

**+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

	DEC		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	31	5.00pm	Maxwell Perry	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	JAN 1	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	Intention of Scott family People of the Parish
Monday	2	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Tuesday	3			12.05pm	Dianne Johnson
Wednesday	4			12.05pm	Billy Miller
Thursday	5			12.05pm	Joseph Hunt
Friday	6	10.00am	NO MASS	10.00am (EF) 12.05 pm	2017 Joseph Varghese
Saturday	7	5.00pm	Ray Holland	11.00am (EF)	Matilda and Albert Allan
Sunday	8	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	Elsie & George Dalton People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY

**THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S
NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS**

COLLECTIONS: 25.12.16 St Joseph's 5pm Vigil £567.10
12 midnight £309.74
10.00am: £215.55 Midweek £68
Total £1092.39

St Wilfrid's. Not available.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL. Next week the annual collection for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will take place after all Masses.

EPIPHANY: This feast will be celebrated next Sunday in the Ordinary Form. There will be a Mass of the Epiphany in the Extraordinary Form on Friday morning at 10.00 am at St Joseph's. However the obligation is moved to the Sunday for everyone.

SYRIAN PROJECT. Earlier this year it was decided to take on a parish project with Aid to the Church in need. Our project is helping a Catholic school, Al Riaya, in Damascus, Syria. There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Mass, once a month on the first Sunday of the month, for the next year. Information is on display at the back of St Joseph's. £185.28 raised on Christmas Eve £597.17 raised so far. No collection this weekend.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS. Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in the Fellingate home on Thursday morning.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE'S PLACE at St. Josephs Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers. If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335. We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

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Mary, Mother of God: Year A (OF)
Octave Day of the Nativity (EF)
31st December 2016/ 1st January 2017**

Most Holy Name of Jesus

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

The reform of the liturgical calendar by the motu proprio *Mysterii Paschalis* of 14 February 1969 removed the feast "since the imposition of the name of Jesus is already commemorated in the office of the Octave of Christmas." However, the Mass texts of the Holy Name of Jesus were preserved, being placed with the Votive Masses. The celebration was restored to the General Roman Calendar with the 2002 Roman Missal.

Feast Day January 3rd

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