

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	FEB		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	17	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	18			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 3.30-5pm	Intentions of Fr Gary Dickson Charismatic Prayer Group
Monday	19	10.00am	Margaret Iveson		
Tuesday	20			12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan (Birthday)
Wednesday	21			12.05pm	NO MASS
Thursday	22	10.30am	Mass at Felllingate Home.	12.05pm	Nicholas Porteous
Friday	23	10.00am	Priest's Intention.	12.05pm	John Connolly
Saturday	24			11.00am(EF)	Intentions of Nancy O'Sullivan
		5.00pm	People of the Parish	3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	25			10.00am	Catherine McGuigan and William Crookes
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Intentions of Nancy O'Sullivan

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

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12NOON-12.30PM: NONE ON WEDNESDAY 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: 12.02.18 St Joseph's 10.00am £193.45 Midweek £68.34
12 noon £149.48
Total £342.93

St Wilfrid's: £170.66. 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 On Friday Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in St Mark's Court, Split Crow Road.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. There is a form for all ministers to complete as safeguarding checks will now only be required for those who take Holy Communion out to the housebound. Checks will no longer be required for readers or welcomers either.

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 last session 10.30am – 4.00pm with the Commissioning Mass at 3.00pm on Saturday March 3rd.

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. Many thanks to all who gave to the ACN appeal by Mike Collins. The collection between both parishes came to £343.05 and £52 of items were sold making a total of £395.05. This is a great response to the help needed for our suffering brothers and sisters

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.

ST.WILFRID'S.

HEATING COLLECTION. Next Week.

PIETY STALL; We have beautifully illustrated Stations of The Cross booklets priced at £1. It is always a lovely devotion to recite at this time of year. We also have new Crosses available as well as Easter Cards and other new items.

DIOCESE

LENTEN TALKS: David The King A series of talks by Bishop Robert Barron on DVD in which he helps us to understand the pivotal role of King David in the light of the first king (Adam) and the King of Kings (Jesus Christ). St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling Wednesday evenings from 18.30 - 20.00 commencing Wednesday, 21st February, 2018.

ANNUAL MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM will this year take place on Friday and Saturday the 29th & 30th of June and Sunday the 1st of July. The cost which includes coach travel, bed breakfast and evening meals plus a traditional Sunday lunch before our return home is £150. A deposit of £50 to secure a place. For details contact. John Ross Tel 0191 4404391. John Robertson Tel 0191 4877790

NATIONAL

LIVERPOOL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018. There are places available for this national event taking place in Liverpool's Echo Arena on Saturday 8th September 2018.. Anyone interested please give your name and contact details to Fr Brown asap.

Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Bl. John Ingram Partnership Gateshead 1st Sunday of Lent :Year B (OF) 1st Sunday of Lent (EF) 17th/18th February 2018

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto

(Jacinta: 1910 – February 20, 1920 | Francisco: 1908 – April 14, 1919)

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. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

Feast Day: 20th February

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