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First Sunday of Advent Year A November 30th 2025

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Nov 29 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Nov 30 th		
Monday	Dec 1 st	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	Dec 2 nd		
Wednesday	Dec 3 rd		
Thursday	Dec 4 th		
Friday	Dec 5 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Dec 6 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 30 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00 (EF)	Well-being of Gerry and Arlene
		2.00pm	African Community Mass
Monday	Dec 1 st		
Tuesday	Dec 2 nd	12.05pm	Franklin Joshy
Wednesday	Dec 3 rd	10.00am	Louella Lleses
Thursday	Dec 4 th	12.05pm	Thanksgiving
Friday	Dec 5 th	12.05pm	Peggy 7 Billy Mohan
Saturday	Dec 6 th	7.00am (EF)	RORATE MASS – Holy Souls
Sunday	Dec 7 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00 (EF)	Billy & Margaret Armstrong

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass & SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Meets every Friday - 4.30pm in St Joseph's presbytery.
All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant application forms.

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits
Served after 10.00am Mass in the church hall.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
St Wilfrid's collection £129 Gift Aid £82
St Joseph's collection £195 Gift Aid £180.50

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

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St Joseph's CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Tickets are £1 per strip, to be drawn on Sunday 21st December after the 10.00am Mass

Book Of Remembrance. The book will be updated soon. If you would like the name of a deceased person to be added please write the details – full name & date of death - put in an envelope marked 'Book of Remembrance' with your offering. (The suggested amount is £10).

CONGRATULATIONS: Colette, Eric, Christabel, Daniel and Olaedo who made their first Holy Communion last Sunday.

Rorate Mass-Saturday 6th December
This popular Advent Devotion will begin at 7 am. Just before dawn. The Mass said in the Extraordinary Form is by candle-light which is a marvellous sight, if you have never experienced this early morning Mass before I encourage you to come along, you won't be disappointed.

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.

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.

YOUTH CLUB
NEXT Meeting on JANUARY 4th for an Epiphany Party in a joint venture with the Scouts and Holy Family Guild,
please email if you would like to come along: stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

'GOOD OLD-FASHIONED JUMBLE SALE'
SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER starting at 12.30pm in the hall

This event is to raise much needed funds for YOUR Parish CHURCH
It will only be a success if we have enough volunteers to help.

We need people to man the stalls, collect entrance fees, serve refreshments, and put the jumble out ready, tidy away after the event – don't leave it up to someone else, volunteer yourself.

Please email - stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com if you can help

Preparing YOUR Church for Christmas
Saturday 13th December – Beginning at 12.45pm

We need people to sweep the floors, vacuum the Sanctuary, dust the statues, polish the brass, clean the candle holders as well as put up the Christmas tree and 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.

Please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com if you can help,
(we need numbers for the mince pies etc.)

Almost a Christmas Ceilidh

Thank you to all who supported this event. A good time was had by all and calls for another have been echoed by many, so watch this space and don't miss out.

Penance Service. There will be a Penance service with the opportunity of individual confession at St Peter's, Low Fell on Wednesday 17 th December at 7.00pm. All welcome	School carol services. St Joseph's school carol service will be held on 10 th December in church at 5.30pm. St Wilfrid's school carol service will be held on Thursday 11 th December at 1.30pm. All welcome
ST WILFRIDS; RAFFLE TICKETS Are on sale, the cost is £1 per book. CHRISTMAS CARDS, 2026 diaries and calendars and other items are now available at the back of church or in the kitchen.	If you would like to help prepare St Wilfrid's Church for Christmas or help out in any way at this church please speak to Canon Michael and Stephen Hogarth or Richard Kelly or Rachel Arthurs

January 12th 2026 Visitation of Our Lady of Fatima to St Catherine's nursing Home. Meet at 1.45 for a procession followed by one hour of prayer in front of the Statue and Relics. All Welcome

Saint Nicholas' Story

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to Saint Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast.

In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop

Feast Day 6th December

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Toilet wipes. Please do not put any type of wipes down the toilet. 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.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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- Access it via the website;

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Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

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

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