

**+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	9	5.00pm	Margaret Curry & Vincent O'Hagan	3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	10	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	People of the Parish
Monday	11	10.00am	Bell & Cantwell families		
Tuesday	12			12.05pm	Joseph Hunt
Wednesday	13	2.15pm	Funeral Service for Betty Maher	12.05pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	Donor's Intention
Thursday	14			12.05pm	Marley family
Friday	15	10.00am	Harry Richardson	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	16	5.00pm	Priest's Intention	11.00am(EF) 3pm-8pm	Christine Hartman <i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	17	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	.People of the Parish Nancy O'Sullivan's 90 th birthday

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

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12NOON-12.30PM: ON WEDNESDAY AFTER MASS.

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM. 4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS: 3.11.17 St Joseph's 10.00am £254.80 Mid week £109.80
12noon £158.07
Total £412.07

St Wilfrid's: £143.50 Bonus Ball £85 Priest's training Fund £100. Many thanks.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley and Margaret Moore.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS Fr Brown will take Holy Communion on Friday morning to parishioners in Marigold Court, Old Fold.

MASS COUNT. The annual Mass count will be taken at Masses this weekend for the final time

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS for 2018 are available at the back of church. £3.50 for ring-bound and £3 for the others.

CHRISTMAS. Christmas vigil Mass at St Joseph's and at St Wilfrid's will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve preceded by carols from 4.30pm. There will be a Latin Midnight Mass and Mass at 10am on Christmas Day at St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S

ADVENT SERVICE. The Westland Singers will be leading a service of music and readings for Advent on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm. This is an opportunity to engage in the beautiful season of Advent which is often lost in the run-up to Christmas. The service will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

FIRST CONFESSIONS. Children from St Joseph's school will make their first confessions on Tuesday at 5pm.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE will take place in church on Wednesday at 6pm

BAPTISM. Congratulations to Ylenia, a young student, who will be baptised on Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST JOSEPH'S RC VA PRIMARY SCHOOL, Gateshead, 2019/20. Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation for 2019-20 is available at <http://stjosephsrcvaprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/St-Joseph-Gateshead-Admissions-Policy-2019-20.pdf>. The consultation will run from

Monday 4 December 2017 – Monday 22 January 2018. A consultation response form is available by request from the school. The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019-20.

ST.WILFRID'S.

POINSETTIA PLANTS. It has become a lovely tradition at Christmas that we place these beautiful plants in Church to remember our loved ones who have died. They really enhance the beauty of the Church once it is decorated for the festive season. So you are invited to bring one-or more-into Church from next Saturday 16th December.

2017 DRAW. If you have any raffle tickets, sold or unsold please bring them back into Church ASAP. The draw will take place after Mass next Saturday. Anyone is welcome to stay behind to witness it. Full list of prizes is on the notice board at the back of Church and the full list of results will also go on the notice board and on the Parish Facebook Page.

HEATING COLLECTION. We are very fortunate to have such a good heating system, which we put on at all Masses, so we will have a collection next week.

BOXING DAY MASS. Mass on December 26th at 10.00am will be a joint Mass with the English and Polish communities. This was a lovely occasion last year our Polish community shared their Christmas traditions with the parish. All welcome.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS. There is no deanery penitential service this Advent. Instead there will be confessions at St Augustine's on Thursday December 14th ant from 6.30pm-8.00pm

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH – It is hoped to provide a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day for people who may not have the opportunity of company or a hot meal. We have a venue (St Joseph's, Gateshead) and funding but we need a firm commitment from volunteers to cover the time 10a.m. till 4.30p.m. Are you able to help even for a couple of hours? For further information please contact Carole Bambrough 478 2260 or c.bambrough@virginmedia.com Deadline 4th December for volunteers. Thank you

Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Bl. John Ingram Partnership Gateshead Second Sunday of Advent: Year B (OF) Second Sunday of Advent (EF) 9th /10th December 2017

Blessed Honoratus Kozminski (October 16, 1829 – December 16, 1916)

Wenceslaus Kozminski was born in Biala Podlaska in 1829. By the age of 11 he had lost his faith. By the age of 16 his father had died. He studied architecture at the School of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Suspected of participating in a rebellious conspiracy against the Czarists in Poland, he was imprisoned from April 1846 until March of 1847. His life then took a turn for the better, and in 1848 he received the Capuchin habit and a new name, Honoratus. He was ordained in 1855 and dedicated his energies to the ministry where he was involved, among other things, with the Secular Franciscan Order.

A 1864 revolt against Czar Alexander III failed, which led to the suppression of all religious orders in Poland. The Capuchins were expelled from Warsaw and moved to Zakroczym. There Honoratus founded 26 religious congregations. These men and women took vows but did not wear a religious habit and did not live in community. In many regards, they lived as members of today's secular institutes do. Seventeen of these groups still exist as religious congregations. Father Honoratus' writings include many volumes of sermons, letters, and works on ascetical theology, works on Marian devotion, historical and pastoral writings, as well as many writings for the religious congregations which he founded. When various bishops sought to reorganize the communities under their authority in 1906, Honoratus defended them and their independence. In 1908, he was relieved of his leadership role. Nevertheless he encouraged the members of these communities to be obedient to the Church.

Father Honoratus died on December 16, 1916, and was beatified in 1988.

Feast Day: 16th December

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