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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 16th Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 25th September 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday Our Lady of Walsingham	Sept 24 th	Intention for Priest (MB) Mass to be said by Bishop	5.00pm		
Sunday	Sept 25 th			People of the Parish Michael Davies African Mass with Bishop	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm
Monday	Sept 26 th	NO MASS	10.00am		
Tuesday	Sept 27 th			NO MASS	12.05pm
Wed	Sept 28 th			NO MASS	12.05pm
Thursday	Sept 29 th			NO MASS	7.45am
Friday	Sept 30 th	NO MASS	10.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	12.05pm
Saturday Feast of St Therese of Liseux	October 1 st	Bridget Raff	5.00pm	NO MASS	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	October 2 nd			Fr Michael Corbett People of the Parish	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11-11.55am & Saturday 7.00am

NO Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass
 St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

NO Benediction and Vespers on the first Sunday of October
 African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR AND TO BIND UP HEARTS THAT ARE BROKEN”

St Luke's Gospel shows Jesus as the compassionate friend of the poor, the sick and the broken hearted.

Very early in his Gospel, St Luke tells the story of Our Lady's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and how She praised God in Her Magnificat; "He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly, He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty". The Magnificat is St Luke's Mission Statement for all Christians: to pull down the mighty from their thrones and raise up the poor; it is a social revolution; to be accomplished peacefully without violence; through personal witness, sharing our goods and boldly confronting the rich and the powerful.

St Luke also records the first homily of Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth. He chose a passage from Isaiah "the Spirit of the Lord has been given to me to bring Good News to the poor and to bind up the hearts that are broken"

In the Sermon on the Mount, St Luke reports Jesus saying; "Blessed are the poor for the Kingdom of God is theirs". The kingdom is for them, the church exists to raise the poor out of poverty, He blesses the poor through us, the church, and we are the people who must feed the hungry. The Kingdom of God begins here on earth with a mission to social justice, we do not deserve the name Christian unless our first concern is for the sick, the poor and the broken hearted.

To work for a just society is to work for the Kingdom of God. We become holy in the daily chores of life. We are pleasing to God when we work to meet our debts and pay bills; we are called to holiness of life not by escape from the world but by engaging with it. The market place is our vocation and our journey through life is there.

On a long car journey it is good to stop in a lay-by to rest and review the map. Time in church is like a lay-by, we take time out to reflect and renew ourselves with God's Word, the fruit of which is love and justice in our daily lives. Church without commitment to social justice is only half the story.

Wealth is not evil, Jesus had well to do friends, money is good, but it is often misused; the rich man in the parable did not go to hell because he was rich, but because he neglected the poor.

At the last judgment we will hear either: "come you blessed of My father" or "depart from Me you are cursed because I was naked and you did not clothe me, I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was sick and in prison but you failed to visit me"

Today's parable of the rich man and Lazarus challenges the wealthy of the world to share with the poor; as Karl Marx rightly said: "from everyone according to his means to everyone according to his needs"

Everything we have is a gift, our health and good fortune, our intelligence and talents, all freely given by God, but we cannot say "That's mine I can do what I like with it" No you can't, because you are not its **absolute** owner. Only God is the absolute owner.

Amos, in the first reading, warns us that the party is over, ***a reminder that the present economic depression is the result of a moral failure: the misuse of power and wealth by the few.***

Today, at Mass we have a rest in the lay-by on the journey of life, a time to meditate and reflect upon our lives; perhaps we can live more simply, ensure our shopping is more ethical and discerning. It may be more expensive, but it avoids cheap labour, often the labour of children without health care or schooling. Recycle, care for the environment, and be just and truthful with money. Teach honesty and sharing to our children, these little things are the building blocks of justice and fairness and therefore of holiness. They further the Kingdom of God and when the journey of life is over Jesus will welcome us: "come you blessed of My father, possess the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."

Fr James S Doherty

Children's Missalettes

"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"

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

St Bernadette Relic Tour.

The relics will be at St Mary's Cathedral on 1 and 2 October.

Registration list is at the back of churches.

Book Club

Next meeting: - 7pm Wednesday 4th October - to discuss the book 'Virgins of Venice' by Mary Laven

Income 18th September 2022

St Wilfrid's: - £114.45 £50 Gift Aided,
Donation-£20 Catholic Education:- £43.90

St Joseph's - £454 of which £150 was Gift Aided
Collection for Home Mission: - £111

Many Thanks

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

MEXICAN FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

Rescheduled to take place on Sunday 16th October
from 1.00pm in the church hall
Everybody is welcome - the more the merrier!

Tuesday Club

Join us in the hall after Mass for coffee, cakes, companionship, chatter and laughter.

CMUK/St Joseph's Men

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

DESPERATELY NEEDED COMMITTED CHURCH CLEANERS

Speak to Canon Michael or Shauna Devitt

Flower Arranging Workshop 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.

ST JOSEPH'S NOVEMBER CANDLES

Put name of deceased in envelope along with £2 per name and put on collection plate

Saturday Coffee NON THIS WEEK

Join us in the John Ingram Room after Mass for coffee and conversation

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN:-

- Latin Classes for Beginners
- Bible Study/reflection/discussion
- Deepening your understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith and Church
- Film Discussion Group

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.

ST.WILFRID'S

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Robert will say Mass This Saturday 24th September

CHRISTMAS candles and other items are now available in the kitchen.

NOVEMBER CANDLES;

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 29th 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

Pro-Life Pilgrimage
Reparation, prayer and Mass for the sanctity of life Sunday 9th
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

Foreign Currency
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

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.

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' 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!

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

24/25 September

1/2 October

8/9 October

The Youth Ministry Trust, based at Emmaus Village near Consett, have a number of job opportunities currently available.

Administrator (Maternity Cover), Bookings

Administrator and Maintenance Person.

For further information and to find out how you can apply for any of these roles, please see diocesan website

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 7 October 2022.

Day of Reflection for Readers of the Liturgy of the

Word event.

Booking Deadline: Monday 3 October (or when full).

The day is taking place on **Saturday 8 October** from **10.00am - 4.00pm** at **St Joseph's, Gateshead**.

Refreshments provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by the parish. An invoice will be sent to the payee. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. **Book your place** using the button opposite.

All enquiries should be made via your parish office or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

The Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco on Saturday 8 October 2022.

The full programme includes:

From 2:00pm to 2:50pm: Shared lunch table with tea and coffee provided in Church Hall, please bring your own packed lunch

From 3:00pm onwards: Procession with Our Lady's Statue, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and Homily, reciting of the Rosary, a talk on Fatima and the Brown Scapular, enrolment in the Brown Scapular, confession and Benediction.

For more information please contact 01665 710252.