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Our Lady & St
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6th September 2026 – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year A
15th Sunday after Pentecost (*Extraordinary Form*)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	5 th Sept	5.00pm	Fred, Ellen and Michael Barker
Sunday	6 th Sept		
Monday	7 th Sept	10.00am	David Waker
Tuesday	8 th Sept		
Wednesday	9 th Sept		
Thursday	10 th Sept		
Friday	11 th Sept	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	12th		People of the Parish

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle: Staff & Children of St Wilfrid's Primary School

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	6 th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Jane Rose Bell People of the Parish
Monday	7 th Sept		
Tuesday	8 th Sept	12.05pm	Bill Henderson
Wednesday	9 th Sept	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	10 th Sept	12.05pm	Mary & George Craig
Friday	11 th Sept	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	5 th Sept	11.00am (EF)	Antonio & Laura Mattera
Sunday	12 th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Irene Clarke People of the Parish

(EF) = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Sanctuary Candle: Staff & Children of St Joseph's Primary School

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood every Tuesday after Mass

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

The Sacraments Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation If you would like to register for one of the above sacraments please ask for the relevant forms, available from the office. We usually expect first Holy Communion candidates to be aged 7+ and Confirmation candidates to be aged 12+ although at times exceptions are made at the discretion of Canon Michael.	Free Refreshments & Social Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile RESUME on SUNDAY 13th September Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.
First Holy Communion Preparation As only one child came for Saturday's meeting, this may be postponed until we have a few more candidates.	Book Club will meet on Tuesday 22nd September 7.00pm to discuss 'The Necromancers' by Robert Hugh Benson All welcome
Baptism Preparation Sessions – please speak to Canon Michael regarding these.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Resumes in SEPTEMBER Fridays at 4.30pm Held in St Joseph's presbytery, run by the Missionaries of Charity Open to all children aged 3 -10yrs
Parish Finances St Joseph's Account Details Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Account Number: 31164066 Sort Code: 40-34-18 Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph Income for August: £3573.02 Outgoing £3825.13 St Wilfrid's Account Details for 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 Income for August: £1021.50 Outgoing: £1257.14 Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme which enables the parish to claim back tax on the money donated, it costs nothing extra to you but can add a lot to parish funds. If you want to sign up for this scheme please speak to Iain Dunn at St Joseph's or Stephen Hogarth at St Wilfrid's 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.	CAN YOU HELP? Cleaners meet on a Friday afternoon straight after mid-day Mass to clean the Church and Sacristy, if you have some spare time to give to the parish please come along to help with this important job. Teas/coffees are served after each Mass on a Sunday; we could do with some more volunteers to help out on a Rota basis so that it doesn't fall on the same people every week. If you would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Canon Michael Piety Stall we could do with some volunteers to Mann this stall on a regular basis, if you feel you could help please speak to Canon Michael ALTAR SERVERS New Altar Servers are always welcome; if you would like to become a server please speak to Canon Michael St Stephen's Guild Mass – 26th December – 10.00am – all Servers are asked to attend – some of our newer servers will be enrolled into the Guild during this Mass Becoming Catholic There was a good turnout of 6 men seeking to become Catholics. The initial meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30 pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre (underneath the Church), Felling Epiphany Party Sunday January 3rd after mid-day Mass hosted by the Holy Family Guild £3.00 per person. Crafts, games, refreshments and fun. Please see poster at back of church or speak to Angela or Paul Hammond for further information.

The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

Feast day September 8th

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DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 6th September End of Summer Family BBQ – 1.00pm – Canon's garden - **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 22nd September -Book Club – 7.00pm The next book is *The Necromancers* by Robert Hugh Benson

Saturday 28th November – **Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back**

Saturday 26th December – **St Stephen's Day – Guild of St Stephen's Mass for Altar Servers**

Sunday 3rd January – **Epiphany Party – after Midday Mass - £3.00 entry fee – parish hall**

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY The next meeting is on **October 1st** at 2pm in the Parish Hall. **Leo Darroch** will speak on "**The diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: A Journey through the 20th century**" **All welcome.**

First Friday Devotions - Praying For Our Priests

The parish of Christ the King, Newcastle would like to invite you and your parishioners to come along on the First Friday of every month to pray for the sanctification of our priests and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It will take place at St Teresa's Church, Heaton at 6.30pm and will take the form of a Holy Hour, which will include prayers for our priests and for vocations. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 7.15pm.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God.

The Wednesday Word is a website with reflections on the forthcoming readings for the Sunday Mass and it is available each Wednesday beforehand. <https://www.wednesdayword.org/> – It has three Sections—one for parents, so they can use it with children, and within their families; one section for schools; and one section for Parishes to use. It is free to use.

A great resource.

Assisted Dying Bill:

11th September 2026 at the House of Commons, London.
Encourage your MP to vote against this Bill.

Education Sunday: Sunday 13th September is Education Sunday. There will be Retiring Collection at all Masses that weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Community Woodland Adventure Day: The Diocesan Youth Village is hosting a special Community Woodland Adventure Day on Saturday 5th September, beginning at 10am, at the Youth Village, Allensford, DH8 9BA

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

- TAKE the paper copy HOME with you
- Have it emailed out to you, just email your request to;
stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com
- Access it via the website;
www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

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.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Details of our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be found on the notice board in the porch and the Parish Centre, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on: safeguarding@diocesahn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3305