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*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) Feast of Christ the King (EF) 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	October 30 <sup>th</sup>			Rachel Birkbeck People of the Parish African Mass	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm
Monday	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Private Intention (Father and Family)	10.00am		
Tuesday	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Priest's Intention	10.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Tony Turnbull	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)
Wed	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>			For All Faithful Departed Souls in Purgatory	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)
Thursday	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>			Holy Souls	7.45am
Friday	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	10.00am	George Armstrong	12.05pm
Saturday	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish Les Taylder Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday (EF) 3.00pm

"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

We welcome into the Catholic Faith Heidi who is to be Baptised at St Wilfrid's on Sunday afternoon, and Finlay who is to be received into the Catholic family at the same time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

<p align="center"><b>Cemetery Visits</b></p> <p>Canon Brown will bless graves at Saltwell and Heworth cemeteries on Saturday. For Saltwell, meet at the top gate (opposite the crematorium) at 2pm. For Heworth, meet at main gate by Sunderland Road Villas at 2.20. Heworth Burn will be visited straight after.</p>	<p align="center"><b>HALL MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>We are delighted to welcome <b>Joanne Tonathy</b> as our new hall manager Please make her feel at home when you meet her.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Christmas Mass Times</b> <b>St Joseph's</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm Christmas Eve Sung Latin Mass (EF) 11.00pm Christmas Day Holy Mass 10.00am</p> <p align="center"><b>St Wilfrid's</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm</p>	<p><b>CONGRATULATIONS</b> to Viktoria McCaughey and Chris Woodhouse who get married at St Joseph`s on Thursday at 10.00am.</p>
<p align="center"><b>First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b></p> <p>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 <b>Saturday November 5th 2022</b>, and will have the following programme:</p> <p>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</p>	<p align="center"><b>The MEXICAN FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Unclaimed raffle prizes are available to collect in the church office</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Carols by Candlelight</b></p> <p>St Joseph's Church is to host this wonderful musical Christmas evening on the evening of the <b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>. The programme will feature the Diocesan Choir, the choirs of St Joseph's Academy Hebburn, and the Westoe Brass band . Mark the date in your diary.</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to assist with serving mince pies &amp; wine etc on the evening, if you are free and would like to help please speak to Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt</p>	<p align="center"><b>St Joseph's Christmas Raffle</b></p> <p>Thank you for the contributions so far, we still need many more donations to make the raffle worthwhile.</p>
<p align="center"><b>UPDATED BOOK CLUB INFORMATION</b></p> <p>We are always looking for new participants in this friendly, relaxed, social discussion group.</p> <p align="center"><b>Next meeting NOTE CHANGE of DATE</b> <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7pm.</b> The book is <i>Orthodoxy</i> by <i>G.K.Chesterton</i>.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Income 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022</b></p> <p><b>St Wilfrid's: - £158    Gift Aided- £32                      Donation- £10    World Missions - £25</b> <b>St Joseph's - £566 of which £193 was Gift Aided    World Missions - £44                      Many Thanks</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE</b></p> <p><b>DEADLINE</b> for Submissions <b>1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER</b> Please email your magazine contribution to <a href="mailto:gateshead.st.joseph@rcdhn.org.uk">gateshead.st.joseph@rcdhn.org.uk</a> <b>Thank You</b> in advance for your participation</p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday Club</b></p> <p>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</p>
<p><b>The North East Catholic History Society</b> starts its new season of lectures on <b>Wednesday November 2nd at 2pm</b> in St Joseph`s Hall. Dr Cormac Begadon will speak on 'The English Benedictine Monks and their links with the Catholic Enlightenment' All welcome. Non-members £1.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Recording and Photography</b></p> <p>In Accordance with Diocesan Data protection and Safeguarding policies permission <b>MUST</b> be sought from and given by Canon Michael before any photographs or recordings of any kind are taken in church.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Piety</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p align="center"><b>ST WILFRID'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:</b></p> <p>Raffle tickets are now available from the back of Church. Please take some and sell them to family, friends and neighbours. The tickets will also be on sale at weekday Masses. We have some great prizes including cash prizes and supermarket vouchers, full list on the notice board. Sincere thanks to those who have donated the prizes, it is incredibly heartening that we have such great support from parishioners and friends alike especially during these times of financial difficulties.</p> <p align="center"><b>NOVEMBER CANDLES:</b></p> <p>This weekend is your last chance to hand in your names and monies to Rachel. £1.20 per candle and they will be lit throughout November.</p> <p align="center"><b>CHRISTMAS STOCK:</b></p> <p>There are plenty of cards but there are only a limited number of calendars, diaries and grave candles, available in the kitchen at all Masses.</p>

*"Come Down Zacchaeus; let's go home together for a meal"*

Whenever I see a sycamore tree I see Zacchaeus climbing it for a better view of Jesus passing by. It is awkward for a little man in a crowd, the great advantage of a sycamore tree is its large broad leaves. Zacchaeus could see but not be seen, he could hide which was perfect for a senior tax collector working in Israel for the Roman army! These tax collectors could impose their own fees, on top of overtaxing the people and pocketing the difference. They were a hated class and always unwelcome. Zacchaeus, a senior tax collector would have had many reasons to remain hidden.

Suddenly Jesus stops beneath the tree, Zacchaeus now begins to feel embarrassed, there is a big crowd gathering, Zacchaeus needs to remain very still, but Jesus looks up, nobody can hide from Jesus. "Zacchaeus come down, I want to be a guest at your house today" Now Zacchaeus is honoured instead of feeling embarrassed; it is the crowd who is completely shocked! Zacchaeus hurries down from the tree and immediately begins to confess to Jesus, "I'm sorry for the things I've done"

This meeting between Jesus and Zacchaeus illustrates two great concerns for Luke:

**First** - Jesus is the compassionate and gentle saviour of all people, He excludes no-one from His friendship. He reminds the crowd today that Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham, he is one of us and should not be shunned; he is a welcome member of the community.

**Second** Luke is showing that Jesus has a commitment to social justice, to work for justice in the market place of society is to work for the Kingdom of God.

Those who, like Zacchaeus work in the world of finance make grave moral decisions; their vision needs to be based on the common good and not just competition and profits. Jesus also teaches us that we change people, not by judging them, not by making them feel guilty, but by love. "Let's go home together Zacchaeus", Zacchaeus is so overcome by love that he changed from cheating and stealing to a life of restitution and generosity. Perhaps this was the first time in his life that Zacchaeus felt genuinely loved by another human being. Until now others had despised him or used him.

We need St Luke's Jesus today; many of our own countrymen do not see this gentle, compassionate Jesus in the church. The Catholic Church is seen as an institution of law and power: concerned with obedience and religious observance rather than welcome and mercy. We must become a welcoming compassionate community of love. Jesus comes to unburden people, not to add burden to their lives. A community that does not exclude; but welcomes all; especially the broken hearted. A teaching church; with a message of human freedom, and respect for conscience; not a message of guilt and fear.

The day will come when Christ will 'stop under our tree' and call us by name "come let's go home together and have a meal", if we have lived His gentle, non-judgmental life; played our part for justice and lived with integrity and generous service to those in need; welcoming all whom we meet; inviting them to our table then the Lord will have His table ready for us - the feast of eternal life in Heaven

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**

The **Vocations** Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood to an enquirers evening, at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's

Cathedral, Newcastle, on

- **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 contact** the Vocations Promoter, **Fr Shaun Purdy** by email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) or by phone:

01670 812200.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese  
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

## Rescare Befriending Service



**Everyone needs other people, but not everyone has someone.** For people who become isolated because of ill health, disability or social disadvantage, being matched with a 'Befriender' often fills a big gap. Befriending offers supportive, reliable relationships through volunteer befrienders to people who would otherwise be socially isolated.

'Rescare' is a unique nationwide charity that has been supporting families who have loved ones with a learning disability, by promoting quality and choice in care, education, and health since 1984. Families are at the centre of what we do.

Rescare's Befriending service is designed to help people who are experiencing feelings of loneliness and/or isolation to enable them to start to feel connected to other people in a positive way again.

### What is befriending?

*"The chances are we've all been affected by Loneliness, either directly or through someone close to us. We can all do more to try and make a difference and make our country a less lonely place."*

### Minister for Loneliness Baroness Diana Barran

The Befriending service is free offered by Rescare and delivered by fully trained volunteers. It is a chance for you to connect and enjoy chatting with someone over the phone, meet up for a cuppa or go for walk together.

Whether you'd like to speak to someone every week, or just want to talk when the need strikes, we're here to help.

### Is our befriending service for you?

Rescare has a mission to help families. Traditionally we have always had a helpline available for more information, advice and guidance in around the learning disability sector. In 2021 we launched our friendship service where you can simply talk to someone.

### Get in touch with us if you are:

- A parent of someone with a Learning Disability and/or Autism
- A Carer of someone with a Learning Disability and/or Autism
- An individual with a Learning Disability and/or Autism aged 18+

You don't need to be feeling lonely (though if you are, we'd like to help), and you don't need to live on your own. Sometimes it's just nice to talk.

<https://www.rescare.org.uk/befriending-service/> | [nicola@rescare.org.uk](mailto:nicola@rescare.org.uk) | 07732403834