

+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+ GATESHEAD

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY No.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	SEPT		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	3	6.00pm	Fr John Campbell		
Sunday	4			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon	Ben Schiphorst
				3.00pm	Holy Hour
Monday	5	10.00am	Jacky, Cathy and Maria Bell		
Tuesday	6			12.05pm	Doris Henshaw
Wednesday	7			12.05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8			12.05pm	Mary Ellen Sidaway
Friday	9	10.00am	Sick of the parish	12.05 pm	Nicholas Porteous
Saturday	10			11.00am (EF)	NO MASS
		6.00pm	Fred and Ellen Barker		
Sunday	11			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Fr Ernie Donnelly

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY. ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY

THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM

COLLECTIONS: 28.08. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £199.47
12.00 noon: £216.60
Total £416.08

St Wilfrid's. £133.79. 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.

BRINKBURN MASS. Next Saturday, 10th September at 12 noon, there will be the annual Solemn High Mass at Brinkburn priory, Northumberland. All welcome.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in the Sunderland Road area this Thursday morning.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE VICARIATE MEETING - Thursday 29th September 7p.m. in St Joseph's church hall, Gateshead. This is a meeting for clergy, FTIH lay reps, head teachers and all parishioners.

CONFIRMATIONS plans are being made for confirmations. This will involve the parishes of St Patrick's, Felling, St Alban's, Pelaw, St Augustine's, Leam Lane, St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's working together. There will be an initial meeting or the priests and those interested in helping as catechists which will take place at St Augustine's at 6.30 on 15th September. Anyone wishing to be confirmed is asked to make themselves known to their parish priest by September 30th.

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. It is proposed we hold a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month for the next year. Further information will be on display soon at the back of St Joseph's.

ST JOSEPH'S PIETY STALL will be open this Sunday. Christmas items now available.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH VACANCIES

Safeguarding volunteer for St Joseph's. We need a volunteer to oversee safeguarding issues in the parish. If you think you can help please see Fr Brown. Further information available from the diocesan safeguarding office, tel. 0191 2433305

Foundation Governors. We need to appoint two foundation governors for St Joseph's school. To qualify you need to be a practising Catholic with an interest in the good of the school and it would be an advantage to have some relevant skill to offer. Please see Fr Brown or Bernadette Hirst if you are interested.

Money Counters. Volunteers are sought to join the rota for counting the Sunday collection.

Parish Hall. Volunteers needed who are willing to help with the booking and opening of the parish hall.

ST WILFRID`S PIETY STALL New stock is available at the back of Church including Lapel Crosses, Walsingham Medals and various other items, all at good prices-please do have a look.

SAYING GOODBYE SERVICES Saying Goodbye services are the first national set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby, whether that be recently or decades ago. They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, whilst collectively 'saying goodbye'. Sunderland Minster, Sunderland, Sunday 2nd October 2016 3.00 p.m. For more information see www.sayinggoodbye.org

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.

ASYLUM SEEKERS Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph`s under the table near the side porch for anything you can give.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE? If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don`t worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Andrew`s Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 1892

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**23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)
16th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
3rd /4th September 2016**

St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

Mother Teresa of Kolkata, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, will be canonised today. Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia (then part of the Ottoman Empire), Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death. During her years in public school Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18 she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Kolkata, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and, instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.” After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community and undertake her new work, she took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Kolkata, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, the use of buildings. In 1952 the city of Kolkata gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home.