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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

September 27th 2026 – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year A
18th Sunday after Pentecost *(Extraordinary Form)*

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	**26thSept**	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	27th Sept		
Monday	28th Sept	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	29th Sept		
Wednesday	30th Sept		
Thursday	1st Oct		
Friday	2nd Oct	10.00am	Fr Pat McKenna
Saturday	**3rd Oct**		People of the Parish

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	27th Sept	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	Dennis and Margaret Duffy Ember Lleses
Monday	28th Sept		
Tuesday	29th Sept	12.05pm	Alan Milsam & Harry Craig
Wednesday	30th Sept	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	1st Oct	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Friday	2nd Oct	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	**3rd Oct**	11.00am *(EF)*	Billy McStea (1936-2006)
Sunday	4th Oct	10.00am 12 Noon *(EF)*	People of the Parish A O`Sullivan

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

Sanctuary Candle: Irene Clarke

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

Cheques made out to:
DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Wilfrid's

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 The next book is A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, by James Joyce

The next meeting is on 3rd November at 7pm. 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.

FLAME 2027 - Flame 2027 takes place on **Saturday 6th March.** The theme is **'TAKE COURAGE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, almost 900 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £55 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact Mary Madzivammadziva@ymt.org

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.

Church action on Poverty
A special celebration and milestone event hosted by Church Action on Poverty North East.

Passing on the Torch will take place at St Joseph's Church in central Gateshead on **Wednesday 21 October, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm**. The church is next to the Interchange and Metro station.

After more than 40 years of trailblazing and influential work, this will be the final event led by our regional group. We are now passing on the torch to others across the region – in churches, town halls and the wider community – to continue the work of tackling poverty and promoting social justice.

Come along to celebrate and remember some of the bold and exciting projects the group has led and been involved in over the decades. We are delighted that **Sir John Battle, Church Action on Poverty's first CEO,** will be joining us and sharing his reflections. We will also welcome our guest speaker, **Bishop Rob Wickham of the Church Urban Fund**.

Together, we will reflect on the challenge of **"What next?" for churches and social justice in North East England.**

There will be a meal and drinks and, most importantly, after so many years of shared work, an opportunity to meet old friends, make new connections and share memories of the difference we have made together. **We very much hope you'll be able to join us.**

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

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

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's Story

"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Thérèse of Lisieux was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Feast Day October 1st franciscanmedia.org

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- Access it via the website;
  www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

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

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@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3305