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*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish John and Thomas Reece	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Istvan Debreczeni	10.00am		
Tuesday	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>			Patricia Cowens	12.05pm
Wed	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>			Charles Tedford	12.05pm
Thursday	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Adrian Barnes	7.45am
Friday	Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Charles Tedford	12.05pm
Saturday Our Lady of Walsingham	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Intention for Priest MB	5.00pm	Holy Souls	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish Michael Davies African Mass with Bishop	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm

"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

**A prayer for the happy repose of HM The Queen**

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life, grant that your servant, Elizabeth our queen, to whom you granted a long and happy reign as monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Holy Spirit. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever Amen

***“THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD ARE WISER IN THEIR GENERATION THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT”***

We are the children of this world, it is God's world and it is good. It reflects His wisdom and love. He wants us to enjoy it.

We are also children of the light. We follow Christ, the light of the world, who teaches us in the parable of the unjust steward that we need to be as diligent in the things of the spirit as we are the things of the earth. By false accounting the steward has siphoned off his master's money, and feathered his own nest. He has been discovered and knows he will be sacked, so now he wins favour with his master's debtors, falsifying the accounts to their advantage.

If only we were as cunning in things of the kingdom. We take a great amount of planning and energy living as children of the world: be as diligent in the things of God.

This rascal faced a huge crisis, about to be sacked; his response was bold and imaginative. Jesus warns us to: “be as wise as serpents, but as simple as doves”

We face a great crisis of faith in the world, we need to respond and be ready. Catholic teachers must prepare their pupils to be children of this world, and of this generation: well educated in the sciences, the arts and literature, but our pupils are also children of the light, they must be well educated in the things of God: followers of the light of the world: knowing His teaching, and able to defend it to secular society. This is especially true in the final years at a catholic school, preparation for adult life as citizens of the world and of the Kingdom of Light must be intensified. In their final years they need to study the riches of Catholic Theology.

Indeed all of us; parents, teachers, Priests, members of trade and professional bodies – we are all children of this world and children of the light. We must never betray that light in the way we live and vote, England needs, the world needs, children of light in the corridors of power.

The Catholic Church has no difficulty with the separation of Church and State: Jesus suggested it “give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's” But the separation of Church and State is not the same as separation of faith and life. A just secular society will give public space to faith; the absence of faith in the market place is often not due to aggressive atheism, but to our own weakness.

Many teachers feel that faith has no place in the classroom, they are wrong; whatever your job or vocation is, **as children of light we have a duty** to reflect that light whatever we do and wherever we go. By living our faith out in public and so building our secular society for the Common good, we need to be good citizens of this world and this generation: but above all the world needs us to be Children of the Light: witnesses to Christ the Light of the World.

We pray every day: “Thy Kingdom Come: Thy will be done **on earth** as it is in Heaven”, **this earth, this generation** and **done through me**.

**It is a cause that is bound to succeed: because Christ PROMISED to St Peter and his successors that come hell or high water “the gates of hell CANNOT prevail against His Church” and that He is with us in the struggle until the end of time**

*Fr James S Doherty*

<p align="center"><b>Children's Missalettes</b></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 align="center"><b>GREAT NORTH RUN</b></p> <p><b>Thank you</b> to all those who supported Jonathon Devitt in raising funds for PSP Association The Joint parishes of St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's contributed <b>£60</b> to this very worthy cause.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Thinking Ahead</b></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk">gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Flower Arranging Workshop</b> has been delayed due to the leader's family circumstances, but she hopes to be able to set up this workshop very soon, don't lose hope and continue to watch this space.</p>
<p align="center"><b>St Bernadette Relic Tour.</b></p> <p>The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral on 1 and 2 October. <b>Registration list is at the back of churches.</b></p>	<p><b>ST JOSEPH'S NOVEMBER CANDLES</b> – put name of deceased in envelope along with £2 per name and put on collection plate</p>
<p align="center"><b>Book Club</b></p> <p>Next meeting: - <b>7pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> – to discuss the book <b>'Virgins of Venice'</b> by <b>Mary Laven</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latin Classes for Beginners</li> <li>• Bible Study/reflection/discussion</li> <li>• Deepening your understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith and Church</li> <li>• Film Discussion Group</li> </ul> <p>Canon Michael is hoping to lead one or more of the above depending upon your interest and commitment, please indicate this on the sheets at the back of church.</p> <p>A class/group can only go ahead if there is enough interest.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Income 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b></p> <p><b>St Wilfrid's: - £148.05      £47 Gift Aided,</b> <b>Donation-£20</b></p> <p><b>St Joseph's - £395.10 of which £74 was Gift Aided</b> <b>Collection for Education: - £95.50</b> <b>Many Thanks</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>ST.WILFRID'S</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Bishop's Visit</b></p> <p>Bishop Robert will say Mass on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>CHRISTMAS candles and other items are now available in the kitchen.</p>
<p align="center"><b>The annual Mass Attendance Count THIS WEEKEND</b> 17/18 September</p>	<p align="center"><b>NOVEMBER CANDLES;</b></p> <p>This year, regrettably, candles will cost £1.20 each. Envelopes are available at the back of Church, please hand them in to Rachel. The cutoff date is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.</p>
<p>We are collecting suitable items for a Christmas raffle at St Joseph's, if you would like to contribute please leave your offering in the office. Thank you</p>	<p align="center"><b>CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE</b> WANTED</p> <p>Favourite <b>Christmas recipes</b> A description of <b>family traditions</b> Your favourite <b>'cracker' joke</b> <b>Poems and prose</b> about Christmas and/or covid/lockdown/winter – anything really!</p> <p>Please email your magazine contribution to <a href="mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk">gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk</a></p> <p>Or write it down and place in an envelope marked 'Magazine', pop it on the collection plate or post it through presbytery door. <b>Thank You</b> in advance for your participation</p>
<p align="center"><b>MEXICAN FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON</b></p> <p><b>Rescheduled to take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 1.00pm in the church hall</b> <b>Everybody is welcome – the more the merrier!</b></p>	<p>The Interreligious Relations team is pleased to announce details for its 'Faith and Food' event, which will take place on Thursday, 22 September at 7pm. The venue is English Martyrs Parish Hall, 176, Stamfordham Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE5 3JR.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday Club</b></p> <p>Join us in the hall after Mass for coffee, cakes, companionship, chatter and laughter.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Foreign Currency</b></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 align="center"><b>Saturday Coffee</b></p> <p>Join us in the John Ingram Room after Mass for coffee and conversation</p>	
<p align="center"><b>CMUK/St Joseph's Men</b></p> <p>Join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by breakfast in the John Ingram Room, Bible Reading and reflection, companionship and conversation every Saturday morning from 7 – 9am</p>	
<p align="center"><b>DESPERATELY NEEDED COMMITTED CHURCH CLEANERS</b></p> <p>Speak to Canon Michael or Shauna Devitt</p>	

Pro-Life Pilgrimage  
Reparation, prayer and Mass for the sanctity of life Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 2022 at  
Our Lady's Chapel Osmotherly  
A coach will leave Central Station Newcastle at 9.00am  
Cost £16  
Reservation Essential: - Full amount by 01/10/22  
Pilgrims meet 11.00am in front of the Catholic Church,  
Osmotherly  
Contact Mrs m Ollerenshaw  
19, Kenton Road, Newcastle, NE3 4NE  
Telephone: 01912854395  
Bring your own lunch refreshments available

### Refresher Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

#### Communion

**Booking Deadline:** Sunday 25 September (or when full).

The event is taking place on Wednesday 28 September from 7.00pm  
– 9.00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead NE8 1LX. See Diocesan website  
for further information.

### 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.

### Cafod's campaign to "Fix the Food System"

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.

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.

Mark will be coming to St. Patrick's 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!

### EXTRA COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

**Home Mission Sunday** the third Sunday in September has been  
known as 'Home Mission Sunday', but this has now changed to  
"Evangelii Gaudium Sunday" to better reflect the Holy Father's  
inspiration, and the work of the Mission Department at the Bishops'  
Conference of England and Wales. We, the Bishops of England and  
Wales, hope that you will appreciate that the second collection on  
this Sunday is important in financing the work of the Mission  
Department, and in enabling the local Church to make the Joy of the  
Gospel a reality in England and Wales. Over the past two years our  
emphasis has moved towards supporting diocesan coordinators in  
their work, as well as carrying out the work directed by the Holy  
See. Thus, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate  
the beauty of our faith, our liturgy and Church buildings, our  
dialogue with others in faith, and our proclamation of Christ's saving  
good news. The work of the Mission Directorate concentrates on  
evangelisation and catechesis, the beauty of the Liturgy and our  
church buildings, and sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with  
Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This  
work supports the bishops at the national level and helps create  
greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those  
with no faith, but who seek the Lord "with a sincere heart". The  
website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-Evangelii-Gaudium-sunday/> gives more information. There will be a collection TODAY  
for the work of the Bishop's Conference in spreading the message of  
the gospel here in the UK.

### 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

### 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

### Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**Venue:** English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR

**Date:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September)

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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This may be of preference to  
your parishioners geographically. Bookings for this event can be  
accessed via the Diocesan website