

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	DEC		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	2	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	3		<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon	Benedict McDonald
Monday	4	10.00am	Sylvia Armstrong		
Tuesday	5			12.05pm	Sr Aniela
Wednesday	6			12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	7			12..05pm	James Cawthorn
Friday	8	10..00am	Private Intention	12.05pm	Intentions of Jovita Udeh
Saturday	9	5.00pm	Margaret Curry	11.00am	Deceased members of Mar and kim families
Sunday	10		<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12.00noon	Priest's Intention

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.
ST WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

COLLECTIONS: St Wilfrid's Collectin £213. Gift Aid £62. Candles £14.59

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Copy the instructions below into your notebook and follow their direction.

First Communicant's Task for 18th /19^h November

- Listen for the bells at Mass and see what is happening on the altar.
- Join in with the Gloria
- After Mass has finished light a candle and pray for those you love.
- Listen carefully to and join in with the 'Penitential Rite'.
- Join in with the Lord's Prayer – the 'Our Father'
- Dip the middle finger of your right hand into the Holy Water Stoop as you enter and exit the church and make The Sign of The Cross with care and reverence.
- Remember to always sit near enough to the front of the church so that you can see what is happening on and around the Altar.

Altar Servers Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen at Mass on his Feast Day – 26th December.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR; On the first Sunday of Advent the new liturgical year begins with the Sunday Gospel readings taken from the Gospel of St Mark. If you would like a daily commentary on the readings at Mass, the cathedral bookshop recommends their book *Gospel Power* available for £6.99.

Christmas Masses. It is proposed that Mass for Christmas will be as follows: St Joseph's Christmas Eve 5pm; Christmas day 10.00am (Latin). St Wilfrid's Christmas Eve 5pm.

ST JOSEPH'S

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY. The next meeting will be on December 6th in St Joseph's hall at 2pm when Lucia Luck will talk about '*The Italian links with Ushaw College*' All welcome.

Open-Door Event

In December 2019, we held an Open-Door Event on a Wednesday lunchtime. Many people, most of whom had never been inside our church before,

accepted the invitation to come in, to look around, to enjoy some quiet time, or to light a candle. Many felt moved to sit in quiet reflection listening to the music, others asked for help in lighting a candle, or in praying for a particular cause or wanted to ask for prayers to be said for a special reason.

Many people who visit Joe's Place have asked if we will do this again and we are holding an Open-Door Event on Wednesday 13th December, when the church will be open from 11.30 till 1.30. We would welcome parishioners to come to pray quietly in church. If you would like more information speak to Bernadette.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who have donated flowers during the last year. During Advent there are no flowers on our altar, so kindly do not bring any more to church. We will, however, welcome Poinsettias in the last week of Advent which will be used to decorate our Sanctuary and the Crib for the feast of Christmas.

St Joseph's Raffle

We have some lovely hampers and other prizes which will be raffled during Advent. Tickets will be on sale for £1 for a strip. Please support this raffle to help our church funds. The raffle will be drawn after the 10am Mass on December 24th

ST WILFRID'S

RAFFLE; Once again there are some great prizes to win this year so many thanks once more to those of you who have donated the raffle prizes and of course to those who have sold and bought raffle tickets. A tremendous effort from everyone, we are very grateful to you all!!! Raffle tickets are still available to buy at ALL Masses.

PIETY STALL Cards are now 70p unless priced. Christmas cards, 2024 diaries are now available in the kitchen. We also have Christmas grave candles on sale. There are also some reduced Christmas items on sale at the back of Church. Please see Rachel if you need any help.

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First Sunday of Advent: Year A (OF)

First Sunday of Advent (EF)

2nd /3rd December 2023

First Week of Advent

“The days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jer 33:14).

Life and its burdens can be overwhelming. We may feel unfulfilled, incomplete. We may ache, yearn. Psalm 25 for the first Advent Sunday supplies us with the gift of a simple prayer to breathe over and over again this week: “For you [Lord] I wait all the day long.

Try praying it whenever you find yourself waiting for anything, stuck in traffic, fretting over an anticipated phone call or a delay in service, or standing in line. Turn each waiting moment into a sacred moment. When you feel particularly spiritually stressed, find the longest line!

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