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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (OF) 12th October 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Oct 11 th	5.00pm	John Turnbull
Sunday	Oct 12 th		
Monday	Oct 13 th	10.00am	Peggy and Billy Mohan
Tuesday	Oct 14 th		
Wednesday	Oct 15 th		
Thursday	Oct 16 th		
Friday	Oct 17 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Oct 18 th	5.00pm	Pat & George Adams

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle:
Soy's Family

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	Oct 12 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	Oct 13 th		
Tuesday	Oct 14 th	12.05pm	Verina Telford
Wednesday	Oct 15 th	12.00pm	William Henderson
Thursday	Oct 16 th	12.05pm	Thanksgiving
Friday	Oct 17 th	12.05pm	Verina Telford
Saturday	Oct 18 th	11.00am (EF)	Holy Souls
Sunday	Oct 19 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00 (EF)	Priest's Intention

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

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass & SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

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

Sanctuary Candle:
John Cantwell & Jimmy Johnson

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £122.50 Gift Aid £72
St Joseph's collection £206.60 Gift Aid £233.50

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

Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

Almost a Christmas Ceilidh

Tickets on sale now:

Adults (over 18yrs) - £10
Young parishioners (aged 12 – 18 yrs) - £5
Under 12yrs free – MUST be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: - Friday 28th November beginning at 6.00pm.

WHERE: - in St Joseph's Church Hall

Your ticket includes admission, participation in all dances and light refreshments.

If you would like to bring alcoholic beverages please feel free to do so.

Even if you don't dance come along for the music and the friendship.

St Joseph's CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donations for prizes are gratefully accepted.

Tickets are £5 per strip, to be drawn on Sunday 21st December after the 10.00am Mass

YOUTH CLUB

THIS EVENING @ 6pm

Please email before 2.00pm:

stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

If you would like to come along

Book club will meet on **October 21st** at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss *Fires of Faith: Catholic England under Mary Tudor* by Eamon Duffy. Copies available on Amazon from £3.18. All welcome.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Friday - 4.30pm in St Joseph's presbytery. All children aged 3 -10yrs are very welcome to come along.

NOVEMBER CANDLES – it is traditional to light a candle throughout the month of November in memory of those we have lost. If you would like a candle lit in memory of someone please put their name and a donation of £1.50 into an envelope and place it on the collection plate. All names must be submitted by Sunday 26th October.

Please keep in your prayers: Colette, Eric, Christabel, Daniel and Olaedo who are preparing to make their first Holy Communion on Guadate Sunday - 14th December.

Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Application Forms

If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office, or scan the QR codes on the notice boards.

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.

PLEASE PARK in the marked bays only, giving consideration to others and leaving access for emergency services if required.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need **regular volunteers** for the following roles:-

Cleaners
Flower arrangers
Serve teas/coffees
Welcomers
Readers
Choir Members
Manning Piety Stall
Money Counters

And **occasional volunteers** for the following:-

Helping at jumble sale
Helping at Christmas church clean & decorating

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if any of these roles appeal to you.

Tea/Coffee/soft drink & biscuits
Served after 10.00am Mass in the church hall, please feel free to join in – no cost involved –

Refreshments are free unless you choose to make a donation.

TOILET WIPES

Please do not put any type of wipes down any of the toilets, in the hall or presbytery buildings. 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. Only toilet paper is permissible to be flushed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Access it via the website:

‘GOOD OLD-FASHIONED JUMBLE SALE’

to be held in the hall on SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER starting at 12.30pm

All items gratefully received: - **toys, clothes, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture** etc. **NO** electrical goods – unless new, boxed and unused.

You may leave any donations for the sale in the church porch from where they will be collected, or leave them in the office at St Joseph's, please mark the bags –‘Jumble’.

Volunteers Needed to Man the stalls –please email - stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com – if you can help.

Preparing the church for Christmas – Saturday 13th December – Beginning at 12.45pm

We ask for volunteers to help prepare the church for Christmas, this includes cleaning and putting up 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. Mark the date in your diaries and please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com if you can help, (we need numbers for the mince pies etc.)

ST WILFRID'S

Raffle Tickets - £1 per book. Many thanks to all of you who have donated the wonderful prizes and also to all of you who have made a big effort to sell the tickets.

Piety

Christmas cards, 2026 diaries and calendars and other items are now available at the back of church or in the kitchen.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please ask Canon Michael if it is possible and then, with his go ahead only, submit your article before mid-day on a Thursday.

Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions' Story

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec.

The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed, or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ not be allowed to drink the Blood of Christ."

Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York.

The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was René Goupil who with Lalande, had offered his services as an oblate. He was tortured along with Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the sign of the cross on the brow of some children.

Father Anthony Daniel, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death in 1649. Having been captured by the Iroquois at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada, Father Brébeuf died after four hours of extreme torture.

Gabriel Lalemant had taken a fourth vow—to sacrifice his life for the Native Americans. He was horribly tortured to death along with Father Brébeuf.

Father Charles Garnier was shot to death in 1649 as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack.

Father Noel Chabanel also was killed in 1649, before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. He could not learn the language, and the food and life of the Indians revolted him, plus he suffered spiritual dryness during his whole stay in Canada. Yet he made a vow to remain in his mission until death.

These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.