

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JAN		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	7	5.00pm	Ray Holland		
Sunday	8			10.00am	Elsie & George Dalton
		10.30am	Polish Mass	12 noon (EF)	People of the Parish
Monday	9	10.00am	Holy Souls		
Tuesday	10			12.05pm	William Carr
Wednesday	11			12.05pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	Ann Cant
Thursday	12			12.05pm	James Clark
Friday	13	10.00am	Cantwell family	12.05 pm	
Saturday	14			11.00am (EF)	Morty O'Sullivan
		5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	15			10.00am	Jean Hildyard
		10.30am	Polish Mass	12 noon (EF)	Florence and James McDonald

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 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS

COLLECTIONS: .01.0.1.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £165.96 Midweek £164.11
12 noon £168.01
Total £333.97

St Wilfrid's. Christmas £220. Donation £5; Jan 1st £197.10. Donation £260

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

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

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..

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS. Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in Marigold court on Thursday morning.

ST.WILFRID'S. Today was the last day the WISH LIST TOKENS were published in the Chronicle. Please could all tokens be handed in to Church within the next two weeks. Once again many Thanks to everyone who has collected them for St.Wilfrid's. Just a reminder that Cards, Crosses and other items are still available at the back of Church. Please do have a look.

FLAME CONGRESS On Saturday 11th March a group of 1,000 young people and accompanying adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people Year 9 and above and for adults. If you would like to go, please contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244

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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Feast of the Epiphany: Year A (OF)
Feast of the Holy Family (EF)
8th/9th January 2017**

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

“God closes a door and then opens a window,” people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else’s. That was certainly true in Marguerite’s case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in seventeenth-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God’s providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her. In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved. Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop’s request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the “Mother of the Colony.” Marguerite was canonized in 1982.