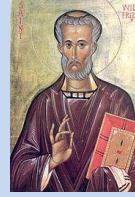




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Today the 15th August 2021 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	14 th August	People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday	15 th August			Assunta & Clorinda di Santalo Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	16 th August	George Armstrong	10.00am		
Tuesday	17 th August			Special Intention (L7)	12.05
Wednesday	18 th August			Priest's Intention (security)	12.05
Thursday	19 th August			Intentions of SED (home)	7.45am
Friday	20 st August	Priest's Intentions	10.00am	Frederico Arévalo	12.05pm
Saturday	21 st August			Intentions of LMS	11.00am
Sunday	22 nd August	People of the Parish	5.00pm	Priest's Intention 57 th Wedding Anniversary of Tony and Terri MacDonald	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St Joseph's every Wednesday from 11.00am – 12noon

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, First Communion, Confirmation, Becoming a Catholic, Annulments
If you have any questions about, or need to arrange any of the above please speak to Canon Michael

Confessions are heard at **St Joseph's** on a **Wednesday** after the **12.05 Mass** and on a **Saturday from 11.00am – 12 noon** and at **St Wilfrid's** before **5.00pm Mass** every **Saturday** evening.

Canon Michael is also available for confessions at other times by arrangement, please telephone or email him.

Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and those who have died recently or for whom anniversaries occur now.

If you would like a Mass said for your intentions please speak to Canon Michael or drop a note into the presbytery.

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important you tell staff of your Religion, they will not ask as a matter of course. It is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

Car-boot/Tabletop Sale

We are hoping to hold a fund raising car-boot/tabletop sale at St Joseph's (date to be determined) - hang onto any of those old items you want to get rid of - rent a space and make money for the Parish as well as yourself.

There are limited spaces for selling items from cars in the car-park and tables in the hall so we will operate on a '**First Come First Served Basis**'.

Please email shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk to register your interest and to reserve a space, each car-boot space will cost £10 and each tabletop £6, this money will go directly into the security fund- any money you make from the sale of your goods is for you to do with as you please- keep it, spend it, save it, donate it!!

Watch this space for more information to follow.

Clubs, Groups, Societies, Activities

If you organise or lead any of the above within the parish please contact the office gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk to inform us of your intentions regarding your group ie:- as to when you would like the group to restart, how newcomers can become involved or if you have decided to disband altogether in order that we can disseminate information to parishioners.

If you have an idea for a new group/club/activity or Society please email the office or speak to Canon Michael about your idea

Returning Soon - BOOK CLUB – Beginning of September

Led by Canon Michael, the book club is open to anyone and everyone who enjoys reading and then sharing with others their thoughts and impressions about the books read. It is an informal, friendly, fun, non judgmental group which meets every four – six weeks depending upon the book being read and the availability of everyone to attend.

The first book we will be reading is **Mere Christianity** by **C.S.Lewis**, a light, short exploration of the way in which civilization, emotion and human decency are intertwined.

Volunteers

if you would like to volunteer to help in any way at church please email the office. All volunteers must be 'safely recruited', this means forms need to be filled in and references taken up. Volunteer roles include:- readers, offertory collectors, cleaners, **running the piety stall**, flower arrangers, amongst others.

Children's Books to Borrow

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass.

If you have any books at home which you think may be suitable for church use and you would like to donate them to us please place them into the box near the side exit door.

Please put all used books into the box near the exiting side door, this is in order for us to be able to 'quarantine' them for a few days to help stop the spread of germs.

ST.WILFRID'S

2022 Calendars and diaries are now available in the kitchen

"Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village is hosting this event at Allensford on
Sunday 15th August.

There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others.

Readers' Weekend 11th / 12th September

We have not been able to have our Lay Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed and many have not been able to join us at Mass. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word and ask Readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to the patterns of ministry we had before the Pandemic.

Diocesan Year of the Eucharist

Bishop Robert has announced the Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and will be launched during Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 17 October 2021**, simultaneously with the launch of the Synod.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk> keep up to date with Diocesan news

March for Life UK - Saturday 4 September 2021

March for Life UK takes place on Saturday 4 September 2021 in London. This is intended to inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception. The Morning: #LifeFest21 runs from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3D. Pro-Life organisations from around the UK will showcase their work. There will also be inspiring speakers, moving testimonies and other attractions. The march is from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Participants are encouraged to congregate together outside the Emmanuel Centre at 1.00pm.

Lebanon Appeal

Lebanon remains at the forefront of one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time and continues to host the highest number of displaced per capita in the world and in one of the smallest countries, showing tremendous commitment to displaced Syrians and vulnerable populations within its borders. As of November 2020, the Government of Lebanon estimates that the country hosts 1.5 million Syrians who have fled the conflict in Syria.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have asked us to help where we can. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has established a fund to help. You can **donate directly on the ACN website**.

Pope's Intention for the Month of August is The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

"Sunday - It is our Day"

News from our Bishops:-

"We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."

([Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk))

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Donations

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

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St Wilfrid's

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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"

Weekly Offertory Income 8th August 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory: - £191

Gift Aid Envelopes: - £ 75

Candles: - £ 36

Many Thanks

Chair Appeal

The Kitchen & Tea Room at our Parish Hall have been extensively renovated during the time they have been closed due to the Pandemic. These were previously used every week by Joe's Place, as well as for Parish Social events and Diocesan Meetings and societies. The costs for the work to bring the kitchen up to current requirements have been met by Joe's Place and by generous donations from several of the John Ingram Partnership parishes who were able to help.

One expense the funds could not cover was to renew the upholstered chairs. These are over 25 years old but have strong metal frames and could give many more years of service, so it has been decided to have these reupholstered by a local firm. The cost is £40 per chair.

Any donations to help with this work can be made by;

1. Putting cash in an envelope marked Chair Appeal and handing in at church or posting through the presbytery door.
2. Writing a cheque to Joe's Place which can also be handed in at church.
3. By Bank Transfer to: DHN Gateshead Joe's Place.40-34-45 41153080(Please reference – For Chair Appeal)

Choir Loft

We have been given a quote of £10,000 to update the safety of the choir loft.

Lourdes Garden

We are awaiting quotes for the cost of repairing the statues.

Safety of the Church and Canon Michael

We have had the church grounds assessed and are awaiting feedback as to the best way forward and quotes as to its cost.

Covid is still with us!

Bishop Robert says:- "I ask you to retain all of the COVID control measures and cleaning protocols that you are currently following in all our churches and church halls until at least the end of August 2021"

Please remember that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend Church. The classic signs of coronavirus reported since the start of the pandemic have been loss of smell or taste, a new persistent cough, and a fever. A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now also thought to be symptoms of the virus, instead of a cough and loss of smell or taste - though a fever is still common.

FACE, SPACE, HANDS, FRESH AIR

