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Palm Sunday 2nd April 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	April 1 st	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 2 nd			People of the Parish Intentions of Lizarry Lleses	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)
Monday	April 3 rd	Joseph TV	10.00am		
Tuesday	April 4 th			Joseph TV	12.05pm
Wed	April 5 th			Mr. & Mrs. T. Robinson	12.05pm
Thursday <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i>	April 6 th			Intentions of FM	7.00pm (EF)
Friday <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	April 7 th		10.00am	Stations of Cross Commemoration of Lord's Passion	11.00am 3.00pm
Saturday <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	April 8 th		5.00pm	People of the Parish	Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Sunday <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	April 9 th	Priest's Intention	9.30am	Len Pygall Henri Damamme	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition @ St Joseph's every Wednesday 11.00am - 11.55

African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm

Please pray for all those preparing for, or having recently received, the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Marriage, Confirmation, Holy Orders

Welcome to Fr Paul McCourt who will say the Easter Sunday Mass at St Joseph's at 10.00am

St Joseph's

CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK

NONE on **Saturday**

Cleaning will take place on **TUESDAY** straight after the **12.05 Mass** – if you are available to **help as a one off** you **won't be required to fill in a volunteer form**, but as with our regular cleaners, **you MUST sign in and out of the visitors' book located on the desk in the office**

PLEASE NOTE

There is **no 11.00am Mass next Saturday** morning, however **confessions** will be heard at the **usual** time from 12.00 – 12.30pm.

50/50 Draw – See Angela Gallagher

In order to make this a viable initiative we need more participants. Please consider joining. Half of the money raised goes towards parish funds; the other half is put into a prize pot which is then distributed each month to the winning person. It costs only £10 for the chance to win something every month for ten months!! **Sign up at the back of church**

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Piety Stall

Will be open on 14th May

If there is something you need/want in the meantime please speak to Shauna Devitt and she will be able to open the stall for your purchase.

Income 26th March 2023

£394 of which £120 was Gift Aided

Thank You

Angel Encounter

Canon Michael received the following email from the assistant producer of TV programme Songs of Praise:-

"I am currently looking for possible stories for an upcoming episode of the programme we plan to film in and around Gateshead in mid April.

I was wondering whether you knew anybody within your community who might have their own personal stories of faith to tell that link to the Angel of the North, or to angels more generally.

This is initial research and does not guarantee that your suggestion will feature on the programme, but I very much look forward to hearing any suggestions you may have, it would be great to hear back from you by early next week if you do have any suggestions".

Speak to Canon Michael TODAY if you have anything to share

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

Income 26th March 2023

Loose Plate £141.30 Gift Aided- £42

Thank You

HOLY WEEK

The services for Holy Week are:

Maundy Thursday

St Joseph's (EF) Mass 7.00pm

Good Friday

St Joseph's 11.00am Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

St Joseph's Easter Vigil 7.00pm

Easter Sunday

St Wilfrid's Mass 9.30am;
St Joseph's Mass 10.00am and 12 noon Latin Mass.

Holy Places Collection

TODAY - (Palm Sunday). This collection is used by the Holy Father to support the Holy Places and People in the Holy Land, the land of Jesus birth, ministry, death and resurrection.

North East Catholic History Society

The next lecture is on Wednesday 5th April at 2pm in the parish hall when Dr Liam Temple will speak on:-

'A missionary centre for the North; the Capuchin Mission in Thirsk 1923-1960'.

All welcome, members are free, non-members - £1.

Next Confirmation Class Sunday April 16th at 6.00pm

Theme: - 'The Power of Prayer'

Please bring your folder and 'YOUCAT'.

Please come to front door on High West Street
Tea and coffee is available for parents/carers as they wait in another room

BOOK of REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have the name of a deceased relative or friend placed in the book of remembrance please put the **name** and **death anniversary date** along with a **donation** into an envelope and hand it into the office or place on the collection plate.

BOOK CLUB: Next meeting Wednesday 26th April 7.30pm to discuss The Shoes of the Fisherman by Morris West All welcome.

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books or Missalettes, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives. We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough? We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise. We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

HOLY WEEK

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 The night before Jesus died he had supper with his closest friends, the Apostles, the Last Supper. This is the same day we recall the beginnings of the Priesthood and the Institution of the Eucharist. We will come together at St Joseph's on Thursday evening to celebrate this Mass and to remember this gathering of Jesus with his friends and what he asked of them, as well as remembering how he gave Himself to the world.

The Watching
 It is customary after the Mass on Holy Thursday that we have the time of "Watching", a time of prayer from the end of Mass until 10pm, when we are asked to spend time in prayer, remembering the prayer and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus endured during his final hours. Please consider giving time to this quiet prayer on Thursday Evening. While some might wish to remain in Church quietly after Mass, others could go home after Mass, have a cup of tea or coffee and then come back for the watching!

Good Friday Afternoon
 The main service for all Catholic Churches on Good Friday is the afternoon Service, usually at 3pm when we commemorate the Passion and Death of the Lord. It is the only day we do not celebrate Mass. We encourage you to come along as we have the opportunity to take part in the Veneration of the Cross on which Jesus died.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence
 Good Friday is Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced, applicable for all aged 18-59. Abstinence means that everyone over 14 years give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement (e.g. we do not usually eat meat on Good Friday as well as refraining from other 'luxuries' that day). It is a solemn day and this should affect the things we do and the way we behave.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is considered to be the most important Mass in the Church's year, so we do ask you to try and come along on Saturday evening to St Joseph's for the Mass. It begins with a Blessing of Fire and blessing of the new Easter Candle, followed by a Vigil of Readings and Prayers before the Mass of the Resurrection, during which we rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. If you can, come along to this Mass at 7pm on Saturday evening.

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

**The Institute of Christ the King Preston
Latin Mass and Walk in the Lake District**

April 15th 2023

Further details and the chance of transport to the event can be found by emailing:-

Lizzie Plasom-Scott lizzieplasomscott@gmail.com

Or speaking to Frank Sverha

SPUC

The Gateshead branch meets **every second Wednesday** of the **Month at 7,00pm** in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

Vocations to the Priesthood

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

Diocesan Chrism Mass

The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. This is the Mass in which our Priests renew their Priestly Promises and during the Mass, the Oils for the coming year - Oil of Catechumens, Oil of Chrism and the Oil of the Sick - are blessed by the Bishop. There will be over 70 priests present at the Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

Diocesan Vacancies

- Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 18th April 2023.
- Senior Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18th April
- Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) – St Patrick's, Langley Moor, Durham – part-time.

Closing date: 12th April

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact them on:- 0191 243 3301

Summer Magazine

After the success of the Christmas magazine I am planning to produce a summer edition. In order to make it a success I am asking you all to begin to think about how you can contribute.

Perhaps a family member has been Baptised, Received First Holy Communion, been Confirmed, or married in one of our churches this past year and you would like to share some of the experience, perhaps you have joined in with one of the groups and have a reflection on this?

All contributions are encouraged and welcomed in almost any form: - prose, poetry, commentary, song!

Please watch this space for more information.

Statement on Illegal Migration Bill

The Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan, has commented on the government's Illegal Migration Bill:

"Everyone who makes a dangerous journey across the Channel to build a better life here has a name, a face, and a story.

"People are driven from their homes by poverty, conflict, persecution, natural disasters, or other factors that prevent their flourishing. Many have links to the UK or family members already living here. Yet, far too often, there are no safe routes open to them.

"While we all wish to end dangerous Channel crossings, this new legislation treats migrants and refugees as a problem to be solved rather than brothers and sisters towards whom we have responsibilities. Establishing more safe routes and genuinely understanding people's individual circumstances are essential to meeting these.

"As Christians we call for the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, to be put at the heart of public policy."

"Serving those who have served us well"

The Diocesan **Sick and Retired Priests' Collection** will be taken on the weekend of **15th and 16th April 2023**, and the Fund will remain open until 5th May for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Recent years have been very difficult and income has drastically dropped. If people were to give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person in recognition of all the priests who have served their parishes over many years, it would be a great gesture as we "serve those who have served us well".

For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0191 586 4319

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)