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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership

6th Sunday of ordinary time (OF)

16th February

Septuagesima Sunday (EF)

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 14 th	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	February 15 th		
Monday	February 16 th	10.00am	Marcellus Ejiogu
Tuesday	February 17 th		
Wednesday	February 18 th		
Thursday	February 19 th		
Friday	February 20 th	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	February 21 st	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	February 15 th	11.00am (EF)	
Sunday	February 16 th	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	Protection of the Family
Monday	February 17 th		
Tuesday	February 18 th	12.05pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	February 19 th	10.00am School Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday	February 20 th	12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Friday	February 21 st	12.05pm	Fred & David Wylie
Saturday	February 22 nd	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	February 23 rd	10.00am	People of the Parish
		12.00pm (EF)	In honour & thanksgiving for Blessed Trinity

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

Confessions: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 11.00am – 11.55am
Saturday 7.00am (led by CMUK/St Joseph's Men)

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

The pilgrimage will take place between: - **Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025.**

Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until **31st March 2025**

Please register via one of the following links

Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

Existing Appointed Registered Helper

If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024

please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form

If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form

The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register: <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>

Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel and accommodation.

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/>

If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email:

lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk or visit our 'Facebook' page: *Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes*

Jubilee 2025: Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint as he will be canonised in April 2025. Because of his devotion to the Eucharist, his youthfulness and his life of deeply commitment Catholic faith in the 21st century, he is a wonderful example to all of us.

We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese from 26th -30th March 2025 and there will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo, and all are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

*Saturday 29
March*

*Cardinal Hume
Catholic School*

10.30am

Mass with Bishop Emeritus Seamus

Wrekenton,

11.30am Veneration

NE9 6RZ

1.30pm Talk

2pm Veneration

*Confessions will be available
throughout*

Children at St Joseph's

We are delighted to see so many children of all ages attending Mass regularly at St Joseph's, there is a children's library area in the porch and a baby changing area in the lounge of the hall. Children are welcome to borrow books from the library to look at during Mass, or to take home for a week, please help your child to look after our books carefully. We would love to see more children in the lounge after 10.00am Mass for juice and biscuits and to enjoy the colouring/drawing activities and play dough which is available this weekend.

Baptism

If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.

First Holy Communion

Classes continue on Wednesday 19th February at 6pm for those who have made their first Confession.

Any child aged 7+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion must register first by filling in a form available from the office – speak to Canon Michael.

New Altar Servers

We are always eager to welcome more young people to our growing family of Altar Servers. If you are aged 7+ and think you may like to give serving a go please speak to Canon Michael, you can try without making a firm commitment – you'll never know unless you give it a go. Our servers are a very happy group of friendly and supportive individuals, come and chat to any one of them about the role.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION – TUESDAY 18th MARCH @ 6.00pm

For those who serve at the 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Please email stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com to say if you will be there or not. We hope ALL of you will attend, refreshments provided.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's

Next open on **Sunday 2nd March between the two Masses from 10.45 – 12.00.** We can accept cash only at the moment so please think ahead if there is something you would like to buy. New stock is arriving shortly, if you have any requests for items you would like to see in stock please drop a little note onto the collection plate.

Catholic Diaries now only 50p.

If there is anything you would like to purchase when the stall is unmanned please ask one of the welcomers and they will be able to assist.

Would you like to volunteer to mind the piety stall? If so please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide the names of two referees and you may be required to obtain DBS clearance as well.

Access the newsletter via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

Good Shepherd Catecheses

For children aged 3 – approximately 6yrs of age

begins at 4.30pm on Friday 7th March

EVERYONE PLEASE FILL IN THE NEW FORMS TODAY AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Table Top Sale this event was a relative success, worth repeating, so giving plenty of advance information – please hang onto those unwanted Christmas presents, keep producing your craft items, have an early spring clean and watch this space!

St Joseph's Teas and Coffees

Every Sunday after 10.00am Mass. why not come along and make some new friends whilst enjoying a free cuppa in a warm, welcoming environment.

Would you like to volunteer to help serve teas and coffees after 10.00am Mass? It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and we need more help in order to give the regular servers a break every now and then. Sound like your thing? Please ask for a volunteer application form – you will need to provide details of two referees who are not connected to the parish.

Book Club

Set yourself a New Year's resolution to read a book once a month and come along to discuss its contents with others in a relaxed and friendly parish family atmosphere.

The next meeting is on Friday March 14th at 7pm. We will meet to talk about "Bede and the Theory of Everything" by Michelle P Brown All welcome.

Please note the NEW EMAIL address for newsletters and other correspondence including hall bookings. stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

St Joseph's Weekly Income 09/02/25
Loose Plate: £282 Gift Aided: £102.50

St Wilfrid's Weekly Income 08/02/25
Loose Plate: £142.30 Gift Aid £67.

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to: - stjosephstwilfridgateshead25@outlook.com

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto's Story

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary “to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017.

Feast day 13th February

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