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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (OF) 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF)**

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	Oct 25th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Fiona Mary Hamilton
Tuesday	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday	Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	Nov 1st	5.00pm	Veronica McLardy

**Confessions:** After Mass on Saturday

**Sanctuary Candle:** Jackie, Kathy & Maria Bell

**St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services**

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Agnes McStea
		2.00pm	African Community Mass
Monday	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	Maria, Louisa and Anna
Wednesday	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	REQUIEM Thomas Rutter
Thursday	Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	12.05pm	Verina Telford
Friday	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	12.05pm	Hamilton Family
Saturday	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am (EF)	Elizabeth Wright
Sunday	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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

**Sanctuary Candle:** Fiona Hamilton (RIP)

**African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month** followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

**NO EXPOSITION** of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**: THURSDAY 11.00am – 11.55am

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £153.90 Gift Aid £77

St Joseph's collection £314 Gift Aid £138

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 £1 per strip, to be drawn on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December after the 10.00am Mass

## YOUTH CLUB

### Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Please email before 2.00pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to come along:

[stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com)

**Book club** will meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss *Galileo's Daughter*. Copies available on Amazon from £3.66. 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 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Please keep in your prayers:** Colette, Eric, Christabel, Daniel and Olaedo who are preparing to make their first Holy Communion on Guadate Sunday - 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Farewell to Sr Vivian who is moving on to pastures new. Thanks for all she has done during her time as parish sister and we wish her every blessing in her new appointment. Welcome to Sr Rose. We hope she settles in quickly as she takes on the role of parish sister.

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

## **'GOOD OLD-FASHIONED JUMBLE SALE'**

to be held in the hall on SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com) – if you can help.

## **Preparing the church for Christmas – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez's Story

Tragedy and challenge beset today's saint early in life, but Alphonsus Rodriguez found happiness and contentment through simple service and prayer.

Born in Spain in 1533, Alphonsus inherited the family textile business at 23. Within the space of three years, his wife, daughter, and mother died; meanwhile, business was poor. Alphonsus stepped back and reassessed his life. He sold the business, and with his young son, moved into his sister's home. There he learned the discipline of prayer and meditation.

At the death of his son years later, Alphonsus, almost 40 by then, sought to join the Jesuits. He was not helped by his poor education. He applied twice before being admitted. For 45 years he served as doorkeeper at the Jesuits' college in Majorca. When not at his post, he was almost always at prayer, though he often encountered difficulties and temptations.

His holiness and prayerfulness attracted many to him, including Saint Peter Claver, then a Jesuit seminarian. Alphonsus' life as doorkeeper may have been humdrum, but centuries later he caught the attention of poet and fellow-Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, who made him the subject of one of his poems.

Alphonsus died in 1617. We like to think that God rewards the good, even in this life. But Alphonsus knew business losses, painful bereavement, and periods when God seemed very distant. None of his suffering made him withdraw into a shell of self-pity or bitterness. Rather, he reached out to others who lived with pain, including enslaved Africans. Among the many notables at his funeral were the sick and poor people whose lives he had touched. May they find such a friend in us!

Feast Day 31st October

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### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

As is traditional in the month of November, Canon Brown will bless graves on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November starting at Saltwell ( meet at the top gate) at 2pm. Heworth cemetery at approximately 2.20pm and Heworth Burn after that.

### **St Joseph's Piety Stall**

This will be open on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. We accept **cash only**, so don't forget to come with your pockets full.

**Christmas cards, advent calendars and candles, Catholic 2026 diaries, Christmas decorations** and gifts on sale as well as the usual Rosaries, cards, books and religious artifacts.

### **PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER**

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

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

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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