

**+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

	FEB		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	3	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	4	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	Priest's Intention Intentions of LMS
Monday	5	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Tuesday	6			12.05pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	7			12.05pm	Special Intention
Thursday	8	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Mulcahy	12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	9	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	10			11.00am (EF)	NO MASS <i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
		5.00pm	People of the Parish	3pm-8pm	
Sunday	11	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	People of the Parish Nancy O'Sullivan's Intention

EF DENOTES EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL
CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12NOON-12.30PM: ON
WEDNESDAYAFTER MASS.

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM.
4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS:28.01.18 St Joseph's 10.00am £230.47 Midweek £94.96
12 noon £225.47 White Flower : £110.32
Total £455.94

St Wilfrid's: £182.30. 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 None this week.

ST JOSEPH'S

VOLUNTEERS Many thanks to all who agreed to take become readers and ministers of Holy Communion. The training for Extraordinary Ministers is here at St Joseph's on Monday 19th and 26th of February 7-9pm with the commissioning Mass on Saturday March 3rd. Would those involved please ensure they have handed in their details after Mass today for the application form.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE. Many thanks to Raj who had taken on this role recently but now finds he can no longer carry on because of other commitments. So we are looking for a parish safeguarding rep. again. If anyone thinks they would like to help the parish by taking on this important role then please see Fr Brown.

TEA AND COFFEE available after 10.00am Sunday Mass in the hall. Also after Tuesday Mass in the hall and after Saturday morning Mass in the Ingram Hall, off the sacristy. All welcome.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. This Sunday we welcome back Mike Collins, diocesan rep for ACN, who will be making an appeal at Mass.

RED BOXES Would all those who have a Red Mission Box please hand this in next time you are at Sunday Mass, by leaving it either with David (organist), or in the sacristy. Would anyone else who would like to financially support the Missions please see David.

COMMUNITY CHOIR In response to the suggestion that we try to start some parish activities, Theresa Dewhirst has offered to start a choir for anyone who may be interested. This is not primarily for singing in church but just to bring people together to sing a wide variety of music. Anyone interested please see the notice on the parish noticeboard.

SEWING AND KNITTING: Stella Ward has volunteered to lead a sewing and knitting group for those who might like a weekly get together. Please sign the list in the porch if you think you maybe interested.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS. This is cancelled for February as it falls on Ash Wednesday.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY. The Alzheimer`s Society is currently looking to recruit volunteers, who would be willing to spend time with people with dementia and or their carers, to offer companionship and provide support, enabling people to maintain hobbies and interests and inclusion in social events. The volunteers would be supported by the Befriending Manager. For further discussion or a copy of the full role description please contact: email angela.todd@alzheimers.org.uk or telephone 0191 477 7490

METRO CENTRE CHAPLAINCY. The Anglican chaplain to the Metro centre is looking for volunteers to help in this work. The chaplaincy seeks to be alongside the 8000+ staff to be their friend and to learn from them. Volunteers are asked to give 1-2 hours of their time weekly or fortnightly. Travel expenses are refunded. Training provided. Anyone interested please contact Lyn Jamieson on 0191 493 0259 or lyn.jamieson@intu.co.uk

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
Bl. John Ingram Partnership Gateshead
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B (OF)
Sexagesima Sunday (EF)
3rd /4th February 2018**

Saint Josephine Bakhita (c. 1869 – February 8, 1947)

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!" The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Feast Day: 8th February

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