

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church
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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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Second Sunday of Easter/ Low Sunday 24th April 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	April 23 rd	Patricia O'Brien	5.00pm		
2 nd Sunday of Easter	April 24 th			People of the Parish Priest's Intention African Mass	10.00am Midday 2.00pm
Monday	April 25 th	Harry Richardson	10.00am		
Tuesday St George	April 26 th			Joan Bain	12.05pm
Wed	April 27 th			Holy Souls (P)	12.05pm
Thursday	April 28 th			Holy Souls	7.45am
Friday	April 29 th	Intentions of Canon Brown	10.00am	Priest's Intention	12.05pm
Saturday	April 30 th	Bell and Cantwell families	5.00pm	Michael Plasom-Scott (birthday)	11.00am (EF)
3 rd Sunday of Easter	May 1 st St Joseph the worker			Priest's Intention People of the Parish Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday 3.00pm

"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**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11-11.55am St Joseph's

Benediction and Vespers 3.00pm EVERY FIRST Sunday of the Month

African Mass 2.00pm Every LAST Sunday of the Month

At the African Mass this Sunday we congratulate Charles Obiefule and Olanma Ijeoma who celebrate their marriage.
May the Lord bless them with many happy years.

We welcome into the church Jonny Michael Curry who is Baptised this weekend at St Wilfrid's. Please keep him, his parents and God-parents in your prayers. We pray that the seed of faith planted today may grow and strengthen throughout Jonny's life.

Stella Maris Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4TH June 2022 safe crossing times 9:10am - 17.05pm

SVP

Would you be interested in helping to set up and be actively involved in an SVP group in our parish? Please speak to Canon Michael.

Weekly Income for 17th April 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £302.64

Gift Aid Envelopes: £130 & Easter Offerings: £110

Votive Candles: £15.75

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £42

African mass: £ Holy Places: £138.43 Flowers: £

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £161.00 Gift Aid: £57 donations: £5

George Trott collection: £104.50



Northern Brethren Fund

The Northern Brethren Fund, (NBF), looks after sick and retired Priests, giving out approximately £15,000 per month to those in need. In recent years collections have fallen drastically and we are appealing for your support.

Each one of us can remember a Priest who has helped us along our faith journey, one of those Priests may be relying on your support now, so please consider making a regular donation to the fund, or leaving a legacy in your will. A one-off donation at any time throughout the year is also greatly received. If you can gift aid your donation all the better.

A special collection will be taken THIS WEEKEND the 23rd/24th April

PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4th MAY @ 7.15pm in the John Ingram Room.

PLEASE READ NOTICE BOARD for further information

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

At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for: -
new members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

Please pray for those we know who are unwell, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospitals; for many people who have COVID-19 at the moment.

Pray for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families
Pray for the people of Ukraine and for world peace.

LOST PROPERTY

We have several pairs of glasses, a water bottle and a child's watch in the office waiting to be reunited with rightful owners, if you think anything may belong to you please call into office to claim your possessions.

Thank you

Anything unclaimed by the end of April will be given to charity.



WHAT'S ON?

Tuesday Club
Every week after Mass in the hall

Book Club
Next meeting 27th April 7.00pm in John Ingram Room

Parish Meeting Wednesday 4th May @ 7.15pm

YOUR Church NEEDS YOU!

We are looking to welcome and recruit people among our community who may be able to take up a role and commit some of their time in a way that fits around their own lives and responsibilities. **Some of the roles require DBS clearance; all roles require two references.**

Listed below are some of the roles we are hoping to fill:-

- Weekly cleaning of candle stands
- Weekly laundering and ironing
- Reading at Mass
- General maintenance of church environs:- weeding, clearing rubbish from front garden and car park etc
- Church cleaners

If you are interested in participating in any of the activities listed or would like further information please contact the Office:-
shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk

Don't forget to look at the Parish website

[St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website \(stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk\)](http://stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)

The Risen Christ keeps disciples within breathing distance and invites Thomas to feel his wounds

Reflect:

You might have seen the classic painting that captures the essence of Revelation 3.20: Jesus stands at the door and knocks. But the door is painted without a knob. It seems Jesus cannot enter unless we open from within. But that is only half the truth. What if we are so worn out, depressed, wounded by life that we simply cannot get up and open? Does Jesus go away? If today's gospel is any evidence, the answer is a resounding no! He will simply break through the walls and reach out to us, to breathe on us, to help us rise back to life, holding on to his wounds! The shape of his mercy is its shapelessness—it has no circumference, no borders. It just keeps flowing to us wherever we are, to defreeze us from our fears with the warmth of his breath and embrace.

"My Lord and my God!

At the centre of this Sunday, which concludes the octave of Easter, and which St. John Paul II wished to dedicate to Divine Mercy, are the glorious wounds of the Risen Christ, He showed them for the first time when he appeared to the apostles on the evening of the first day of the week, the day of the Resurrection. Eight days later Jesus appeared again in the upper room in the midst of the disciples and invited Thomas to touch His wounds. Thomas knelt down in front of Jesus and said: "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). St. Peter quotes Isaiah and writes to the Christians: "His wounds have healed us" (1 Peter 2:24); cf. Isaiah 53:5.

John, today's evangelist, presents Thomas as the prototype of the modern man, modern, rationalist, who believes only what he touches. The character of Thomas is described in several passages of the Gospel. Today we heard his words: "Unless I see in his hands the prints of the nails and put my finger in their place and my hand in his side, I will not believe it" (Jn 20,25). (Jn 20,25).

Such a tremendous hardness on the part of Thomas, he must have suffered a lot during the Lord's Passion, as he said: "Let us also go and die with him". Jesus' answer to Thomas' demand is prodigious: "Come, Thomas, put your fingers in, put your hand in, and do not be unbelieving, but faithful! "Thomas was the first apostle to call Jesus: "My God", because God knows how to forgive sins in this way, how to make our faults something that we forget, because his great tenderness is above them.

How often we suffer because we do not believe! Thomas' resistance to believe moved the Lord so much that he said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed". Modern man needs to meet the risen Christ where his love is alive, for this becomes a reality when we love one another, share what we have and respect those who do not think like us, denounce injustice, forgive, serve others in our work, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and visit the sick. In this way we bear witness to our brotherhood, hope and joy of faith and life over sin and death.

Do we see ourselves reflected in those fearful disciples who save their common life by being exiled from their surroundings? If Jesus is risen, he cannot allow fear to keep him inside. He has peace in his heart, the world as his mission and forgiveness as his primary occupation.

Prayer: My Lord and my God, may we not fail to recognise you in the wounds we see in our brothers and sisters.

(Psalm 117) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

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AROUND OUR DIOCESE, AND FURTHER AFIELD

Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 - Volunteers Needed Urgently Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. Camp 2022 will run for the first two separate weeks of the Summer Holiday and the last two. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Holy Island Camp Social Ceilidh - Calling Existing and New Camp Volunteers and Friends Holy island Vinnies Camp will be holding a free social/ Ceilidh Saturday 28th May 7:30pm - 11:30pm (Bar open). Blackfriars @The Ouseburn All welcome. Please email: BarbaraT@svp.org.uk for tickets as numbers are limited.

Mass of Thanksgiving said by Bishop Byrne for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 19:00 on Thursday 14th July, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This Mass will be the opportunity to express the gratitude of the Diocese to medical, nursing and healthcare staff and chaplains as we continue to emerge from the COVID Pandemic.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT We live in a troubled world where people are having to flee from persecution and danger on a daily basis. The Justice & Peace Refugee Project in Newcastle provides basic food and toiletries to nearly 400 asylum seeker individuals and families every month. Many parishes across the diocese donate food items to support this effort and currently there is an urgent need for various items which are in very short supply. The following items are particularly needed: Tinned Tomatoes, Chickpeas, (Chickpeas have replaced tinned meat in our food bags.) Tinned Fish (e.g. tuna), Biscuits, (Single packets are easier for us to distribute than tins or biscuit collections.) Rice Standard size bags ideally and preferably not microwave rice as many clients will not have access to a microwave.) Sugar Standard 1kg size bags ideally. Other food items: Cooking oil, salt and long-life milk are frequently requested by clients. Toilet Roll, Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, & toothpaste. We are particularly in need of shampoo.

Job Vacancies there are several vacancies advertised on the Diocesan website [Job Vacancies - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies)

Interreligious Programme [Sion Centre Summer 2022 Programme - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk/sion-centre-summer-2022-programme)

“Encountering the Son” Faith Booklet, the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the ‘Encountering the Son’ booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>

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