

### 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. Please let me know if you will be coming along to this celebration in order that we can cater for everyone with cassocks and cottas etc. as well as refreshments. Email [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk)

### Christmas Party – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 before 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 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](mailto: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. Or fill in a form available at the back of church.**

**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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

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

### DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00pm	<b>Book Club</b>
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am until 2.00pm	<b>Table Top Sale</b>
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	<b>decorate Christmas tree, Raffle draw, mulled wine and mince pies</b>
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.00am	<b>Big Church Clean</b>
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	2.00pm – 5.30pm	<b>Christmas Party for 4-16yr olds</b>
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm St Wilfrid’s	<b>St Joseph’s 10.00pm carols followed by Mass</b>
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am (OF) 11.00am (EF)</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass at St Joseph’s</b>
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	<b>St Stephen’s Day Mass especially for ALL altar Servers</b>

THANK YOU. Canon Michael writes: A very big thank you to all who contributed to buying me a new alb. It is being made by J & M Sewing of Newcastle who says it will be ready before Christmas. There is still a substantial amount left so I will be looking to buy a cotta too.

### Current First Holy Communion Class

Classes continue on WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm

### 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 26<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

### FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

### 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

### 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

From a volunteer at 'Joe's Place' which operates from St Joseph's church hall every Wednesday.

"On a very cold morning, the chicken dinner was much appreciated! The menu was chicken in gravy with stuffing, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire puddings and vegetables (63 served), scrambled eggs on toast (32 served) various toasties (94 served) and apple crumble with custard (54 served).

We gave out lots of hats, socks, scarves, gloves and other items of warm clothing and our clients are very grateful for these, especially now the winter has truly arrived!

Our parishes, schools and friends have been very generous in continuing to donate to us and we are thankful for their continued support.

Donations of food for Joe's Place may be left in the box at the back of church; the following items are regularly needed: Potatoes- tinned or dried, tinned meats or tuna, dumpling mix, crumble mix, tinned fruit & veg, custard. We are also grateful for used rucksacks or large bags.

## Blessed Rafal Chylinski's Story

Born near Buk in the Poznan region of Poland, Melchior Chylinski showed early signs of religious devotion; family members nicknamed him "the little monk." After completing his studies at the Jesuit college in Poznan, Melchior joined the cavalry and was promoted to officer rank within three years.

In 1715, against the urgings of his military comrades, Melchior joined the Conventual Franciscans in Krakow. Receiving the name Rafal, he was ordained two years later. After pastoral assignments in nine cities, he came to Lagiewniki, where he spent the last 13 years of his life, except for 20 months ministering to flood and epidemic victims in Warsaw. In all these places, Rafal was known for his simple and candid sermons, for his generosity, as well as for his ministry in the confessional. People of all levels of society were drawn to the self-sacrificing way he lived out his religious profession and priestly ministry.

Rafal played the harp, lute, and mandolin to accompany liturgical hymns. In Lagiewniki he distributed food, supplies, and clothing to the poor. After his death, the Conventual church in that city became a place of pilgrimage for people throughout Poland. He was beatified in Warsaw in 1991.

Feast Day December 2nd      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: 16.11.24**  
Mass £135.60 Gift Aid packets £77

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

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Wilfrid  
Sort Code: 40-34-18  
Account No: 01164120

**St Joseph's collection: 17.11.24**  
Mass £317 Gift Aid envelopes £160

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

### 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.

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to: -  
[shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk)

### Table Top Sale

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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Christ the King (OF) Last Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	David Baker
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov		
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	11.00am (EF)	Protection of Latin Mass
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Janice Hall
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	16.00hrs	Reception of Agnes Gauld's Body
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Requiem Mass for Agnes Gauld
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Joseph T.V.
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.05pm	Thomas
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>10.00am (EF)</b>	For our most dearly beloved & most forgotten dead
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm	Mar Family

(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**  
**NONE THIS Thursday**  
**Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)**