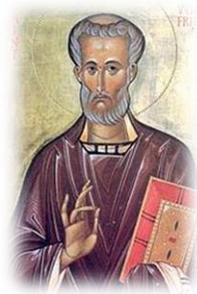


Weekly Newsletter During the Covid-19 Pandemic 20/12/ 2020 Joint Parishes of  
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## Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

We welcome Bishop Robert to St Joseph's today as he celebrates  
Mass at midday in the Extraordinary Form



(OF) Readings for today are: -

First Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 88
Second Reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

(EF) readings for today are: -

Introit	Isaiah 45:8
Epistle	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gradual	Psalm 144:18. 21
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

## Mass Intentions this Week

**Saturday 5pm:** Peter Cresswell

**Sunday 10am:** People of the Parish **Midday:** Dean Evans and those mourning him

**Monday:** Requiem Mass at St Wilfrid's for Verna Kendrick (nee Coxon)

**Tuesday 12.05 St Joseph's:** Alicja Lainscy and Family

(Wednesday in private: Holy Souls)

## Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve St Wilfrid's 5pm: Kathleen Derrick

*(No places remain, only those who have reserved a space may attend, we now have a waiting list)*

Christmas Eve St Joseph's 5pm: People of the Parish

*(there are some spaces left but if you haven't reserved a place you will be asked to wait until those who have, are seated first)*

Christmas Day St Joseph's 10am (EF-Latin): Paul Glynn and Family

*(there are a few spaces left, if your name isn't on the list you will be asked to wait until all those who have reserved a space have been seated)*

PHONE 07856943705 to reserve one of the few remaining places, line closes on  
Tuesday at midday

If you have reserved a place and find you can no longer attend Mass please phone to cancel your space in order that we may allocate it to someone else

**Saturday Boxing Day Mass (EF) 11am:** Intentions of P. Turnbull

**5pm:** Moira Rath

**Sunday 10am:** People of the Parish **Midday:** Fr Gerard Martin

*"We have to keep doors fully open during Mass, in order to maintain proper ventilation. We advise that you wear extra layers of clothing or bring a shawl/blanket with you to Mass.*

**Thank you to all who turned up on Saturday to prepare St Joseph's church for Christmas**

Please keep in your prayers the sick of the parish, all those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Remember also all those for whom Christmas can be a painful, lonely time, let us pray that the loving arms of Our Blessed lady will enfold them in Her peace and love.

Canon Michael wishes everyone a very Happy, Peaceful and Holy Christmas and a prosperous, trouble free New Year.

He would also like to extend his grateful thanks to all the cleaners and stewards who have worked so hard since our churches were allowed to re-open, and without whom a return to Mass would not have been possible

**Message from Bishop Robert**

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work for your parish and the diocese in this time of pandemic. To those who have helped to keep our churches open for Mass and those who have reached out to the less fortunate I want to say a big thank you. It is by our faith and unity that we can be a sign to the world of the love Christ showed us in becoming one of us in the holy season. I would like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**Northern Catholic Calendars 2021**

£3 paperback or £3.50 for ring bound. Please see canon Brown if you would like one

**Justice and Peace refugee Project**

The project reopened in December 2020 at its new location of:

**St Vincent's Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle NE1 2TQ**

**We are very grateful for the support of parishes in collecting food items for our clients once again.**

We apologise for any inconvenience but:

**Deliveries can only be received on Mondays, 10.30am-1.30pm**

Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed in advance.

Please contact Sara Harris, Refugee Project Co-ordinator

**Tel: 07407091184**

**IMPORTANT:**

**The project will be closed over the Christmas period,**

**from December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 to January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**We are not able to take in any collections over this period.**

(Open again for collections Mondays only from January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021)

**Feast of the Epiphany**

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th January. Although normally a Holyday of Obligation, there is still no obligation attached to these Masses and to all Sunday and Holyday Masses at the moment, but there will be Mass at:

St Wilfrid's 10am,

St Joseph's 12.05 and 7pm (EF)

## Weekly Donations

If you would like to continue giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
St Wilfrid's  
Sort Code 40-34-18  
Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
St Joseph's  
Sort Code 40-34-18  
Account Number 31164066

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" for collection money  
"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft  
"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden  
"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

### Keeping Up to Date

Please keep our records up to date by ensuring Canon Michael holds your most recent contact information on file

If you are reading this and realise that you have not updated a recent change of address, telephone number or email address, please send an email to the parish with your updated information.

If you have recently moved into the parish and have not yet given us your details, please let us know your details by email.

You can keep yourself informed about Parish activities and more by following us on Social Media:  
Face Book and Twitter  
And by logging into the parish website and/or Blog

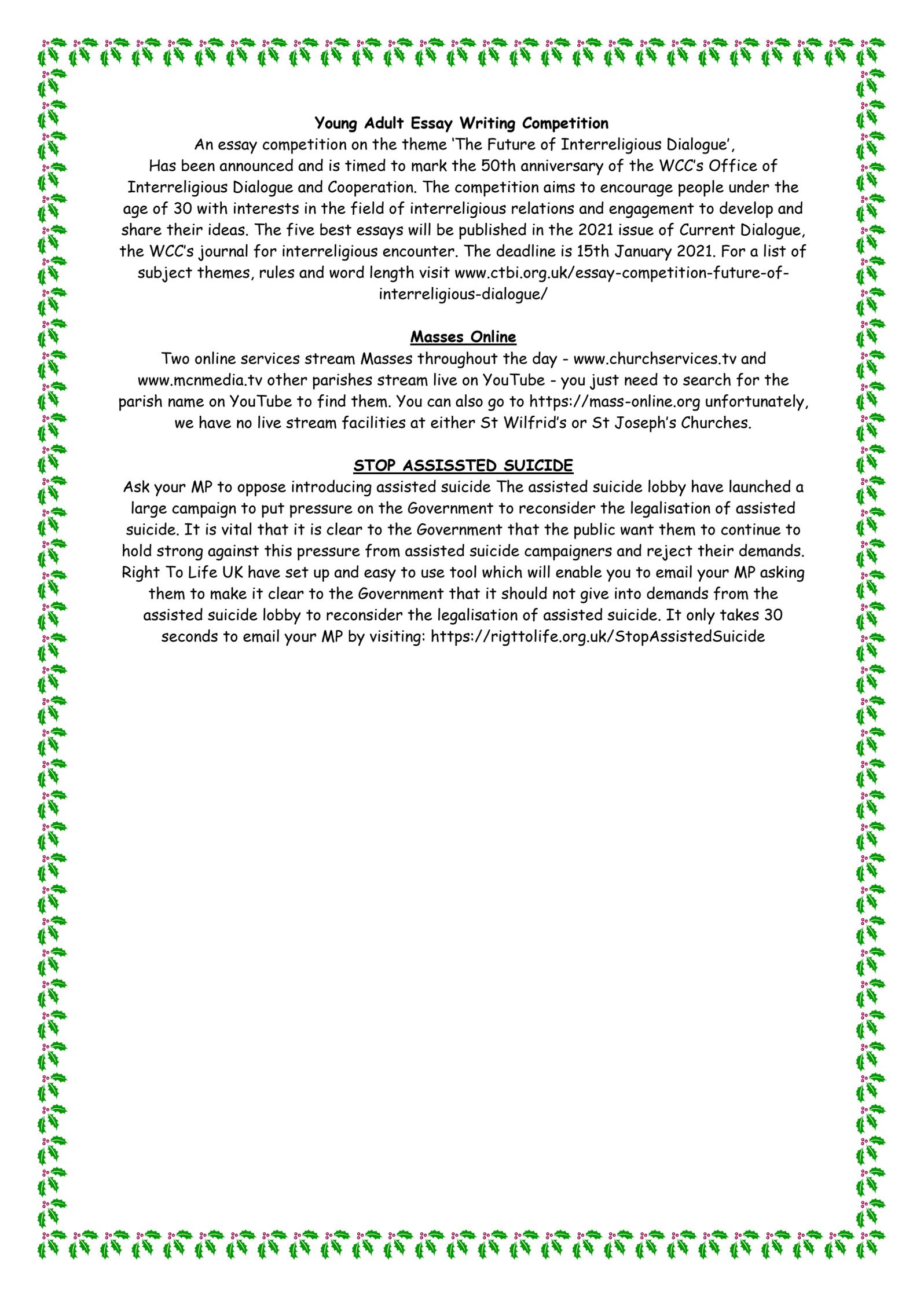
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Please forward this newsletter to anybody you think may enjoy reading it.

If you know of someone who is not on the mailing list but would like to be please ask them to contact us via one of the above emails.

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a slimmed down, edited paper version of the newsletter please let me know.



### **Young Adult Essay Writing Competition**

An essay competition on the theme 'The Future of Interreligious Dialogue', Has been announced and is timed to mark the 50th anniversary of the WCC's Office of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation. The competition aims to encourage people under the age of 30 with interests in the field of interreligious relations and engagement to develop and share their ideas. The five best essays will be published in the 2021 issue of Current Dialogue, the WCC's journal for interreligious encounter. The deadline is 15th January 2021. For a list of subject themes, rules and word length visit [www.ctbi.org.uk/essay-competition-future-of-interreligious-dialogue/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/essay-competition-future-of-interreligious-dialogue/)

### **Masses Online**

Two online services stream Masses throughout the day - [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) other parishes stream live on YouTube - you just need to search for the parish name on YouTube to find them. You can also go to <https://mass-online.org> unfortunately, we have no live stream facilities at either St Wilfrid's or St Joseph's Churches.

### **STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>