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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (OT) Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 8th Sept 2024

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	7 th Sept	Bell & Cantwell families	5.00pm		
Sunday	8 th Sept			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday
Monday	9 th Sept	Intentions of Jovita Udeh	10.00am		
Tuesday	10 th Sept			Mass with St Joseph's School Funeral Service Florry Brown	10.00am 12.30pm
Wed	11 th Sept			Adrian Barnes	12.05pm
Thursday	12 th Sept			Intentions of Jovita Udeh	12.05pm
Friday	13 th Sept	Bell & Cantwell families	10.00am	Holy Souls	12.05pm
Saturday	14 th Sept	Ellen Story	5.00pm	Protection & Good Health of Olivia Dell	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	15 th Sept			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (Ef)

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 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 evening

African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St Wilfrid's: Joan Neil
St Joseph's: George Owens, Connie Durham & Lily Brown

Please note Tuesday's Mass is at 10.00am with the children of St Joseph's school, ALL are welcome to attend.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Feast Day 14th September

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St Joseph's Piety Stall will be open between the **10.00am and the 12.00 Masses on Sunday 22nd September**. We have some new stock, and some Christmas stock.
Please note we can accept cash only.

Gift Aid
Remember if you are a tax payer you can, at no extra cost to yourself, add 25p in every £1 you donate to the church just by gift aiding your donation

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

Please take this newsletter home with you or access it via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Collections 01/09/24

St Wilfrid's: Loose Plate: £162.10 Gift Aid envelopes £87
Lectionary Raffle Raiser: £75
St Joseph's: Loose Plate: £273.30 Gift Aid envelopes £110
Lectionary Donation: £70

If you would like to make a donation to your church by BACs the details are:-

ST JOSEPH'S:

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph
Sort Code: 40-34-18
Account No.: 31164066

ST WILFRID'S

Account Name: DHN
Sort Code:
Account No.:

Thank You for your support

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Classes begin at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th September.

The classes will last approximately one hour each week. NO mobile phones are to be brought into class. The children may bring a water bottle if they wish. Parents are asked to drop their child off no earlier than 5.50pm and to be there at the end of the session at 7.00pm.

If you have a child aged 7+ who wants to make first Holy Communion please fill in an application form and we will add names to the waiting list for classes

YOUNG PERSON'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
It was with great disappointment the summer social had to be abandoned, but we are determined to bring our young people together, so we are hoping to be able to hold a social event near to Christmas time. The success or failure of this will depend greatly upon adults, especially those who hold DBS status to commit to helping out at the event.

To comply with safeguarding regulations and health and safety guidelines there needs to be:
One adult to every 6 children aged 4 - 8yrs
One adult to every 8 children aged 9-12 yrs
One adult to every 10 children aged 13-18yrs

Please keep your eyes on the newsletter and look out for posters in the church regarding this event – thank you.

John Ingram Partnership RCIA 2022-23

An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 17th September at 6.30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling for anyone considering becoming a Catholic. Please feel free to come along on the night for a short introduction to the programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. If you need any more information please contact Alan on 07976402023.

NOVEMBER CANDLES

Every year we light candles throughout the month of November in memory of deceased loved ones.

This year these votive candles will cost £1.50 each, if you would like to purchase one please put the name of your deceased loved one in an envelope along with £1.50 per name and place this on the collection plate, the candles will be ready to light at the first Mass in November as long as names and payment is received no later than the Sunday 27th October.

CHEESE and WINE QUIZ NIGHT
THANK YOU to ALL who have supported this event.

Watch this space for future social events.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 8th at 7pm when we will discuss the book:

“The Fisherman`s Tomb”

New Members are always welcome

SUNDAY COFFEES at ST JOSEPH'S

We need more safely recruited volunteers willing to run this if it is to happen on a regular basis.

TOILETS

For use during Mass are **situated in the hall.**

The doors will be unlocked; they are heavy so need a good push. Children should not be allowed to go unaccompanied by an adult.

The annual Mass Attendance Count is to take place on the following weekends:

- 21 & 22 September
- 28 & 29 September
- 5 & 6 October
- 12 & 13 October

Remember in Your Prayers

As we move from the end of Summer and into Autumn, we are invited to pray for the following intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

Adoremus 2024

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is organising Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at St Mary's Oscott this year on Saturday the 14th September 2024.

Bishop Stephen has asked Deacon Alison Rebello to lead the diocesan contingent to this national event. With limitations on the number of people we can take as a diocese; the publicity around this event was restricted. But with cancelations and inconveniences, we still have about **9 seats remaining** to fill up the bus which will start from English Martyrs, Newcastle, with stops at Sunderland St Joseph and Stockton English Martyrs.

The per head cost of this event is £19. Apart from the Eucharistic Adoration, the highlight of the day includes Holy Mass said by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, two keynote addresses, and site activities including Carlo Acutis presentation, Rosary Walk, pilgrimage walk, scripture encounter, museum visit, and *lectio divina* workshops.

As part of the National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus 2024 taking place in St Mary's Oscott on 14th September, the Bishops of England and Wales are requesting all parishes across the country to host a period of **Adoration** on **Sunday 15th September**. The objective of this adoration in parishes is to fruitfully unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025 with renewed and deepened devotion. This can be a Holy Hour or a period of prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Each parish is able to decide for themselves the best time to organise this Adoration. Bishop Stephen is supportive of this nationwide adoration across the diocese, depending on the resources available to host such a time of prayer and reflection for our local parishes and communities to enrich and nourish the faithful.

At St Joseph`s we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5pm.

Marriage Preparation Leaders

Are you able to volunteer as a Marriage Preparation Course Facilitator? Are you a confident communicator? Would you like to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Marriage Care is looking for volunteer couples and individuals who would like to train with them in this exciting role. For more information, please contact Moira Graham at marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com

Vocations Discernment Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. These meetings take place each month, between 6pm and 8pm, at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley on: Tuesday 1st October, Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 3rd December.