

**+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	29	6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	30			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 2.00pm	Anthonia Urli African Mass
Monday	31	10.00am	Sr Immaculata Ozurumba		
Tuesday	NOV 1	10.00am	Private intention	12.05pm	Kate Connolly
Wednesday	2			6.00pm 7.00pm (EF)	People of the Parish Canon Kearney
				10.00am (EF) 12.05pm	Faithful departed Most Forgotten Soul in Purgatory
Thursday	3			12.05pm 1.00pm	Veronica Young Funeral Service for John McKenna
Friday	4	10.00am		12.05 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5			11.00am (EF)	Ursula Margaret Purvis
		6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	6			10.00am	David Heaslip
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 3.00pm	People of the Parish Exposition, Evening Prayer and Benediction

**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 NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY**

**COLLECTIONS:** 16.10.16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £205.72 Midweek £98.25  
12.00 noon: £131.95  
Total £337.67

St Wilfrid's. £126.19. Donation £25

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

Please remember in your prayers Anne Sheridan who has died and whose Requiem will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12.05.

**PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS** Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in the Fellingate Care Home this Thursday morning.

**PARISH COUNT** This month the parish Mass count is taken

**NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISITS.** Fr Brown will bless graves at Heworth and Heworth Burn Cemeteries on Saturday November 5th at 2pm and Saltwell at 1.30.

**POSTCARD TO MARK 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 1967 ABORTION ACT.** Please take a postcard and fill in your details to raise awareness of the protection of the unborn.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** on Tuesday is a Holy Day of obligation when all Catholics are obliged to hear Mass.

**ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** The minutes are available on the noticeboard at the back of church

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.

**CHRISTMAS.** Christmas vigil Mass at St Joseph's will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve preceded by carols from 4.30pm. There will be a Latin Midnight Mass and Mass at 10am on Christmas Day.

**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 nth, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. £186 raised so far.

### **ST. WILFRID'S NEWS**

**St. Wilfrid's November Christmas Raffle;** Tickets will be available to buy from this Saturday and cost just 50p!!! Prizes include a Hamper, Wine and Chocolates, Bottle of Spirits.

**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.

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS.** Fr Brown proposes changing the time of the Saturday vigil Mass to 5pm. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

**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.

**VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time Safeguarding Co-ordinator. For further information and an application pack please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 11 November.

## **Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Gateshead**

**31st Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)  
Feast of Christ the King (EF)  
29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death