

**+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	3	5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	4	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	William Hildyard
				12 noon (EF)	Jean Ingram
				3.00pm	Holy Hour
Monday	5	10.00am	Jackie Bell		
Tuesday	6			12.05pm	Peggy & Billy Mohan
Wednesday	7			12.05pm	Kathleen & Frederick Butler
Thursday	8			12.05pm	James Cawthorn
				7.00pm (EF)	Nick Belcher
Friday	9	10.00am		12.05 pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	10			11.00am (EF)	Ben Schiphorst
		5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	11	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	Joseph Hunt
				12 noon (EF)	Olive Middleton

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM

COLLECTIONS: 27.11.16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £181.61 Midweek £96.25

12.00 noon: £147.00

Total £328.61

St Wilfrid's. £129.30. Donation £30 Wedding donations £200. Bonus Ball £113

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS. None this week.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE. St Augustine's, Leam Lane, Wednesday 21st December at 7pm.

CONFIRMATIONS: Next Confirmation Preparation session on Wednesday, 7th December 6.30pm at St Augustine's Leam Lane.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY will be held in the Ingram room

PIETY STALL. The Piety Stall in the porch will be open each Sunday of Advent.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. Anyone who would like to help please come at 4pm on Sunday 18th December. There will be mulled wine and mince pies for volunteers.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE This year the school carol service will take place on Monday 12th December at 6pm in church. All welcome

SYRIAN PROJECT. Earlier this year it was decided to take on a parish project with Aid to the Church in need. Our project is helping a Catholic school, Al Riaya, in Damascus, Syria. There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month on the first Sunday of the month, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. £355.50 raised so far. Next collection this Sunday.

ST. WILFRID'S NEWS

JOINT MASS WITH POLISH CHARISMATIC GROUP. On Saturday December 10th the Polish Charismatic prayer group will be having an evening of prayer and will join us for the 5pm Mass.

Please remember in your prayers Ray Holland who has died this week. May he Rest in Peace.

of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335. We do need your support to continue providing this service.

CATHEDRAL ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Thursday 8 December 2016

- 10.45 am Talk by Fr Paul Jenkins O Carm
- 11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.05 pm Solemn Sung Mass for the Immaculate Conception
- 1.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(Confessions from 1.00 – 2.00pm)

CATHEDRAL RECONCILIATION DAY

Saturday 17 December 2016

- 12 noon Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus
- 12.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- (With individual confession until 4.00pm)
- 4.00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT

. **JOE`S PLACE** at St. Josephs Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers. If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335. We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Gateshead Second Sunday of Advent: Year A (OF) Second Sunday of Advent (EF) 3rd/4th December 2016

ST JUAN DIEGO

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups. First called *Cuauhtlatohuac* ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist who taught by word and especially by example. During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honour of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later he was proclaimed a saint.

Feast Day December 9th

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