

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

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	DEC		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	8			3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
		5.00pm	Margaret Curry		
Sunday	9			10.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	10	10.00am	Bell and Cantwell families		
Tuesday	11			12.05pm	Joseph Hunt
Wednesday	12			12.05pm Anointing Mass	Janet Fawcett
Thursday	13			12.05pm	Intercession for John
Friday	14	10.00am	For appointment of new bishop	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	15			11.00am (EF)	Conversion of Robbie Gibson and family
		5.00pm		3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	16			10.00am	Anne Southerm
		11.00am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	People of the Parish

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

CONFESSIONS: AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 12-12.30PM

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY & AFTER MASS TO 1.30PM AT ST JOSEPH'S ON THURSDAY.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 4.30-5.00PM AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS 2. 12.18 St Joseph's Total £436.21

Midweek £71.11

St Wilfrid's Collection £212.46 Heating Collection: £97.80

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson Mary Grieves, Fr Martin Wheaton and Sheila Gibertson.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: This Friday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in Fellingate.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for 3-6 YEAR OLDS will take place this Friday 5-6.30pm at St Joseph's. Contact Fr Brown or Peter Armstrong for more information.

COMMUNITY CHOIR: Rehearsal this week 10am on Wednesday. We meet in the Ingram Hall. New members very welcome.

READING GROUP. Thanks to all who took part on Monday. The next book is: *The Radiance of Her Face: A Triptych in Honour of Mary Immaculate* by Dom Xavier Perrin, abbot of Quarr. Available from Amazon for £10.50. Proposed date of next meeting January 28th at 7.30pm

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS FOR 2019 are available from the back of church. £3 or £3.50 for ring-bound.

PARISH YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR. Many thanks to Jack Kilday who has volunteered to be the Youth Activity co-ordinator for St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's. We look forward to Jack getting started in the New Year

ST JOSEPH'S

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING. Many thanks to all who took part in the service on Saturday afternoon and special thanks to Theresa Dewhirst for the idea and enthusiasm which made it happen.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE will take place in church on December 17th at 6pm

SAFEGUARDING. Would Karen Pearson and Kelechi Chima Dibia please collect their safeguarding forms from the sacristy?

POINSETTIA PLANT.

It's become something of a tradition at St Wilfrid's that these plants are placed in Church during the festive season in memory of our loved ones who have died. They also enhance the decorations in Church so please bring them in from next Saturday.

VACANCIES AT ST WILFRID'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Foundation Governor: 2 Foundation Governors are required for the governing body of St Wilfrids RC Primary School.

The role is varied but some duties would be to monitor the curriculum, finance, personnel and premises to ensure that the school functions efficiently. If you are interested in either of the above positions please contact Mrs E Wright at stwilfridsrcprimaryschool.gov.uk or Tel: 0191 4771909

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date: 10 December.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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Second Sunday of Advent: Year C (OF)

Second Sunday of Advent (EF)

8th /9th December 2018

Saint Damasus

(304 – December 11, 384)

To his secretary Saint Jerome, Damasus was “an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure.” Damasus seldom heard such unrestrained praise. Internal political struggles, doctrinal heresies, uneasy relations with his fellow bishops and those of the Eastern Church marred the peace of his pontificate. The son of a Roman priest, possibly of Spanish extraction, Damasus started as a deacon in his father's church, and served as a priest in what later became the basilica of San Lorenzo in Rome. He served Pope Liberius (352-366) and followed him into exile.

When Liberius died, Damasus was elected bishop of Rome; but a minority elected and consecrated another deacon, Ursinus, as pope. The controversy between Damasus and the antipope resulted in violent battles in two basilicas, scandalizing the bishops of Italy. At the synod that Damasus called on the occasion of his birthday, he asked them to approve his actions. The bishops' reply was curt: “We assembled for a birthday, not to condemn a man unheard.” Supporters of the antipope even managed to get Damasus accused of a grave crime—probably sexual—as late as A.D. 378. He had to clear himself before both a civil court and a Church synod. As pope, his lifestyle was simple in contrast to other ecclesiastics of Rome, and he was fierce in his denunciation of Arianism and other heresies. A misunderstanding of the Trinitarian terminology used by Rome threatened amicable relations with the Eastern Church, and Damasus was only moderately successful in dealing with that challenge. During his pontificate, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman state, and Latin became the principal liturgical language as part of the pope's reforms. His encouragement of Saint Jerome's biblical studies led to the Vulgate, the Latin translation of Scripture which 12 centuries later the Council of Trent declared to be “authentic in public readings, disputations, preaching.”