

# +THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+ GATESHEAD

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## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	OCT		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	1	6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	5			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon	Ben Schiphorst
Monday	3	10.00am	General Chapter of DDL		
Tuesday	4			12.05pm	Leslie Keeble
Wednesday	5			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Thursday	6			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Friday	7	10.00am	Sick of Parish	12.05 pm	Ray Ward
Saturday	8			11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
		6.00pm	Betty Walker		
Sunday	9			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Fr E Donnelly

**CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM**

**COLLECTIONS:** 25.09. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £208.26  
12.00 noon: £170.11  
Total £378.37

St Wilfrid's. £138.97. Donation £5.

**Please remember** our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Ray Holland, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand.

**PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS** Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in Sunderland Road and Cemetery Road this Thursday morning.

**FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE DEANERY MEETING.** There will be a further meeting for FTIH at St Anne's, Low Fell on Wednesday at 6.30pm to examine how this will affect our deanery. All those who came to last week's meeting are invited to attend.

## ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

**CONFIRMATIONS.** Would those who said they would like to be confirmed next year please collect a handout after Mass today.

There is a jar at the back of church for loose change, also we are collecting old broken gold and silver jewellery, military medals and old coins. The money will go towards the restoration of the stained glass window in the Lady chapel that is in urgent need of repair at the cost of £5000. Thank you for the donations which came in this week to the sum of £400. Raffle tickets, please check your raffle numbers, we still have unclaimed prizes.

**SYRIAN PROJECT.** Earlier this year it was decided to take on a parish project with Aid to the Church in need. Our project is helping a Catholic school, Al Riaya, in Damascus, Syria. There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month on the first Sunday of the month, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. **Collection today!**

**POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD** This Award for young people aged 16-18 years (post year 11) is being launched again this month. Leaflets giving more information of this Award, are available at the back of church. Further information and registration forms are available at [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org). Or speak to Bernadette Hirst who will try to answer questions about the Award.

## ST. WILFRID'S NEWS

**FEAST OF ST WILFRID.** This year we will celebrate our patronal feast together with our Polish community. There will be Rosary followed by Mass at 6.30pm on October 12<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped there will be refreshments afterwards.

**CHRISTMAS.** Fr McCourt will celebrate the vigil Mass of Christmas at 6pm on Christmas Eve. On Boxing Day, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December there will be a joint Mass with the Polish community at 10 am.

Did you know that we have a Facebook Page that is regularly updated with information for Mass Times and What's happening in the Parish?? There is also information relevant

to our Catholic Faith, and photos?? Why not have a look; Save St.Wilfrid's Church Gateshead.

Christmas Cards, Diaries and other items are now available in the kitchen on Saturdays.

There are two numbers left on the Saturday Bonus Ball. This is a very good way of providing income for the Parish, please see Sandra if you would like one-or two!!!

Once again we will be collecting the Chronicle Wish Tokens. They will begin appearing in the Chronicle on Monday 10th October right through to Saturday 7th January next year. The last time we collected them we had a fantastic response from so many people, near and far, who thought of us so we hope that we get that same good will again this time around. Tokens can be given to any Parishioner or sent to the Church where there will be a box at the back. Many Thanks.

### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH VACANCIES**

**Foundation Governors.** We need to appoint two foundation governors for St Joseph's school. To qualify you need to be a practising Catholic with an interest in the good of the school and it would be an advantage to have some relevant skill to offer. Please see Fr Brown or Bernadette Hirst if you are interested.

**Money Counters.** Volunteers are sought to join the rota for counting the Sunday collection.

**Parish Hall.** Volunteers needed who are willing to help with the booking and opening of the parish hall.

**Church cleaning.** The group who stay behind on a Friday after Mass are looking for volunteers to help them in cleaning the church.

**Altar Servers.** Children who have made their First Holy Communion are encouraged to consider becoming altar servers at Mass.

**YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION** An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's School, Hebburn on Sunday 9th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm. This year's Youth Sunday, which falls on the Feast of Christ the King in November, is also the Closing of the Year of Mercy. A variety of resources will be available to explore the theme 'HE IS MERCY'. All adults and young people (Year 9 and above) are invited – please see the parish priest if you would like to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE)** Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church.

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF)  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

### **October: the month of the Rosary**

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (Jn 14:6) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, “the way, and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn”.

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

St John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae 16.10.2002