

St Joseph's Catholic
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Our Lady & St
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

September 20th 2026 – 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year A
17th Sunday after Pentecost (*Extraordinary Form*)

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	19th Sept	5.00pm	Bell and Cantwell families
Sunday	20 th Sept		
Monday	21 st Sept	10.00am	Bill Henderson
Tuesday	22 nd Sept		
Wednesday	23 rd Sept	10.00am	
Thursday	24 th Sept		
Friday	25 th Sept	10.00am	Fr Pat McKenna
Saturday	26th Sept		People of the parish

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	20 th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Monday	21 st Sept		
Tuesday	22 nd Sept	12.05pm	John Alfred Rainbow
Wednesday	23 rd Sept	10.00am	SCHOOL MASS
Thursday	24 th Sept	12.05pm	Verina Telford
Friday	25 th Sept	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	26 th Sept	11.00am (EF)	A O'Sullivan
Sunday	27 th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Denins and Margaret Duffy Priest's Intentions

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

Sanctuary Candle: Verina Telford

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.

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

St Wilfrid's

Account Details

Account Name: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid

Account Number: 01164120

Sort Code: 40-34-18

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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.

Free Refreshments & Social

Tea/Coffee/soft drinks & biscuits served with a smile straight after Mass, in the parish hall.

Please come along to support the parish, build the community and strengthen friendship bonds and support networks.

Book Club will meet on **Tuesday 22nd September** 7.00pm to discuss 'The Necromancers' by Robert Hugh Benson
All welcome

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

CAN YOU HELP at St Joseph's?

Money Counters

Can you spare an hour each Sunday afternoon to count the collection money?

Bank Run

Can you spare one hour each Monday to take parish funds to the bank?

Event's Organizer/coordinator

Can you spare the time to generate ideas for parish events, organize and co-ordinate these?

Hall Hire coordinator

Can you manage the hall bookings?

Cleaners

Could you spare an hour each week to help clean the Church, Sacristy and the downstairs of the presbytery?

Grounds-person

Could you spend an hour or so each week collecting and disposing of the rubbish around the church and presbytery?

Teas/coffees

Could you spare a couple of hours a month after one of our Masses to prepare and serve teas and coffees?

Piety Stall

Have you some spare time to look after the piety stall?

Young Persons Club

Can you spare the time to organise and supervise a club for our parishioners aged 11-16yrs?

Newsletter

Can you spare the time to prepare and distribute the newsletter each week?

Sacristan

Would you be willing to be trained as a Sacristan? Are you available during the week?

Catechist

Would you be willing to be trained as a children's catechist to help Canon Michael with first Holy Communion preparation?

Secretary

Can you spare several hours a week to complete secretarial tasks?

Safeguarding Representative

Welcomer

If you want to find out any more about any of the above and other roles please speak with Canon Michael and look out for the posters and leaflets coming soon.

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.

The Partnership RCIA meetings, for all those seeking to know more about the Catholic Faith, will take place at St. Peter's Church, Low Fell. **The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th October.**

North East Catholic History Society

Our talks for the year begin at **2pm 1st October** in the parish hall when Leo Darroch will speak on 'The diocese of Hexham and Newcastle: A Journey through the 20th century. All welcome.

Organ recital

St Joseph's on Sunday 20th September after the 12 Mass. It will last about 40 minutes. See the notice board for more details. Donations for the parish are welcome

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Every Friday at 4.30pm held in St Joseph's presbytery and run by the Missionaries of Charity, this beautiful gentle programme which brings children to a closer relationship with Jesus is open to all children aged 3 -10yrs. Come along and find out more.

Epiphany Party

Sunday January 3rd after mid-day Mass hosted by the Holy Family Guild £3.00 per person.

Join us for crafts, games, refreshments and fun.

Please see poster at back of church or speak to Angela or Paul Hammond for further information.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

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

Safeguarding

The Disclosure and Barring Service will be making changes to the DBS requirements for people undertaking regulated activity with children, which will become effective from the 1st of September 2026.

Currently, anyone carrying out regulated activity with children can be supervised by a DBS holder when carrying out their role. This element of supervision is now being removed and all persons carrying out regulated activity with children will require an enhanced DBS check with child barred list information from the 1st of September 2026. If a person teaches, trains, instructs, cares for, or supervises children often enough (3 times in 30 days), they will be in regulated activity with children even if someone else supervises them. This will also apply to any young helpers over the age of 16, who will also need a DBS check from the 1st of September, if they are assisting with activities involving young people.

All altar servers aged 16 and above will now need to have a DBS check in place from the 1st of September.

September 23: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest—Memorial

1887–1968

Patron Saint of adolescents and civil defense volunteers

Invoked by those in need of stress relief, spiritual healing, and for January blues

Canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002

Saint Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in the rural town of Pietrelcina, Italy. Called Franci (Frankie), he was the third of five surviving children. Town life centered around the local church of Saint Anna with feasts, Masses, processions, novenas, and parish festivals. Early on, Franci exhibited great piety, dedicating himself to God and the Blessed Virgin at age five. He suffered from nightmares as a toddler and later believed that they were evidence of the devil already tormenting him. His three years of public schooling were interrupted by various illnesses.

When ten-year-old Franci met a bearded Capuchin friar, he told his parents, “I want to be a friar with a beard!” To pay for the better education Franci would need, his father worked in America for three years, sending home nine dollars each week. At fifteen, Franci entered the Capuchins, receiving the name Pio, possibly after Pope Pio I, whose relics were in Saint Anna Church.

Five days before joining the Capuchins, Pio had a vision in prayer. A “majestic Man” led him to do battle with a “mysterious creature.” When the creature fled, Pio received a beautiful crown. He was told that he must continually fight the creature but would always win with the majestic Man’s help. Three days later, after receiving the Eucharist, Pio realized that the creature was from hell, but the Man at his side was Christ. In a vision two days later, Jesus and Mary consoled and strengthened Pio. At age nineteen, Pio took his final vows, and was ordained a priest at twenty-three.

The barefoot friars gathered to pray seven times a day, spent long hours studying, lived in simple cells, fasted, and engaged in manual labor. Continually in poor health, Pio regularly fell into ecstasy in prayer, levitating at times, weeping at others, often losing track of time and place. Once ordained, he lived with his family until his health improved. In 1916, he was sent to Our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary, in San Giovanni Rotondo, where he lived the rest of his life.

Padre Pio soon became known as a mystic. His ecstasies made his Masses long and devout. He heard confessions and counseled many, often with “pray, hope, and don’t worry.” On September 20, 1918, while praying after Mass, Jesus’ wounds pierced Pio’s body. He openly carried the stigmata for exactly fifty years, and no doctor could explain the wounds. People flocked to see the living saint and mystic. He manifested the charisms of healing, bilocation, levitation, and prophecy. Foreign visitors heard him speak in their own language. He could read hearts, spent weeks at a time eating only the Holy Eucharist, and slept little or not at all. Miraculous conversions resulted from his ministry.

While these miraculous events inspired many Catholics, they concerned some Church authorities. In 1931, the Holy See banned Padre Pio from public ministry as a lengthy investigation began. Thirteen years later, Pope Pius XI reversed the restrictions. Pope Paul VI fully exonerated Padre Pio in 1963. On September 22, 1968, Padre Pio celebrated a televised solemn Mass that thousands attended to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his reception of the stigmata. The next day, his wounds disappeared and he passed to Heaven. An estimated 100,000 people attended his funeral.

Saint Padre Pio, you loved God with all your heart and bore Christ’s wounds on your body. Through you, many lives were converted, hearts healed, and sins forgiven. Please pray that I will receive the healing I need to more fully devote myself to God’s will and serve Him with all my might. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter, please speak to Canon Michael.

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.

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@diocesemn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3305