

# Weekly Newsletter St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

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Second Sunday of Easter Week Commencing 28th April 2019 First After Easter(EF)

## **St Catherine of Siena** (March 25, 1347 – April 29, 1380)

The 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and [Francis of Assisi](#) were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

## **REMEMBER**

**28<sup>th</sup> April**  
African Mass 2.00pm

**28<sup>th</sup> April**  
Feast of Divine Mercy 3pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Requiem Mass Fr James Doherty St Robert's Morpeth 12 noon

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Good Shepherd 5.00pm

**9<sup>th</sup> May**  
St Joseph's Parish Council Meeting 6pm

**12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Young Traditionalist Lunch after Midday Mass

**13<sup>th</sup> May**  
Book Club 7.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> May**  
First Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's

## YOUNG TRADITIONALISTS

*Our First Meeting will take Place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May after Mid-Day Mass; we will discuss the role of the group over Lunch at The Royal Station Hotel. Please come along anyone who is interested in the formation of this group.*

## The Good Shepherd



FRIDAY 3RD MAY at 5.00pm

REMEMBER  
teas and coffees  
are served in the  
church hall after  
every Sung  
10.00am Mass!!

## Book Club

"St Philip Neri: A Portrait "by Louis Bouyer



Next Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May @7.30pm

**'I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy' (Diary of St Faustina)**

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
St Joseph's Catholic Church, High Street, Gateshead,  
NE8 1LX, Tel: - 0191 477 1631;

Devotional Programme.

- Holy Hour of Mercy at 3pm
- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Silent Adoration
- Talks on Divine Mercy
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Confession
- Veneration
- Benediction

Refreshments afterwards.  
All are welcome.

# CMUK



**Catholic Men UK**, Uniting and encouraging Catholic men in the UK in their faith and in their duties to family life, parish life and public life.

**Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> May 8am**

## Community Choir

We meet on a Wednesday morning in the John Ingram Room off the Sacristy at St Joseph's church at 10.00am. Interested? Just come along and give it a go, new members are always welcome. We sing an eclectic range of music, have great fun during rehearsals and perform in a variety of settings. No previous experience needed and no auditions required.

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AGED 7 - 21? WATCH  
THIS SPACE

If you have anything you would like to be put in the bulletin please email or hand a note with the information to Fr Michael by Thursday midday.

We are always looking for ways to unite our communities and engender a lively/active parish life, if you have any ideas for groups, social occasions etc please let Fr Michael know and we can 'float the idea' here on the newsletter – give it a whirl, you never know until you try!!

### ST WILFRID'S

Don't forget we have a Facebook page with up to date information on our parish, diocese and our catholic faith. Find us at Our Lady and St.Wilfrid's r.c.church gateshead.

**MAY PROCESSION.** Next Saturday night we will have the May procession.

### SAFEGUARDING

If you are undertaking ANY voluntary role within the Parish you MUST complete a volunteer's Application Form (available at the back of church) and return to Fr Michael BEFORE you are able to undertake/continue in your role.

If in doubt check the updated list at the back of church, if your name does not appear there you **CANNOT** begin/continue in **ANY** voluntary role.

### ST JOSEPH'S

**Choir loft** is in desperate need of repair and upgrading. We would like to be able to see it back in use. Any ideas? Please write your comments down and place in the comments box at the back of the church. Thank you for the few comments already submitted.

Please remember in your prayers Terry Middleton who died last weekend, Eternal Rest Grant unto Him.

### Parish Council

We will have a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm OPEN to EVERYONE.

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES.** We should have had the collection to support the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land on Palm Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for this next weekend.

**SICK COMMUNIONS.** Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in Felligate on Friday morning.

**Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish** our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

**Take the newsletter home with you in order to remind yourself of all that is happening**

Please remember in your prayers Fr James Doherty for whom Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Byrne at St Robert's Church Morpeth on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Midday. Pray too for his family. He was an amazing man, a true gentleman, a wonderful compassionate priest who gave 67 years of dedicated service to our Diocese and an inspiration to his large extended family. He will be sadly missed. RIP

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	APRIL 27 <sup>th</sup>	People of the Parish	5.00pm	Intentions of Roy & Pat McGregor on 40 years of marriage	11.00am
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	Len Pygall  Fr Jim Doherty  African Mass Divine Mercy	10.00am  Mid-Day (EF) 2.00pm 3.00pm
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	10.00		
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>			Jim Reid	12.05
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May			NO MASS	12.05
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>			NO MASS or EXPOSITION	
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fr Jim Doherty	10.00	Matthew Bell	12.05
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Priest` s Intention	5.00	John Gresham	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish  Intentions of LMS  Holy Hour	10.00 am  Midday (EF) 4.00pm

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST WILFRID'S:-SATURDAY: 4.30-5.00PM

### CONFESSIONS:

ST JOSEPH'S: AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID'S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £568.13                      MIDWEEK £59.01  
ST WILFRID'S £149.62. MAUNDY THURSDAY £167.67  
MANY THANKS