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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 14th Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 11th September 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Sept 10 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Sept 11 th	This weekend all Masses will be Requiems for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II		People of the Parish Special Intention (TM)	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	Sept 12 th	Safe Delivery of Mother and Baby (RM)	10.00am		
Tuesday	Sept 13 th			Moira Anne Stainforth	12.05pm
Wed	Sept 14 th			Souls in Purgatory	12.05pm
Thursday	Sept 15 th			Adrian Barnes	7.45am
Friday	Sept 16 th	NO MASS	10.00am	Peggy and Billy Mohan	12.05pm
Saturday	Sept 17 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Peggy Eglington	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Sept 18 th			People of the Parish John and Thomas Reece	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

We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Our Beloved Queen Elizabeth who has served us all with so much courage, dignity, humility and devotion throughout her 70 year reign, we pray also for her family and in particular her son Charles our new King, may he follow his mother's example and serve humbly without seeking reward or fame.

MY SON IT WAS ONLY RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD CELEBRATE AND REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER HERE WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE: HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL JESUS TELLS US THREE PARABLES ABOUT GOD SEARCHING FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE BROKEN THROUGH SIN. THE LOST COIN, THE LOST SHEEP AND THE PRODIGAL SON, WHO CAME TO HIS SENSES AND WENT BACK HOME. ANGELS IN HEAVEN REJOICE WHEN THE SINNER RETURNS HOME, AND HOME TO MOTHER CHURCH; HOME TO HER TABLE THE EUCHARIST.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON COULD ALSO BE CALLED THE PARABLE OF THE LOVING FATHER OR THE PARABLE OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS ELDER BROTHER, WHO WANTED TO SEE HIS BROTHER PUNISHED. HE HAD NO WELCOME FOR HIS REPENTANT SIBLING AND EVEN DISOWNED HIM, REFERRING TO HIM AS "THIS SON OF YOURS"

ON THIS SUNDAY RESOLVE TO BE ANGRY WITH SIN BUT NOT THE SINNER. NEVER CUT PEOPLE OFF BECAUSE THEY DO WRONG, TELL THEM "I DISAGREE WITH YOU, BUT I STILL WELCOME YOU, I STILL LOVE YOU" JESUS ATE WITH SINNERS AND WELCOMED THEM, HE NEVER TURNED ANYONE AWAY; WE NEED TO DO THE SAME.

FORGIVENESS MUST ALWAYS BE ON OFFER, TO BE UNABLE TO FORGIVE SOMEONE IS UNCHRISTIAN. GOD'S LOVE IS PERMANENT, LIKE THE SUN IT IS ALWAYS SHINING. NEVER SAY TO A CHILD, "IF YOU DO THAT GOD WON'T LOVE YOU", GOD NEVER WITHDRAWS HIS LOVE. WE FEEL COLD WHEN WE ENTER THE DARKNESS NOT BECAUSE THE SUN STOPS SHINING BUT BECAUSE THE EARTH IS TURNING AWAY FROM THE SUN. SIN IS TURNING AWAY FROM GOD; HE NEVER TURNS AWAY FROM US. HE IS ALWAYS THERE TO WELCOME US WHEN WE NAME OUR SIN AND COME TO OUR SENSES, AND RETURN TO THE WAY OF TRUTH.

LIKewise OUR FORGIVENESS TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBOUR MUST BE PERMANENT SO WE CAN BE RECONCILED AS SOON AS OUR NEIGHBOUR TURNS AROUND.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT THE SAME AS RECONCILIATION. WE CAN FORGIVE WITHOUT BEING RECONCILED. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION FROM BOTH PARTIES, IT CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE WHEN THE OTHER PERSON ACKNOWLEDGES HIS FAULT AND SAYS "SORRY". HE COMES TO HIS SENSES AND SAYS "I WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE AND RETURN."

NEVERTHELESS OUR FORGIVENESS IS ALWAYS ON OFFER: OUR SIDE OF THE RELATIONSHIP IS FULFILLED.

THE POWER OF THIS PARABLE IS TO INVITE US TO EXAMINE THOSE MOMENTS IN OUR OWN LIVES WHEN WE BEHAVE LIKE EACH OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE PARABLE: SOMETIMES WE ARE THE OLDER BROTHER WANTING PUNISHMENT FOR THE SINNER—"WHAT'S SHE DOING GOING TO COMMUNION? DIDN'T SHE REMARRY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?" "LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY" "ZERO TOLERANCE". MANY PEOPLE ARE PUT OFF COMING BACK TO CHURCH BECAUSE OF THE HARSH JUDGMENTS AND CRITICISMS OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS.

MAY WE NEVER BE THE ELDER SELF-RIGHTEOUS BROTHER BUT ALWAYS THE PRODIGAL: NAME OUR OWN SIN, COME TO OUR SENSES AND RETURN.

WE MUST ALWAYS BE THAT LOVING FATHER: LONGING FOR THE MOMENT OF RETURN AND RECONCILIATION, WITH OUR FORGIVENESS ALWAYS ON OFFER. THEN THE REJOICING, THE FAMILY FEAST FULL OF WELCOME AND LOVE.

Fr James S Doherty

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

MEXICAN FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON
Is POSTPONED in respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

Details of rescheduling will follow as soon as possible

GREAT NORTH RUN

Jonathon Devitt is raising funds and awareness for the **PSP Association.**

PSP is a little known and hugely misunderstood neurological condition which, although very rare, has **killed three members** of his **extended family** in the past **7 years**. We would be very grateful if you could donate to this cause, there is a collection basket at the back of church for any spare change 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

Book Club

A friendly, relaxed, group of parishioners, who meet approximately once a month to discuss a pre chosen book. We usually have wine and nibbles or tea/coffee and cakes to help the discussions along. EVERYONE is welcome, 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 4th October** – to discuss the book **‘Virgins of Venice’** by **Mary Lavel**, a study of 17th century convent life in Venice.

ATTENTION ALL READERS

Training Sessions **THIS Tues Sept 13th 7pm-9pm**

Sat Sept 17th 10.30am- 3.00pm

At St Joseph’s Fellgate

Please speak to Bernadette Hirst about arrangements

Thinking Ahead

Although summer has only just finished and we have the beauty of the autumn season to look forward to, it will soon be Advent, and then Christmas will be upon us. Please would you give the festive season some thought and share any thoughts you may have about Mass times, fund raising and parish celebrations.

Email:

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Income 4th September 2022

St Wilfrid’s - £195. £27 Gift Aided, Donation-£25

Baptism- £19.50, Garden Party £140

St Joseph’s - £545 of which £115 was Gift Aided

Many Thanks

Home Mission Sunday Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. It is a day of prayer for the spread of the gospel here in our own country, amongst our own communities, in our own parishes and families. There will be collection next week for the work of the Bishop’s Conference in spreading the message of the gospel here in the UK.

Education Sunday 2022

Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in this country’s liturgical calendar. Established by the Bishops in 1848, originally on the feast of the Sacred Heart in June, it is now celebrated at the beginning of the academic year.

Although long associated with the annual collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service, its main purpose is to celebrate the work of Catholic education and to enable it to continue to flourish with the support of the whole Catholic community. The Catholic Church is this country’s largest provider of secondary schools and second largest provider of primary schools. Catholic education is by far the largest charitable endeavour of the Church in this country: we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this endeavour would be impossible.

Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they are more diverse than any other type of school; they recruit disproportionately more children from the poorest areas of the country and still consistently manage to be the highest performing schools in the country. For Catholic education to continue to flourish, it needs to rely on the continued support of the whole Catholic community. There will be a collection at all Masses this weekend and if you are able to give, it will be greatly appreciated.

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

17/18 September

24/25 September

1/2 October

8/9 October

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

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Foreign Currency</p> <p>Have you been abroad this summer and returned with currency you can't change? Your parish can use your loose foreign coins and notes, please put them into basket at back of church. Thank you</p>	<p>EXTRA COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DESPERATELY NEEDED COMMITTED CHURCH CLEANERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speak to Canon Michael or Shauna Devitt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Missalettes</p> <p>"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"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">St Bernadette Relic Tour.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral on 1 and 2 October.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration list is at the back of churches.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Music for Holy Communion"</p> <p>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 by Friday 16th September</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Considering Your Vocation</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Retrouvaille</p> <p>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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.</p> <p>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</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cafod's campaign to "Fix the Food System"</u></p> <p>The Third World Group of St. Patrick's, Felling invite parishioners from our Partnership to an information evening, presented by Mark Maughan, Cafod's Community Participation Co-ordinator in the Diocese, who will speak about Cafod's current campaign to "Fix the Food system," and share his experience of time he has recently spent in the Sudan.</p> <p>All around the world, including here at home, families are finding it harder to put food on the table. In northern Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, four years of drought has resulted in twenty million people fighting for survival. Schools are closed and people are forced to keep moving to find places where food is available. Pope Francis reminds us that as Catholics we are called to care for the world's most vulnerable people; it is our commitment to them that is a mark of our faith.</p> <p>Mark will be coming to St. Patrick' parish centre, located beneath St. Patrick's Church, Felling on Thursday, 13th October at 18.30. We hope you may feel able to join him and fellow parishioners from our Partnership in a Covid safe environment. Please note this is an awareness evening and not a fundraiser!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR Date: Saturday 24th September 2022 Time: 10am - 4pm Cost: £15 per attendee (invoiced to the parish/individual as per request) Catering: Participants to provide their own packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided. Booking: Please visit the course page and click on 'Register Here' to book your place, or contact the admin team. (Booking deadline: Monday 19th September)</p> <p>An alternative Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at St Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF on Saturday 15th October 2022. This may be of preference to your parishioners geographically. Bookings for this event can be accessed via the Diocesan website</p>