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Fifth Sunday in Lent 3rd April 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	April 2 nd	Kathleen Derrick	5.00pm		
Sunday	April 3 rd			People of the Parish Priest's Intention Benediction and sung vespers	10.00am Midday 3.00pm
Monday	April 4 th	No Mass	10.00am	Requiem Mass Stella Masterson	10.00am
Tuesday	April 5 th			Mary Sverha	12.05pm
Wed	April 6 th			John Devitt & deceased of Devitt family	12.05pm
Thursday	April 7 th	Funeral service George Trott	1.00pm	Fr Malcolm Cairns (NBF)	7.45am
Friday	April 8 th	Patricia Cowens	10.00am	Joan & Eddie Bain	12.05pm
Saturday	April 9 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Katherine Lee	11.00am
Palm Sunday	April 10 th			Len Pygall People of the Parish	10.00am Midday

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

**Confessions: - St Joseph's: Wednesday after Mass; Saturdays from 12-12.30
St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday**

**Stations of the Cross EVERY Friday after Mass throughout Lent St Joseph's
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11-11.55am St Joseph's**

Prayers for:

"Defending fundamental human rights demands courage and determination", First Holy Communion children and their families,
WORLD PEACE

“Go and sin no more”

As the season of Lent draws us closer to God, it unveils before our eyes the reality of God’s salvation for his children.

Today’s reading is the first stanza of a long salvation oracle running from Isaiah 43:14 through 44:5 which, in turn, is part of Second Isaiah’s amazing proclamation of deliverance to the Babylonian exiles (Isaiah 40-55). Whereas God had previously allowed Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian hordes to destroy Jerusalem and haul the fruit and flower of Judah into exile in Babylon in 587 and 582 BCE, Second Isaiah now dramatically announces that God is about to use Cyrus and his Persian forces to defeat Babylon and release captive Israel, allowing them to return to their homeland (Isa 43, 16-21). As for their past experiences, the Lord is saying to his children; “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! (Isa 43, 18-19).

The Lord is aware of our ugly past, he knows how much we have suffered, and he knows how much we have had to endure for the sake of his Holy name. Here comes as he says to us, a light at the end of the tunnel. He is doing something new in our lives. The Lord is asking us to walk out with courage out of our ugly past.

We must not allow these painful experiences to hold us from making a head way into the future. St.

Paul had to deal with this in today’s second reading when he asserted that, “one thing he does is: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, , “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3, 14).

The Lord is saying that the future is even brighter for us if only we believe in him. To the wildernesses in our lives the Lord is saying, I will make a way, and to the desert parts of our lives he is going to cause rivers to flow in them (Isa 43, 19b). This is actually the experience of salvation and deliverance promised by God to his people.

It is amazing that in today’s Gospel when the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before them all, that is, to shame her before the public, demanding of Jesus what to do with her after quoting the book of the law as to how she deserves to be stoned. However, Jesus did not go according to their law, but rather did something New, both in her life and in the lives of her accusers (Jn 8, 1-11).

After pausing for a while, reflecting on how to save the accused adulterous woman, since His mission is only to seek out and to save those who are lost, (Lk 19, 10) and not to condemn anyone, he wrote on the floor and said to her accusers; “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her” (Jn 8, 8). The voice of Jesus sounded as if he said; “lay down your stone!” and of course that was what he meant because we discovered that as soon as he finished speaking and bent down, “they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him (Jn 8, 10).

Our God does not desire the death of anyone, but rather he brings us life and life in abundance (Ezk 18, 32; Jn 10, 10).

We are constantly called to repentance and conversion, for God wants life for us and not death. Let us also learn something of God He is rich in mercy, slow to anger and ready to relent (Jonah 4, 2). Let us not be quick in passing judgments, in condemning others and in claiming self righteousness. For “if the Lord should mark our guilt, who would survive”(Ps 130, 3). And Jesus concluded by saying to the adulterous woman, where are they {your accusers}? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more” (Jn 8, 11).

May this new grace of God help us in living out a good Christian life, bringing about newness of everything that is good. Have a fruitful week.



DATE OF EVENT

6–9 April 2022

COST

£15

LOCATION

St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

SPECIAL INFO

If you would like to come along, please contact your parish priest to discuss with him and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf.

As part of its commitment to promote and support the liturgy of the Catholic Church, **Society of Saint Gregory** is offering a new modular study course, aimed at developing liturgical understanding. The course, which will be run in partnership with the London Jesuit Centre, starts in September until June 2022 and will take place via Zoom.

Each module will comprise 3 sessions and provide a theological and historical overview, which will form the background for a deeper study of how we celebrate the liturgy today. Modules include The Paschal Mystery, Healing and Forgiveness, Initiation, Commitment and Ways of Prayer. It is possible to book on to single modules, or the full course.

Within each theme, the course will look at how Catholics can apply general principles of liturgy, how music and space affect the way we celebrate, and above all how we are enabling people to pray together. The course is aimed at all who wish to widen their understanding of the liturgy.

Further information, including details of the course leaders and online booking, is available on the Society of St Gregory [website](#).

- More information on Diocesan website

Join members of the **North East Catholic History Society** for their latest lecture by Claire Marsland entitled, **'Treasures of Ushaw'** – St Joseph's Church Hall – 6th April – 2.00pm

Please see notice board for information about some Events advertised on Diocesan website – for further information please access [Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))

Diocesan Year of the Eucharist

Justice and Peace coordinating Council invites you to a time of reflection on;

Saturday 9th April 10.30 – 12.30am via zoom.

This morning of reflection aims at widening our understanding about the connection between the Eucharist, food justice and the ecological crisis we are in.

It will explore how we are nourished by the Eucharist and are invited to nourish others and the whole of creation.

The Speaker is Fr. Chris Hughes and there will be an opportunity for sharing.

Please register using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-jesus-in-the-eucharist-the-poor-and-creation-tickets-276896313327>

This month's **Northern Cross** is available to purchase - £1.50 – at the back of church, it contains an article about St Wilfrid's school and a write up about the Rosary rally organised by St Joseph's men's group.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please email shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday 5pm

If you are, or if you know – Christine Frazer – please speak to Canon Brown, thank you.

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to share your thoughts and impressions about what you have read? Would you like to make new friends in an informal relaxed setting? Join the **Book Club** and enjoy great company, lively discussions, laughter, nibbles and a glass of wine.

Next meeting **Wednesday 27th April at 7.00pm**, to discuss David Pinault's "**The Crucifix on Mecca's Front Porch**"



Weekly Income for 27th March 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £330.22

Gift Aid Envelopes: £117.80 Votive Candles: £38.20

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £60

Donation: £ Piety: £ Flowers: £

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £169.80 Gift Aid: £229 Candles: £

Piety: £



St Joseph's Parish Meeting

It has been suggested that we hold a Parish meeting to discuss issues which have arisen over the last few years. If you have anything you would like to be put on the agenda for discussion please email Canon Michael

michaelbrown6@btconnect.com

It would also be useful to have some idea as to how many people would consider attending such a meeting, therefore if you think this would be of interest to you please email and let Canon Michael know which days and times suit you best.

Thank you.

Mass Intentions

While every effort is made to say Mass on the day requested there are factors which may mean it takes a while for your Mass to be said. This is mostly an issue regarding Sunday Masses. A priest can take a Mass stipend for one Mass per day. For a Sunday this includes the Saturday vigil as being a Sunday Mass. If you ask for a Mass on a Sunday, it will be said but sometimes takes a while as Sunday is a popular day for Mass requests and those requested for a particular date will take preference over those to be said on no fixed Sunday. Weekday Masses are easier to arrange.

Latin Masses may take a while to be said as there are only two Masses a week, in general, and one of those is a Sunday. Thank you for your patience.

The Tuesday Club

Everyone is very welcome to join us in St Joseph's hall after Mass on Tuesday for tea/coffee and snacks, company and friendship.



Church BIG Clean

If anyone is free to help with a spring cleaning of the church please meet on **Thursday 7th April at 4.00pm** in the office.

Thank you in advance.

Don't forget to look at the Parish website [St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website](http://StJosephsCatholicChurchGatesheadOfficialWebsite) (stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)

ST.WILFRID'S;

A limited number of Easter cards are now available in the kitchen. Stations of the Cross booklets are available at the back of Church.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's

All profit made from sales are fed back into the Parish funds, so every penny helps. Is there something you would like? Let us know and we may be able to order it in for you

Thank You

Spring is in the Air

If you are a leader/organiser of any parish activity, club or group please get in touch with Shauna: shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk in order that information can be disseminated via the newsletter, Face book page and website. If you used to organise or lead a group/club/activity and no longer wish to reinstate it please let the office know in order that we can give out the correct information to those seeking information regarding the activities.

If you have any suggestions for new activities please send these to Canon Michael

First Holy Communion

The children from St Joseph's Primary School made their first Confession during the week and will be committing themselves today at the 10.00 Mass to continue their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We wish them well on this special journey and accompany them all through our prayers and thoughts.

"May Jesus be the light for their path as they are called to His Sacrament. May He help them to be ready to receive Him"