

These Books of Remembrance will be brought to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle the following week, so that all those named may be remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert at **11.00am on Saturday 27th November.**



YEAR of the EUCHARIST

"In this year of the Eucharist, the Association of the Eucharist is holding a Holy Hour at St. Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle, on Sunday 5 December from 2pm to 3pm, followed by refreshment."



Going into hospital?

Please ensure you let the hospital staff know you are a Catholic as soon as you are admitted, the staff cannot ask for your religious affiliation as a matter of course, they rely on you or somebody with you ensuring they have the information recorded on your notes. If this is not recorded you may not have a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

First Holy Communions

Do you have a child aged 7 years or over, who does not attend one of our Catholic Schools, and would like to make his or her First Holy Communion? Are you prepared to support your child through a preparation programme and beyond? Will you ensure your child attends Mass every Sunday and seeks to be reconciled to Our Lord through regular Confession? If so please contact Canon Michael.

Some Events of Interest

Youth Sunday Evening 21st November
Justice and Peace AGM 27th November

See new Diocesan Website for further details
[Home - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](http://Home-Diocese-of-Hexham-&Newcastle-diocesehn.org.uk)
(diocesehn.org.uk)

LECTURE



Diocesan Vacancies

St Teresa's Primary School Heaton - lunchtime supervisor
St Michael's Houghton-Le-Spring Lunchtime Supervisor
St John Boste Washington Lunchtime Supervisor
St John Bosco Sunderland Teaching Assistant
St John Bosco Sunderland EYFS Teacher
See Diocesan Website - Education- for further details



Church Cleaners

Can you spare an hour to help clean our church?
We need fit, able bodied, reliable helpers to ensure the church is kept at its best. Please email your availability to gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or michaelbrown6@btconnect.com or put your name and times available on the list in the church porch.

Thank You



Please Remember we are still fighting a serious threat to life from the COVID virus, there are a high number of infections in our region leading to hospitalization and death especially amongst the unvaccinated. So we are asked to continue with some simple safety precautions to protect ourselves and our fellow church attendees.

- Continue to wear a face mask covering nose and mouth
 - Sanitise hands on entry to church, prior to receiving Communion and on exit from church
 - Maintain social distancing from anyone outside your immediate social bubble
- Thank you – together we will beat it!



FACE SPACE HANDS

NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISITS

There is a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions for visiting a cemetery to pray for the Holy Souls which the Holy See has extended for the whole of November this year. The usual conditions are to go to confession, receive Holy Communion, prayers for the pope's intentions and freedom from attachment to sin.



Pope's Intention for the Month of November

Universal Intention: – People Who Suffer from Depression

we pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

