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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

7th September 2025

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 13th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	6 th Sept	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	7 th Sept		
Monday	8 th Sept	10.00am	Deceased of McDonagh & Butler Families
Tuesday	9 th Sept		
Wednesday	10 th Sept		
Thursday	11 th Sept		
Friday	12 th Sept	10.00am	Ethel & Tommy Kelly
Saturday	13 th Sept	5.00pm	Ellen Story

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	7 th Sept	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm(EF)	Armstrong family: strength, healing, peace and thanksgiving
Monday	8 th Sept		
Tuesday	9 th Sept	12.05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	10 th Sept	12.05pm	Poor souls in Purgatory
Thursday	11 th Sept	12.05pm	Steven Parker
Friday	12 th Sept	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	13 th Sept	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of the LMS
Sunday	14 th Sept	10.00am	People of the parish
		12.00 (EF)	Priest's Intention

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

EXPOSITION of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**: THURSDAY 11.00am – 11.55am

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass and SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

Sanctuary Candle:
Soy's Family

CATECHISM STUDY GROUP

For all those interested in exploring the riches of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

RESUMES on WEDNESDAY

Donations are now being gratefully received for the Christmas raffle: bottles, vouchers, biscuits, chocolate etc. Leave your donation in the office or hand to one of the ushers, or hand in to the hall during coffee time.

Don't forget – refreshments are served every week in the hall after 10.00am Mass, please join in.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This course is designed to prepare people in our pastoral area who are seeking to join the Catholic Church. Sessions begin on September 23rd at St Patrick's Parish Centre at 6.30pm, Felling and are led by Alan Egdell. If you are interested, please see Canon Brown who will give you contact details.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHESIS

There will be a **meeting** on **FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER** at **4.30pm** for **parents & children** interested in this programme.

The **Sisters of Charity** run a **LEVEL ONE** programme for children aged **3 – 6yrs** and are beginning **LEVEL TWO** sessions soon for children aged **6 – 9+yrs**.

If you are **interested** in either of these programmes please **come** along to the **meeting**.

Baptism and First Holy Communion

Application Forms can now be accessed online by scanning the QR codes on the notice board, or ask for a paper copy.

St Joseph's LIBRARIES

Please feel free to borrow any books, DVDs or CDs but also remember to return them.

If you have any books, DVDs or CDs with which you have no more use at home and think they may be suitable for our library **please leave them in the office, DO NOT put books in the libraries – they need to be checked for suitability first.**

Book club will meet on October 21st at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss *Fires of Faith: Catholic England under Mary Tudor* by Eamon Duffy. Copies available on Amazon from £3.18. All welcome.

Votive Candles

Please remember we ask for a **minimum donation of 20p per candle lit.**

PARENT/CARER & BABY/TODDLER GROUP

A trial session will begin at 9.30am on Friday 19th September in the lounge area of the hall

YOUTH CLUB

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the questionnaires.

A common theme from the young people was a desire to learn more about the Saints, to have prayer and Bible study time as well as time to relax with likeminded friends.

This is exactly why such a venture is so important in our parish; we have young people thirsting for more knowledge and experience of our Faith.

A youth club cannot exist without adult support, PLEASE give some thought to lending a hand.

A trial session will be held on Sunday 21st September beginning with Benediction at 6pm followed by some free time for light refreshments, relaxation and getting to know each other and finishing off with a DVD about the life of a saint.

Please email:

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If your young person would like to come along, and/or if you are adult who would like to help run the group

Almost Christmas Ceilidh

Tickets on sale now:

Adults (over 18yrs) - £10

Young parishioners (aged 12 – 18 yrs) - £5

Under 12yrs free – **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Your ticket includes admission, participation in all dances and light refreshments. If you would like to bring alcoholic beverages please feel free to do so. Don't put off buying a ticket until later – you may find they have all been sold or the event cancelled due to lack of interest.

Please **remember to park thoughtfully** in the car park, leaving a clear passage for emergency vehicle access and the freedom of movement for other vehicles. Thank you.

Please remember **ALL** and **ANY** decisions regarding what happens within the Parishes of St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's **are made by Canon Michael Brown.**

Please do not arrange for anything to take place within the parishes, no matter how well intended, without **FIRST** consulting your Parish Priest.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St Wilfrid's collection £205 Gift Aid £82
St Joseph's collection £202.90 Gift Aid £182.50

Please consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme.

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.

Account Details for St Joseph's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Account Number: 31164066
Sort Code: 40-34-18

Cheques made out to: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Account Details for St Wilfrid's

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid
Account Number: 01164120
Sort Code: 40-34-18

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NEWSLETTERS

These can be emailed to you each week if you send a request to:

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Or

you can take home your very own paper copy available each Sunday from the porch

Or

You can read an enlarged version pinned up on one of the notice boards.

OR

You can access it via the parish website at www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Join CAFOD and the Archbishop Romero Trust, on their pilgrimage to Holy Island on **Saturday 13th September** 2025. For more information, please contact: Rachel Blaylock: rblaylock@cafod.org.uk

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.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY LITERATURE – BOOKLETS, PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES, POSTERS, PRAYER CARDS etc. at the back of church without the prior consent of Canon Michael Brown – Parish Priest.

Saint Cyprian's Story

Saint Cyprian is important in the development of Christian thought and practice in the third century, especially in northern Africa.

Highly educated and a famous orator, he became a Christian as an adult. He distributed his goods to the poor, and amazed his fellow citizens by making a vow of chastity before his baptism. Within two years he had been ordained a priest and was chosen, against his will, as Bishop of Carthage.

Saint Cyprian complained that the peace the Church had enjoyed had weakened the spirit of many Christians and had opened the door to converts who did not have the true spirit of faith. When the Decian persecution began, many Christians easily abandoned the Church. It was their reinstatement that caused the great controversies of the third century, and helped the Church progress in its understanding of the Sacrament of Penance.

Novatus, a priest who had opposed Cyprian's election, set himself up in Saint Cyprian's absence (he had fled to a hiding place from which to direct the Church—bringing criticism on himself) and received back all apostates without imposing any canonical penance. Ultimately he was condemned. Cyprian held a middle course, holding that those who had actually sacrificed to idols could receive Communion only at death, whereas those who had only bought certificates saying they had sacrificed could be admitted after a more or less lengthy period of penance. Even this was relaxed during a new persecution.

During a plague in Carthage, Cyprian urged Christians to help everyone, including their enemies and persecutors.

A friend of Pope Cornelius, Cyprian opposed the following pope, Stephen. He and the other African bishops would not recognize the validity of baptism conferred by heretics and schismatics. This was not the universal view of the Church, but Cyprian was not intimidated even by Stephen's threat of excommunication.

He was exiled by the emperor and then recalled for trial. He refused to leave the city, insisting that his people should have the witness of his martyrdom.

Saint Cyprian was a mixture of kindness and courage, vigor and steadiness. He was cheerful and serious, so that people did not know whether to love or respect him more. He waxed warm during the baptismal controversy; his feelings must have concerned him, for it was at this time that he wrote his treatise on patience. Saint Augustine remarks that Cyprian atoned for his anger by his glorious martyrdom. His liturgical feast is celebrated on September 16.

PLEASE READ the NEWSLETTER

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