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*30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dot Adams	5.00pm		
Sunday	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Matthews	10.00am		
Tuesday	October 25 <sup>th</sup>			Repose of Soul of Christopher Hamilton (Canada)	12.05pm
Wed	October 26 <sup>th</sup>			Holy Souls	12.05pm
Thursday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>			Lidia Debreczeni	7.45am
Friday	October 28 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	10.00am	Francis Xavier	12.05pm
Saturday	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Bethan Devitt (birthday)	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	October 30 <sup>th</sup>			Rachel Birkbeck People of the Parish African Mass	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11-11.55am & Saturday 7.00am

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Benediction and Vespers on the first Sunday of each month

African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

The family of Kathleen Burrell, a former parishioner of St Wilfrid's, who has died recently ask for your prayers for the repose of her soul.

**LAST CHANCE to order NOVEMBER CANDLES**  
- put name of deceased in envelope along with £2 per name and put on collection plate

**UPDATED BOOK CLUB INFORMATION**  
We are always looking for new participants in this friendly, relaxed, social discussion group.  
**Next meeting NOTE CHANGE of DATE**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7pm.**  
The book is *Orthodoxy* by G.K.Chesterton.

**Christmas Mass Times**  
**St Joseph's**  
Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm  
Christmas Eve Sung Latin Mass (EF) 11.00pm  
Christmas Day Holy Mass 10.00am  
**St Wilfrid's**  
Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm

**First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

There will be First Saturday devotions every month at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead, in reparation for blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as Our Lady of Fatima requested. These monthly devotions will begin on **Saturday November 5th 2022**, and will have the following programme:

11:00 am - Holy Mass, with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart  
11:30 am - Group Recitation of the Rosary  
11:45 am - Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary  
12:00-12:30 pm - Confessions  
12.00 - 2.30 pm - coffee

**Carols by Candlelight**

St Joseph's Church is to host this wonderful musical Christmas evening on the evening of the **9<sup>th</sup> December**. The programme will feature the Diocesan Choir and the choirs and bands of St Joseph's Academy Hebburn. Mark the date in your diary.

**CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE**  
**DEADLINE for Submissions 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**  
Please email your magazine contribution to [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)  
**Thank You** in advance for your participation

**Recording and Photography**  
In Accordance with Diocesan Data protection and Safeguarding policies permission **MUST** be sought from and given by Canon Michael before any photographs or recordings of any kind are taken in church.

There is a **Second collection** this weekend for **World Mission Sunday**

**The MEXICAN FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON**  
Last Sunday was a great success, thank you to all who attended, and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Monica and the Tyneside Mexican Community who organised and hosted the whole event which raised £430 for the parish.

Unclaimed raffle prizes are available to collect in the church office

The next Mexican Fun Day will take place on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** - you really don't want to miss out, so please save the date.

**St Joseph's Christmas Raffle**

Thank you for the contributions so far, we still need many more donations to make the raffle worthwhile.

**Piety**

Look at the exciting **NEW** stock, including Christmas cards, baubles, advent calendars, crocheted angels, DVDs 2023 diaries and more for sale at the back of church

**HALL MANAGEMENT**

Thank you to those who have shown an interest in this position, if there is anyone else interested please speak to Canon Michael for further information as soon as possible  
Support and guidance will be given to get you started.

**Income 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**St Wilfrid's: - £187.50 Gift Aided- £47**  
**Donation-£20 parishioner's donations for sound system upgrade £400**  
**St Joseph's - £404 of which £117 was Gift Aided**  
**Mexican Fun Afternoon £430**  
**Many Thanks**

**Tuesday Club**

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass  
Join us for a light lunch, a warm welcome and friendly conversation as well as bingo and other activities  
All this for a small donation of £1 per person  
For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

**LATIN for BEGINNERS**  
**Mondays @ 7.30,**

Class are held in the John Ingram Room, please come to Presbytery (back door)  
Text Books cost £3  
This week is the second class, so there is still time to join in as you haven't missed too much yet.

*"I thank thee God that I am not like the rest of mankind"- prayer of the Pharisee*  
*"Lord be merciful to me a poor sinner"- prayer of the tax collector*

Soon after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus a special meeting was called in Jerusalem of the Sanhedrin, the highest court in Israel. St Luke records it in the Acts of the Apostles. Top of the agenda was this new Jewish sect, the followers of Jesus of Nazareth; the motion was to suppress it.

One of the leading Pharisees spoke up to defend the disciples of Jesus, His name was Gamaliel. "If this movement, he said, comes from God it is unstoppable, and useless to oppose it. If it is not from God it will fizzle out". He was a wise and thoughtful Pharisee; the church owes much to him.

St John records in his gospel that another Pharisee, Nichodemus was interested in the teaching of Jesus and came to him by night, a secret disciple, whilst remaining a member of the Sanhedrin. He did not consent to the execution of Jesus and along with Joseph of Arimathea approached the governor Pontius Pilate to have the body of Jesus taken down from the cross and buried on the evening of Good Friday.

Our faith owes much to these Pharisees. Many Pharisees were good people, totally dedicated to the law of Moses, well versed in Hebrew Scriptures, devout in their religious duties, regularly attending temple worship and every Sabbath present in the synagogue for the liturgy of the word and prayer. They observed all the feast and fast days and gave a tenth of their income to the poor.

So why did Jesus single out the Pharisees for censure in today's gospel?

Precisely because Our Lord wants to warn us of the danger that lurks in the hearts of all devout believers: all who live good respectable lives, and are faithful to religious practices: married with nuptial Mass. Sending children to faith schools... the danger of feeling superior ..... the danger of being judgmental towards those of different faith, or those who profess different opinions within the same faith, and have different devotions: or judgmental of our young people who have not followed family traditions and made different choices.

The devout person can find it very hard to change or embrace new interpretations. Jesus knew of the danger of the religious fanatic, who is so convinced of his views that he persecutes those he considers unbelievers.

Our Lord's main opponents were those Pharisees who accused Him of disloyalty to tradition. They were so devout that compared to them Jesus was a blasphemer. Saul of tarsus was one of them, persecuting the followers of Jesus; eventually he relinquished his religious fanaticism and became one of Jesus' great Apostles.

We now read the letters of this Pharisee at Mass every Sunday.

The great danger in devout religious belief is to become exclusive and regard as outcasts those who do not conform.

The parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee is a lesson on how we view God. God is not up there ticking off our list of religious observance; how many times have I been to Lourdes? How many fast days have I kept? The religion of His Son is primarily a religion of the heart. Too much counting up our good deeds and fidelity to the law can cause us to forget the deep spirituality and prayer life and love of God that can exist in the heart of those we regard as "lapsed" or "fallen away"; who didn't or couldn't keep the rules.

Sometimes we make them feel unloved and out of place in the faith community of their childhood, so they seek out a quiet time to come to the Temple of God, and scarcely raising their eyes to the Altar they love, (and where they have made their first Holy Communion) repeat the tax collectors prayer "Lord be merciful to me a poor sinner". This is the company Jesus kept, these are the people He sought to befriend. "He's gone to eat with the tax collectors and sinners". The tax collectors were shunned because they collected taxes on behalf of the Emperor of Rome, they were embarrassed to show themselves in public worship, and St Matthew was one of them.

God is merciful, slow to anger and full of compassion. He does not treat us according to our faults. Neither should we treat others according to their faults. Do not judge and you will not be judged, be merciful and you will have mercy shown you.

Fr. J.S.Doherty

### Can You Spare an Hour?

In December 2019, we held an Open-Door Event. Many people, most of whom had never been inside our church before, accepted the invitation to come in, to look around, to enjoy some quiet time, or to light a candle. Many felt moved to sit in quiet reflection listening to the music, others asked for help in lighting a candle, or in praying for a particular cause or wanted to ask for prayers to be said for a special reason.

We hope to be able to repeat this in Advent this year. Look out for more information in the coming weeks. You might want to help to prepare the church for this event or be present on that day quietly praying for those who visit.

This will only be possible if we have enough volunteers to ensure the church is secure and to be able to show visitors around and/or guide them in prayerful respect.

If you feel you could help please give your name and the time you would be available to Canon Michael, Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt

**The Open Door Event will take place on a Wednesday**

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese

[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesahn.org.uk\)](http://diocesahn.org.uk)

### ST WILFRID'S

#### CHRISTMAS:

Cards, Grave candles, 2023 Diaries, calendars and other items are now available in the kitchen.

#### NOVEMBER CANDLES:

Please return names and monies to Rachel no later than Saturday 29th October. The cost is £1.20 per candle and all candles will be lit throughout the month of November in memory of loved ones who have gone before us.

WATSONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS have recently donated a pair of coffin trestles to the parish. Until now St Wilfrid's hasn't had any of our own so this is a very welcome gesture.

Sincere thanks to Gary Thompson, Funeral Director, for taking great care and attention in making the trestles himself and to Andy Williams, Funeral Services Manager, for his generosity and support.

The **Vocations** Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood to an enquirers evening.

The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on:

- **Tuesday 25 October 2022**
- **Tuesday 6 December 2022**

We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 8.00pm.

If you would like to attend, or for more information, **please**