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3rd Sunday of Easter (OF) Feast of St George Patron Saint of England (EF) 23rd April

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	April 22 nd	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday	April 23 rd		
Monday	April 24 th	Private Intention (MB)	10.00am
Tuesday	April 25 th		
Wed	April 26 th		
Thursday	April 27 th		
Friday	April 28 th	George Trott	10.00am
Saturday	April 29 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday	April 30 th		

Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

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

Would you like to serve at the Altar? Please speak to Canon Michael. We are always looking for new servers.

Pray for all those who have died recently including Fr John Reid (retired) who died on Friday. May he rest in peace.

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	April 22 nd		11.00am (EF)
Sunday	April 23 rd	McErlane & Malcolm families People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)
Monday	April 24 th		
Tuesday	April 25 th	Mary and George Wright	12.05
Wed	April 26 th	Adrian Barnes	12.05
Thursday	April 27 th	NO MASS	12.05
Friday	April 28 th	Priest's Intention	12.05
Saturday	April 29 th	Agnes McStea	11.00am
Sunday	April 30 th	People of the parish Michael & Lizarry 10 th wedding Anniversary African Community Mass	10.00am 12.00pm (EF) 3.00pm

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

Confessions: - Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

**Exposition every Wednesday morning 11.00 – 11.55
 African community Mass last Sunday of the Month
 2.00pm**

First Saturday Devotions every month

St Joseph's

Join our Choirs

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join the choir? Please speak to David Reid or Bernadette Hirst about 10.00am Mass or Paul Dewhurst about the Latin Mass choir

The hall is available to hire for any event

Downstairs hall capacity 200 people
Lounge capacity 80 people
Upstairs Hall capacity 140 people
Small Room capacity 40 people
We also have a recently refurbished kitchen area, tables, chairs, cutlery etc.
For all enquiries please email shaundevitt@yahoo.co.uk

The Sacristy

Please would everyone remember that although not technically a sacred space, the sacristy is supposed to be a quiet, peaceful area in which the Priest and Servers can ready themselves for Mass. It is not a corridor, nor a gathering place. Nobody ought to be in the sacristy at all unless authorised to be there by Canon Michael, and nobody other than servers ought to be in the sacristy within the fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

Church Car Park

Please be aware that this week somebody removed and stole the registration plates from a car parked in the car park. The church cannot be held responsible for any damage done to cars parked here.
If you wish to park during the week on a regular basis please give your registration number in at the office and consider making a small donation towards parking costs.
We are hoping to increase the security in and around Church premises but it is proving very costly.

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.

50/50 Draw – See Angela Gallagher

Sign up at the back of church Please check to see if your name is on the list, if not please add it.

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 16th April 2023

Loose Plate: £230.46 Gift Aid Envelopes: £99
Retired and Sick Priests: £248

Thank You

BOOK CLUB

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

The Good Shepherd

This wonderful, child centred Catechesis programme will begin in September, led by Peter Armstrong.

Do you have a child aged 3-7yrs? Would like them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through interactive, hands on, gentle and joyful, child-centred teaching?

Please take a registration form, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE the sessions will NOT be on a Sunday during Mass.

Next Confirmation Class Sunday April 23rd at 6.00pm

Theme: - 'The Sacraments of baptism and Confirmation'
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

SPUC

Next meeting to be held on **MONDAY 8th MAY at 7,00pm** in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

The annual SPUC pro-life chain will take place on the Tyne Bridge on Saturday, April 29th 1100-1300. Only those placards provided and sanctioned by SPUC are to be used. Please attend all or some of this event to publicly witness to the sanctity of unborn life.

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 16th April 2023

Loose Plate: £359.50 Gift Aid: £128 Donation: £100
Thank You

John Ingram Partnership

Please read the report posted at the back of church, this gives an update to the activities taking place within our partnership.

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.

Please do not leave any leaflets or literature at the back of church without gaining permission from Canon Michael, anything left without permission will be removed and disposed of.

The photocopier in the office is not available for parishioners to use as they please, again express permission is to be sought and granted before you enter the office.

Toilets are available in the hall; please do not use the toilet beside the office on a Sunday.

The church doors will be opened thirty minutes before each Mass, if you arrive early please be patient and wait, do not ring the presbytery doorbell.

“Serving those who have served us well”

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests’ Collection taken last weekend. We raised £248 at St Joseph’s Church. This Collection remains 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.

A Gift Aid Donation form is available, and a Standing Order Form is also available if anyone wishes to give regularly to support this fund. For further information on one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact us on

0191 586 4319 or 01670 513410

A Day for Catechists Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children’s Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the new Directory for Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Saturday 15th July 2023, from 10am – 3pm. Refreshments are included, please bring a packed lunch.

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington, NE38 8AF.

Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s), visit <http://bit.ly/DHND0C23>

Summer Magazine

If you wish to submit anything for the summer magazine please email it to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk or place your contribution into an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through St Joseph’s Presbytery door.

Deadlines for submissions – JUNE 4th

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 which you feel may of interest to our parish readers are encouraged and welcomed in almost any form: - prose, poetry, commentary, song!

Vocations to the Priesthood

Discernment Evenings

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 Vacancies

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

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)

A Gospel within the Gospel

The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. For the previous few years, life had been exciting and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what he had said. We can empathise with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of his message that please us, and fail to take seriously other words of the Lord.

After his death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current, and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace.

Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognised him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing and of sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion. His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts as well as their mouths to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the

new world with the world they knew. And, of course, He is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection.