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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 13th August 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	August 12 th	Fr Michael McKenna (NBF)	5.00pm
Sunday	August 13 th		
Monday	August 14 th	Bob Banks	10.00am
Tuesday	August 15 th	People of the Parish	10.00am
Wed	August 16 th		
Thursday	August 17 th		
Friday	August 18 th	Intentions of SED	10.00am
Saturday	August 19 th	Fred & Ellen Barker	5.00pm
Sunday	August 20 th		

St Wilfrid's Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

St Wilfrid's Income: - August 5th
Loose Plate £153.10 Gift Aid £32 Piety £13.50

St Joseph's Income: - August 5th
Loose Plate £336.85 Gift Aid £77 Quiz £205 Magazine £62

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Sunday	August 13 th	Bernard McGuigan People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)
Monday	August 14 th		
Tuesday	August 15 th	Intentions of SED Intentions of the LMS	12.05 19.00
Wed	August 16 th	Martin Walton and Walton Family	12.05
Thursday	August 17 th	Exposition of Blessed sacrament Intentions of Mona Richardson	11-11.55 12.05pm
Friday	August 18 th	Irene & Terry	12.05
Saturday	August 19 th	Holy Souls in Purgatory	11.00am
Sunday	August 20 th	Bob Banks People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)

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

Confessions: after Mass on Wednesday & Saturday 12.00-12.30
EXPOSITION THURSDAY morning 11.00 – 11.55am.
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION

Tuesday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day, there are 3 Masses for you to choose from at St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's, with Masses also available at every church in the Diocese. There is no excuse, other than illness, old age, infirmity, confinement or travelling, to miss Mass on this wonderful Feast day.

Thank you for the £50 donation from our **Tuesday Club** members and for the anonymous donation of £25

Legacies

Are you making or renewing your Will?
Have you thought of including your parish Church in the list of beneficiaries?
Please speak to Canon Michael about leaving a legacy to St Joseph's or St Wilfrid's.

Book Club

The next meeting is on Wednesday 16th August at 7.00pm.
The book being read and discussed is: - "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre

Piety Stall SALE continues today
ALL ITEMS on the TABLE are reduced

Cards 20p each
Books £3
Rosaries £5
Silver medals 50p
First Holy Communion Photo Album £2
Prayer cards 10p
And many more items for you to browse through
Sorry, but we can only accept cash payments

First Holy Communions

Parents of children aged 7+ who would like their child to celebrate First Confession and Holy Communion, are asked to speak to Canon Michael as soon as possible and fill in an application form, to put their child's name on the list for preparation classes.

Children's Catechises

The Good Shepherd programme for children aged 3-7 begins in September. Fill in an application form now as spaces are limited.

Parish Magazine

Our new, improved, glossy magazine is available at the back of church. We request a minimum donation of £2.00 per copy please – this will cover the cost of publication and raise a small amount of income for our parishes.

Quiz, Wine and Cheese Social

Thank you to all who joined us for this evening of fun, everyone had a wonderful time, the Bell family were victors in the quiz, but each person there was victorious in supporting the parish community through new friendships forged and funds raised – Thank you again! Look out for future parish events.

Presbytery Gates

The presbytery gates will be locked more frequently from now on as there has been some very anti-social behaviour literally on Canon's doorstep,
If you need to speak to Canon Michael and find the gates locked please phone him.

Children's Library

We have a selection of books in the porch area for children to borrow during Mass; they can take a few to their pew or look at them in the porch area.

If you would like to borrow any to take home please sign them out in the file located near the adult section.

If you have any suitable children's books at home with which you are finished, please consider donating them to our library, place them in the 'Donated Books' box at the back of church. Thank You

Baptisms

Please speak to Canon Michael if you have a child whom you would like to be Baptised.
Parents will be expected to attend some preparation classes prior to a date being set; the number of classes is at Canon Michael's discretion

SPUC

No meeting in the month of August

Volunteers

A reminder – ALL volunteers MUST fill in an application form and provide the names of TWO REFEREES from whom REFERENCES MUST be received BEFORE any voluntary position can begin.
These are the stringent SAFEGUARDING regulations to which every parish MUST adhere, please don't put your parish Priest or your safeguarding rep in an awkward position by volunteering without complying with regulations.
A list of cleared volunteers is available at the back of church, if your name is not on the list then you haven't authority to continue or begin to volunteer – please speak to Shauna Devitt. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this highly sensitive and vitally important matter.

There is only one place in Scripture where God is said to speak in a 'still small voice', and it was to Elijah after his dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal. Told that Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, King of Israel, was seeking to kill him, Elijah ran into the wilderness and collapsed with exhaustion. God sent an angel with food and water to strengthen him, told him to rest, and then sent him to Horeb. In a cave there, Elijah voiced his complaint that all of God's prophets had been killed by Jezebel and he alone had survived. God responded by instructing him to stand on the mountain in His presence. Then the Lord sent a mighty wind which broke the rocks in pieces; He then sent an earthquake, followed by a fire; but His voice was in none of them. The Lord, in fact, spoke to Elijah in the still small voice.

God spoke in the still small voice to show Elijah that His work need not always be accompanied by dramatic revelation or manifestations. Divine silence does not necessarily mean divine inactivity. In Zechariah chapter four, verse six, we are reminded that God's work is 'not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' implying that overt displays of power are not always necessary for God to work.

Sometimes God speaks to us in this way too. He spoke to Elijah in a way which was appropriate to the prophet. After all the upset, the running away and the depression, shouting loudly at Elijah may have been counterproductive. There are times when we perhaps need, or can appreciate, a loud and significant intervention from God but often it is in the quietness and reflection that we hear the still small voice.

The American theologian, Philip Ryken, suggests that in his weakness, anything more than a gentle God would have been too much for Elijah to bear. His power is a terrible reality, but sometimes we simply want to know that He is our friend. This is what God revealed to Elijah: 'And after the fire the sound of a still small voice.'

And so, for us there is one thing that is required for God to show up and speak in this way. We must tune our ear to His voice. Most people will not hear God speak audibly but we may hear Him speaking to our heart through prayer, through Bible study, or via our conscience, that inward still small voice. I rather like the words of JK Rowling who speaks about conscience in this way: 'In my worldview, conscience speaks in a very small and inconvenient voice, and it is normally saying to you: think again, look more deeply, consider this.'

This is what we should always be ready to do: to think again, look more deeply, and consider what God has to say to us.

Georgina Pinches

SACRISTY

Please would everyone remember that the sacristy, although not technically a sacred space, 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.

Toilets

Toilets are located in the HALL for use during Mass; just ask one of the 'welcomers' or a regular offertory collector who will unlock the doors for you.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sat 23 September Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am (including Mass)

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque.

Booking Deadline: Monday 18 September 2023 please book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents

FLOWERS

If you would like to donate a bouquet/bunch of flowers to decorate our Altar or to be placed at one of the statues then please place your offering into the bucket of water in the porch at anytime throughout the week, and these will be properly displayed. Thank You.

Keep up with Diocesan news via their website [Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))

Access the Newsletter online via the parish website at www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Sign Up for the Newsletter to be emailed out to you. Contact shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

HYMN BOOK MEMORIAL BOOK PLATES

Would you like to have your deceased loved ones remembered each time a parish hymn book is used? Place their name in an envelope along with £5 donation, hand this in at the office or put it on the collection plate, (please mark it clearly), and we will dedicate one of the hymn books to your loved one by way of a book plate inserted in the front page.

OUR LADY of FATIMA

Visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue & the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco

St Anne's Church Gateshead, on Saturday 16th September, @ 13.30hrs.

PLEASE SEE POSTER ON NOTICE BOARD for FURTHER INFORMATION.

Justice and Peace – Appeal for Mobile Phones

"Friendship Across Borders" is a voluntary group that supports the women detained in Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre in Medomsley with donated toiletries, money for phone cards and access to clothing. They are getting more and more requests from women leaving there for mobile phones. Over the last week for example they have already had 3 requests. They are hoping to build up a pool of phones which they would then be able to distribute as needed.

If anyone has a mobile phone that is no longer used and which you are prepared to donate to support the women could you please donate it through the office.

Thank You

Notice Boards

Please remember to look at the notice boards at the back of the church, in the porch and at both side entrance/exit points, they hold information not found elsewhere and are regularly updated. If you don't take a look you may be missing out on something important!!

Rainbows Bereavement Support

The North East Team of Rainbows is seeking to recruit local volunteers to work alongside their existing team of professional volunteers who train school staff to deliver age-appropriate peer support programmes for Children and Young People in both Primary and Secondary Schools. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact:-

Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows (North East Secretary),

rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com

Or Telephone 01670 518546

Check out their website for more information of the work of Rainbows <https://rainbowsgb.org>