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BETWEEN 9am & 5pm Monday to Friday

*23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (OT) 13th Sunday after Pentecost (EP) 4th September 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	September 3rd	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Sept 4th			People of the Parish Thanksgiving for 10th wedding anniversary (Kormos) Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday 3.00pm
Monday	Sept 5th	Robert Dixon	10.00am		
Tuesday	Sept 6th			The Melia Family	12.05pm
Wed	Sept 7th			Colman-Lyons Family	12.05pm
Thursday	Sept 8th Nativity of Blessed Virgin			Adrian Barnes	7.45
Friday	Sept 9th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Purcell Family	12.05pm
Saturday	Sept 10th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Sept 11th			People of the Parish Special Intention (TM)	10.00am Midday (EF)

"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 return on the first Sunday of each month**

**African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or who have recently died. Please also pray for peace in Ukraine and for those struggling to make ends meet right now. Remember too those who have received 'A' level results recently, that their future paths are strewn with grace. Prayers also for all those who return to school this coming week, may their year be filled with happiness and friendship.

## St Luke tells us, "Great crowds followed Him...."

Jesus inspired a huge popular movement in Palestine, and so it has continued down the centuries. Christianity is the world's most popular religion. People are ready to follow Jesus to the ends of the earth: inspired by the humanity of the Gospel, its idealism and concern for the sick and the poor. The church today is the greatest health provider in the world.

So what are we to make of the blunt message today? "If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children.... he cannot be my disciple" and "no one can be my disciple without giving up all he possesses" Did Jesus really say and mean that?!

He taught us to love our enemies, how now can He be asking us to hate those we love? Surely we must hate no-one; we must hate the sin but love the sinner!

According to St Matthew, Jesus said "if anyone prefers father or mother to me, he is not worthy of me". We cannot be sure of Our Lord's exact words, all we can be sure of is that what Jesus did teach and what Matthew and Luke report is the radical nature of our commitment to the person of Jesus who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. Truth is not neutral, there are fundamentals which cannot be compromised, there are moral absolutes: killing the innocent; the child in the womb, stealing, lying, false reporting. There are lines we cannot cross, truths which cannot be altered no matter how much we wish they could; people of the same sex cannot get married, a man cannot have two wives or a wife two husbands.

There comes a time when a parent must say to a son or daughter:-"I disagree with what you intend to do but I still love you, you still belong, this is always your home where you were nourished in faith, and you are always welcome"

This is where we let go without ceasing to love, and it can be costly and painful, but there is a line we cannot cross - the truth is never neutral.

Our Lord taught us to pray every day that it will never come to a place where we have such a difficult choice to make "Lead us not into temptation" - means- "do not put us to the test". None of us want to be faced with such a choice where we have to let go of something or someone we love for the greater love of God, it is a kind of martyrdom.

St Thomas More could not acknowledge the king as the head of the church, his wife Alice and their daughter Margaret were allowed to visit him on condition that they try to persuade him to take the oath of the king's supremacy; "We have lost everything" they told him, "our food, our home, we are sent into exile. Just pretend to take the oath, times will change, England needs you" Thomas More hated what they were trying to do, he could not betray his faith and chose it over their pleas, but he did not cease to love them.

We pray that we will never have to face such a choice, but we know that such a moment is possible. We must prepare ourselves for the test. Our Lord tells two stories about perseverance in our commitment: the builder who couldn't finish because he had not planned his work against his resources and the soldier preparing for war. We don't want to start our Christian life and not persevere in it, we have to know our strengths and weaknesses, we ready ourselves for the contest by daily sacrifices; everyday being faithful in little things, no compromise in matters of truth and justice. We strengthen our will in case the ultimate choice comes, but we pray daily to be delivered from such a test.

The idols worshipped today are money, power and sex; they are false gods who will let us down. We become what we love, if we love Jesus above all things we become the sons and daughters of God, heirs to eternal joy in the resurrection from the dead.

Fr James S. Doherty (deceased)

### St Bernadette Relic Tour.

The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral on 1 and 2 October.

**Registration list is at the back of churches.**

### Income 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

St Wilfrid's - £418 of which £112 was Gift Aided

St Joseph's - £625 of which £165 was Gift Aided

Many Thanks

**Youth Choir** – sadly this cannot take place as we don't have the required numbers to form a choir.

**Join in the Fun at the MEXICAN themed afternoon beginning at 1.00pm NEXT SUNDAY in the grounds of St Joseph's**  
**All are welcome**

### Tuesday Club Returns

Join us for company, chat, coffee and cakes in the hall after 12.00 Mass each Tuesday.

### Book Club

**This is a friendly, relaxed, group of parishioners who meet approximately once a month to discuss a pre chosen book all have read. We usually have wine and nibbles or tea/coffee and cakes to help the discussions along. EVERYONE is welcome to come along, just find out which book we are currently reading, dip into it and if it interests you pop along to our next gathering to share your thoughts and hear what others think about what has been read. There is no judgement or expectation from anyone.**

Next meeting **7pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – to discuss the book '**Virgins of Venice**' by **Mary Lavel**, this book is a study of 17<sup>th</sup> century convent life in Venice.

### ATTENTION ALL READERS

Training Sessions Tues Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm

Sat Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am- 3.00pm

At St Joseph's Fellgate

Please speak to Bernadette Hirst about arrangements

### First Holy Communion Preparation

Classes begin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September for ALL children,(and their parents) who have registered. Please meet at St Joseph's presbytery at 4.00pm or as soon as you can get there after school!!

### Children's Missalettes

"There are a small number of children's missalettes available from Sunday for the 12 noon Mass with readings in English for children who can read. These can be kept if desired as they contain other items of interest or returned to the back of church after Mass"

### GREAT NORTH RUN

Otto Devitt aged 6 is running in the Junior Run next Saturday and his father Jonathon is running in the Great North Run next Sunday, for the **PSP Association** to raise awareness of **PSP** and money for the only Association working to educate, find a cure and better treatment for this little known and hugely misunderstood neurological condition, which although very rare has **killed three members** (not connected by blood) of their **extended family** in the past **7 years**. I, and they, would be very grateful if you could donate to their cause, there is a collection basket at the back of church for any spare money you may have. There is also a leaflet about PSP if you would like to find out more, or visit

[Signs & Symptoms PSP – PSPA \(pspassociation.org.uk\)](http://Signs & Symptoms PSP – PSPA (pspassociation.org.uk))

Thank you, Shauna Devitt

### CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE WANTED

Favourite **Christmas recipes**

A description of **family traditions**

Your favourite '**cracker**' joke

**Poems** and **prose** about Christmas and/or covid/lockdown/winter – anything really!

Please email your magazine contribution to [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

Or write it down and place in an envelope marked 'Magazine', pop it on the collection plate or post it through presbytery door.

**Thank You** in advance for your participation

### EDUCATION DAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

There will be a retiring Collection at all Masses NEXT the Catholic Education Service.

**Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre**

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)  
For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**"Music for Holy Communion"**

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invites you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham). The workshop will be held on Sunday 25th September at ST Cuthbert's Church, Durham from 3pm—5pm. It will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website. Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16th September. <https://bit.ly/DCMA-Music> or email: [dcma@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:dcma@diocesehn.org.uk) by Friday 16th September

**Retrouvaille**

A Catholic worldwide opportunity of rediscovery for couples struggling in their Marriages. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage.

Call or text: 07973380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

To register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 13th - 16th October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24th - 26th February 2023

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**We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities.**

Regards

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**Considering Your Vocation**

Could God be calling you to Priesthood or Religious Life, or even as a Permanent Deacon? It is important for us to discern our vocation in life through prayer and conversation with others. If you have questions or thoughts, it is also important to speak to your parish priest who will be able to help with this and talk through things with you. Are you an unmarried man whom God may be calling to serve him and the Church? Or a woman called to religious life? Or are you a married man, over 35, who feels called to serve as a permanent deacon in the diocese and ready to service as a deacon in a parish? It could be you that God is calling today. The Church needs you to respond to the call that God makes to us.

**A prayer for Ukraine**

It is important for us to continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, now 6 months since the war began... Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the entire world.

Amen