

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 18/04/ 2021

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Today is the Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Online

www.churchservices.tv and www.mcnmedia.tv or <https://mass-online.org>

Season of Easter

Easter isn't just one day; it's a 'season'. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday". The gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the last supper. Let us celebrate this special Easter Season with joy.

Blessed John Ingram Petition

Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594) is a local reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr.

An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please visit the Diocesan website.

Praying for our Sick and housebound

We can only include on the newsletter names of those who give their permission for their name to be included. If you are sick / housebound and would like to be added to this list, please let Canon Michael know; if you know of someone, please ask them first, to get their consent before submitting their name for inclusion. Please remember that not everyone wants their names or their medical conditions to be made public, so we have to be very careful when we talk about those in our parish who are not well, even when we think we should know or think it would be the right thing to do so we can pray for them.

(Data Protection rules)

Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed this a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

The Letter 'Patris Corde' marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration by Blessed Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. There will be suitable celebrations in the diocese during the year.

For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic Letter please visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
SATURDAY	17 th April	Elizabeth Moira Brown	5.00pm		
SUNDAY	18 th			People of the Parish Intentions of Norman Watchorn and Family	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	19 th	Fr Dickinson	10.00am		
Tuesday	20 th			Canon Michael McCoy	12.05
Wednesday	21 st			Canon Michael McCoy	12.05
Thursday	22 nd			Devitt, Doherty, Cunningham and Robinson families	8.00am
Friday	23 rd	Dot Adams	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05
Saturday	24 th	Barker and Smallman Families	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS	11.00am
Sunday	25 th			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, THE SICK AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY PHONING CANON MICHAEL OR SPEAKING TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER MASS

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted

Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you. Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

If you would like to have a Mass said for your own intentions or for a family member (living or Dead), please pop an envelope through the Presbytery door with the intention and a small donation if you wish

Thanks to Canon Michael, our volunteers and all those who continue to follow the safety guidance, public Mass continues as follows: -

St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm, Monday 10.00am and Friday 10am

St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF),

Tuesday 12.05pm, Wednesday 12.05pm, Thursday 8.00am and Friday 12.05pm

Please Continue at all times, even if you have been vaccinated, to: -

cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly

and

please **DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS**

All of the above safety measures have been shown to slow the spread of COVID

ST WILFRID'S

'CANDLE OF HOPE' these are LED candles with, on the reverse, the Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady imploring an end to the corona virus.

These are priced at £6 each and are beautiful. Please see Rachel if you want any of these items.

St Joseph's

Thank you to those who have made generous donations for the improvement of security around the church and presbytery

Choir Loft and Lourdes Garden funds are still open and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Alan Young and Steven Hogarth for arranging the Gift Aid. If you haven't received your box yet please let us know. Please let us know of any changes in your situation.

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on a Thursday.

Please consider helping with the **CLEANING** at our churches, if you can help

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<https://stjosephstwilfridsgatesheadnewsblog.wordpress.com>

Blog

<http://www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk>

Keep informed of Diocesan events by logging onto: - [Diocesan eNewsletter archive \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

Centre for Catholic Studies

Forthcoming Events (all online):

Monday 26 April: *Celebratory book launch: T&T Clark Reader in Political Theology.*

Thursday 29 April: *Seminar: Salvation in the Old Testament* by Walter Moberly.

Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th May: *Study Series: Faith and Thought: Exploring 'The Art of Attention'*. This is a series of discussions on the nature and role of 'attention' in the arts, spirituality, and theology. Each session will include talks, discussion, and a period of 'contemplative imagination' through Scripture, poetry, music, and visual art.

More details and registration available online at [eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com).

Online Vocations Evenings

"The Priest: Servant of God-Servant of All" is the title of a 6- week online discernment course for men discerning a call to the priesthood.. There will be a guest speaker each week speaking about important aspects in their ministry and these sessions will explore what is important in discerning a vocation to the priesthood. These begin on **Monday 19th April at 7pm**. Please email vocations@rcdhn.org.uk to register your interest.

An Evening with Fr Stephen Wang

Father Stephen Wang is the author of Sycamore, a programme that has grown into a resource being used throughout the world. In the Bible, Jesus comes to the town of Jericho. A man called Zacchaeus is so curious about Jesus that he climbs a Sycamore tree to get a better view. When he finally meets him, they begin a conversation, and his life is changed forever. The Sycamore tree seemed to be the perfect image of something that helps others to get a wider perspective on life and faith. The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to welcome Fr. Stephen to our diocese on **Wednesday 21st April 7pm - 8pm** for a virtual conversation about how we can make genuine human connections, share our Catholic faith and reach out for a real sense of community with a spirit of friendship. Booking is essential; please register at [https:// forms.office.com](https://forms.office.com) or contact Faith & Mission by email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 07375 934713

Discernment Weekend for Men

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for **men between the ages of 30 and 55** from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2021**. It takes place at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Promoting similar weekends in past years through parish notices proved to be most fruitful, and the results from these weekends are now in the seminaries. Information and registration forms are available at: [https:// www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend -oldermen-1](https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-oldermen-1). A poster and flier for the weekend can be downloaded from: <https://bedacollege.org/vocation-promotion>.

Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba offer an opportunity whereby gentlemen can be more active in their faith and in their service to the Church; they are actively looking for new members to help in their work.

Please contact by tel: 0141 883 5700 or [visit our website](#) for more information. Alternatively, please write to us at:

Brian Henry,
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Knights of St. Columba,
Head Office,
75 Hillington Road South,
Glasgow G52 2AE

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

COVID-19 VACCINES

See the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ([here](#)) Likewise, the Bishops of England and Wales judge that one does not sin by receiving this vaccine. Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves.... The duty remains to protect others from infection. The Bishops' Conference's statement can be found on the [diocesan website](#). Statement from London Oratory

Bishop Robert reiterated in his pastoral letter:-

"We are fortunate in this country to have such an efficient vaccination programme, to help us look forward to a brighter future. There are many in the world who do not have such a possibility so I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the vaccine to bring the virus under control, not only for our own good but also for the common good of the whole of humanity. The fewer people with COVID-19 means the less it will spread. Please be responsible."

Statement from the Vatican

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

NHS England [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Wilfrid's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Joseph's
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution" for collection money

"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

GIFT AID

Doesn't cost you a penny, but charges the taxman 25p in every pound. To find out more please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's