

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church

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New Year's Day 2023 Mary Mother of God (OF) Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (EF)

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Dec 31st	People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday 1 st Jan Mary Mother of God				Special Intention(BD) Intentions of Shirley & Cresswell Smith	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)
Monday 2 nd St Basil & Gregory	Jan 2 nd	Harry Richardson	10.00am		
Tuesday Most Holy name of Jesus	Jan 3 rd			Intentions of John-David & Anna Laux on the birth of their still born child	12.05am
Wed	Jan 4 th			George & Janet Fawcett	12.05pm
Thursday	Jan 5 th			George & Sylvia Armstrong	12.05pm
Friday Epiphany	Jan 6 th	Priest's Intentions	10.00am	Priest's Intention Intentions of Pat Turnbull	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)
Saturday St Raymond of Penyafort	Jan 7 th	Special Intention (RB)	5.00pm	Holy Souls	11.00am (EF)
Sunday Baptism of the Lord	Jan 8 th			Elsie & George Dalton People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)

"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Canon Michael would like to wish all parishioners a very happy, healthy and joy filled
New Year

Our Catholic Faith and Sacraments

Baptism

If you have a child under the age of 5 whom you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and complete an application form in the office. There is an expectation that you are attending Mass regularly and that you will attend preparation classes.

If your child is aged over 5, it is expected that he/she is attending Mass regularly with you and that he/she will also attend some preparation classes.

First Holy Communion and Confession

If you have a child over the age of 7, who doesn't attend a Catholic school, or who has missed the opportunity to be prepared within school, please speak to Canon Michael. The expectation is that you and your child are attending Mass regularly, that your child has a desire to make his/her first Holy Communion and that you are fully committed to support your child before, during and after first Holy Communion Day. There will be preparation classes for both child and parents.

Confirmation

Young people over the age of 11, who have a personal desire to deepen their Faith and strengthen their commitment, and who partake regularly of the sacraments of Communion and Confession may apply to be confirmed. Please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form. There will be a series of preparation classes.

Marriage

The sacrament of marriage is not one to be taken lightly and requires the full commitment of both parties. In requesting to be married in the Catholic Church you are agreeing to uphold, to the best of your abilities, the teachings of the Catholic Church within your marriage, including being open to having children and to bringing them up in the Faith. Please speak to Canon Michael, fill in an application form and attend the preparation classes on offer.

Ordination

Are you being called to be a Priest? If you feel you may have a vocation, no matter how old or young you are, please speak to Canon Michael who will offer guidance and support as well as further information to help you discern your future.

Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites

If you know of anyone who is ill and would like to be **anointed** please let Canon Michael know, a sick person can be anointed as often as a Priest is available to perform the Blessing.

If you know of somebody who is in the **last stages of life** contact Canon Michael who is always more than happy to attend at home, in hospital or in a hospice to minister the **Last Rites**, no matter the time of day or night, a Catholic must be given the chance to have a priest present as he/she leaves this mortal life, Canon Michael has always viewed this as one of his most important ministries as a Priest and views it as a great privilege.

St Joseph's

Thank you

To all who donated mince pies to Joe's place and helped with the open door church event which was a great success. To the Tuesday club which raises money for our wonderful flower displays.

To the very generous anonymous donation of selection boxes for the children of the parish.

Christmas Raffle

Unclaimed prizes may be collected from the office.

The winning tickets are:

470/405/481/424/393/404/554

Piety Stall

This will re-open on Sunday 8th January before each Mass, and will be opened every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

Parking for Mass

Please park with care and consideration, take your car away as soon as Mass finishes, and be careful in icy conditions as the surface of the whole car park isn't gritted.

Tuesday Club

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass

For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

Repair/Refurbishment

The damage caused by our leaking roof is obvious for all to see. Once repairs to the roof have taken place we will need to repaint and possibly re-plaster the church, this will not be cheap, so any donations towards this will be most gratefully accepted.

Income 25th December

£1,207 of which £263 was Gift Aided

St Wilfrid's

Christmas Raffle

Please check your tickets as there are some prizes still to be claimed. A full list of winners is on the notice board.

The numbers are:

528/ 981/ 2057/ 2105/ 2769.

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets.

Income 25th December 2022

£300.40 Gift Aided- £88 Christmas raffle-£380 Boxing Day Mass - £172

First Holy Communion Class

Resumes on Wednesday 11th January at 4.00pm

Confirmation Classes

These will begin shortly please give your name to Canon Michael as soon as possible

Latin Class

Will resume on TUESDAY 10th January at 7.30pm, please note change of weekday - we hope this is ok for everyone!

Book Club

The next book is: - "God's Traitors: - Terror and Faith in Elizabethan England", by Jessie Childs. We will meet to discuss this on **Wednesday February 8th at 7pm.**

willingness to give himself so we might pursue goodness, kindness, and mercy. And in Luke 2:1-14 we can identify with the shepherds who were the first recipients of the good news of Jesus' birth.

At the Council of Ephesus (451), the mother of Jesus was solemnly proclaimed as *Mother of God*, acknowledging the Godhead of her Son, Jesus Christ. Under this noble title she is still honoured by most Christians around the world, and today's feast invites us to place our hopes and plans for the new-starting year under her motherly care. We can entrust to her our personal concerns and those of our era.

In spite of everything, we can enter 2023 with a sense of wonder and trust. Somehow we can share in the spirit of Saint Peter at the Transfiguration of Christ when he said, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here." Such wonder and reverence was typical of Mary, our Mother in the faith, and the first believer in our great Christian family. But Mary was also a flesh-and-blood woman of her times, a hard-working girl from Nazareth, cheerfully willing to be of service to others. It would be illusory to imagine her as a Christmas-card Madonna, set serenely against a golden background with hovering angels. Such a figure is simply not true to her life-story as told in the Gospels. The real Mary from Nazareth knew no riches or privilege in her lifetime. Nobody has ever lived, suffered and died in greater simplicity, marked by a strong and simple faith.

As she saw herself, Mary was the handmaid of the Lord, trusting in Providence and sustained by the goodness of God. Indeed, she stands out among the Lord's *anawim*, the humble hearts who confidently trust that God has everything in hand (*Lumen Gentium* 55). In the first four Christian centuries, Church writers emphasized Mary's *faith* rather than her divine motherhood. As St Augustine put it, "She conceived Jesus in her heart before conceiving him in her womb." Also venerated as Mother of Good Counsel, Our Lady can be our guide and counsellor in the area of faith. She wants to beget faith in us, to be our Mother in faith. That is why, in the gospel of John, she is present at the beginning and the end of Christ's public life.

John is the only one to record Mary's presence at Calvary, as in the terse statement, "Near the cross of Jesus stood his Mother" (Jn 19:25). When all the miracles of Jesus seemed a delusion to many, his mother stood there faithful to him to his last breath, still believing in God's power to save. Her faith did not need astounding miracles, but rested on childlike trust in the mysterious ways of God our Father. Nor did her role as mother cease then, for in his dying hour Jesus gave it a new focus when he said to John, "Behold your Mother." The mother of Jesus will henceforth be the mother of all his disciples, sharing with us her strong and simple faith.

Today on the feast of the Holy Mother of God we see Mary *marvelling* at what has happened, *treasuring* the events of Christmas in her memory, and *pondering* them in her heart. The image is that of the contemplative woman who ponders the marvels the Almighty has done for her and for all people. She ponders in response to what the shepherds said to her. Those simple, humble shepherds had preached the gospel to her, repeating what had been told to them by the angels, "Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." It is this good news, this gospel that she treasured and pondered over.

The same gospel has been preached to us, and we are invited to treasure it, to ponder on it and to respond to it, as Mary did. Today, New Year's Day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better New Year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? Today's feast invites us to share in Mary's sense of awe and wonder before God's merciful love, made known to us in Christ, her son. As we look towards the New Year, which begins today, we ask Mary to help us to treasure the gospel as she did, so that Christ might come to others through us as he came to us through Mary.

Pope Benedict RIP

"Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my 'Paraclete.' In light of the hour of judgment, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. In this regard, I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: 'Do not be afraid! It is I...' (cf. Rev 1:12-17)"

Epiphany.

After the sung Mass for the feast of the Epiphany at 7pm, there will be an opportunity to celebrate this important feast of Christmas time.

with a shared table in the Ingram room. All welcome.

Fund Raising

We always need more funds for the church, whether to cover daily rising costs of heating and lighting, providing the candles and other church consumables, or for larger expenses such as upgrading plumbing, security and electrical systems. If you have a good idea for a fund raising activity and you have the time and energy to organise, (with help and support from others), and lead on such an activity, please speak to Canon Michael, or email the office with suggestions. Please don't make suggestions if you aren't prepared to get involved in the organisation and preparation - everybody is busy, don't put upon others something you aren't prepared to do yourself.

What's on in and Around the Diocese?

Visit the Diocesan website for information about courses and events

[What's On - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)
(diocesehn.org.uk)

Becoming a Catholic

If you or someone you know would like to be received into the Catholic Church please speak to canon Michael

Become More Involved

If you would like to become more involved in church activities by:-

Volunteering to read, serve, clean, welcome, sing in the choir, arrange the flowers.

Running a club, group or activity- perhaps you have an idea for something you feel would bring parishioners together and benefit the life of our church!

Speak to Shauna Devitt, usually to be found in the office, or the piety stall, and contactable via email

shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk , or to Canon Michael.

All volunteers must complete a volunteer's form and some roles require a DBS clearance before roles may be taken up.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

PLEASE read the letter and look at the map on the notice board at the back of church for information regarding the modification of our Parish Boundaries - both **St Wilfrid's**

and **St Joseph's**

Thank You