

# St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 ~Baptism of The Lord (OF) ~ Holy Family (EF)

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

## Customs on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten.

The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightning and sickness.

The priest visits his parishioners to bless their homes with the holy water that the New Year may be one of cooperation with the gift of God; His Son and the participation in the Life He has come to lead us in toward Salvation. The evening meal is very much a repeat of the Holy Supper except that there are no restrictions on meat and dairy products. It starts with *Kutia*, which has been saved from Christmas Eve.

## REMEMBER

13<sup>th</sup> January  
Book Club 7pm

Community Choir  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
10am

January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Good Shepherd

January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Becoming A Catholic

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Meeting

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Meeting @ St  
Joseph's

MAY 2020 ROME  
4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May



## AN INVITATION TO SING



NO auditions; so don't be shy, just come along and try!



### Youth Choir

Aged 7 - 18? Enjoy music? Like a challenge? Want to make new friends? Well what are you waiting for?? Come for a free taster session on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.45am at St Joseph's Church



### Community Choir

Join us at 10.00am THIS Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday



### Church Choir

For 10.00am Mass speak to Bernadette Hirst  
For Latin Mass speak to Teresa or Paul Dewhurst



### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Resumes on January 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 5pm

All children aged 3-6 are welcome  
For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

### BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Resumes on January 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 5pm

### BOOK CLUB

New members always welcome. We are reading 'The Day is Now Far Spent' by Cardinal Robert Sarah, books now available from the sacristy at discounted price of £14.85 courtesy of the cathedral bookshop - see Fr Michael. We will meet to discuss it on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

### PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

Booking Forms are ready to pick up at the back of church, please fill these in as soon as possible and return to Fr Michael along with a deposit of £200 per person.

Northern Catholic Calendar available at the back of church. Ring bound £3.50/Flat £3.00

CMUK meets every third Saturday

### Project Gambia

A big thank you to all parishioners for your prayers and financial support. The following amount was collected last weekend.

Our Lady & St. Wilfrid's - £200  
St. Joseph's - £785

### Aid to The Church in Need

There will be an appeal on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

### Confirmation preparation

Bishop Robert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people in the Gateshead parishes on **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. We are inviting young people in Year 9 and above to participate in our preparation programme which will begin in February. An information evening will take place on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church Felling. Parents are also invited to this meeting.

### ST JOSEPH'S

**Confessions:** Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

**Exposition:** Thursday 11-11.55am

### Parish Meeting

There will be a parish meeting, open to all, on **Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm  
The agenda is at the back of church.

### RIP

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of Pat Wallace on January 6<sup>th</sup>, her funeral will take place at 12.05 on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>, her body will be received into the church on the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. May she Rest in Peace.

### THANK YOU

to John Appleby for his decades of dedicated work as Altar Server, Sacristan and book keeper as he steps down to enjoy a well earned retirement!!

If there is anyone willing to step into his oversized shoes please speak to Fr Michael.

**PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN  
NEWS/EVENTS**

**ASSOCIATION of the EUCHARIST**

A day of recollection will take place on  
**Saturday, 1 February 2020**

The day will be led by Rev. Thomas McHale  
Tea/coffee will be served from 10-10.30am

The day's programme will be given on arrival and will include talks by priest, Association business, an hour adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for confession and Mass.

The Mass on the Day of Recollection will be offered for Father Michael Brown.

**Please bring a packed lunch.**

There is a monthly Holy Hour, Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at **St. Andrew's**, Newcastle on the first Sunday of the month from 3pm to 4pm followed by refreshment and raffle to give members and their families the opportunity to meet socially. (**Please note change of venue and time**) Father Michael Brown has stepped down as our Spiritual Director and has been replaced by Father Martin Morris.

**Medjugore Irish Centre Pilgrimages**

**April - October 2020:**

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

**Calling All MEN - Opus Dei in the North East.**

Please Come Along to St Joseph's Church on the 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm to find out more.

There will be a talk to by Peter Brown outlining what this is, why laymen need it, what the work is and what sort of formation it provides.

The hope is that after this we will be able to get together six or more laymen to start a monthly circle. We have four who have been to activities run by the Work before already so hopefully this is feasible.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: **Cleaner – St Hilda, Sunderland** 6 hours per week.

Closing date: 17 January 2020 **Cleaner – St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle** 10 hours per week. Closing date for applications 13 January 2020 For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**Piety Stall**

Sunday from after 10am Mass until 11.45am

**GIFT AID**

Please consider gift aiding all your charitable donations to the church. If you are a taxpayer we can claim back tax on every donation you make as long as you have registered for Gift Aid. Please speak to Mr Alan Young for more information.

**ST WILFRID'S**

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

**Exposition:** Saturday 4.30 - 4.55

**Piety Stall**

Open every Saturday before and after Mass

**Building a Culture of Life**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding a one day conference and training event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 9.30am - 4.00pm, at the Tyneside Irish Centre, 43 Gallowgate Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne Ne1 4SG. The cost of the conference is £30 per person, including lunch and refreshments.

Please come to this event if you would like to learn more about the threat of abortion decriminalisation and assisted suicide, how to take effective pro-life action locally and how to lobby to make a difference.

You can book a place using the booking form in the conference leaflet at the back of church, or you can call SPUC on 02070917091

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Steven McGee	5.00pm		
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Caroline Sutherland	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bell & Cantwell families	10.00		
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>			Jim Reid	12.05
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>			Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>			Holy Souls	12.05
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Priest`s Intention	10.00	Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley and Cresswell Smith Special Intention	5.00pm	Thomas Wilkinson	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Priest`s Intention	10.00 am Midday (EF)

*"EF" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL*

**Priest's sick communions:** On Friday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in Fellingate Home

**Remember in your prayers those who are sick;** especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Sheila Gibertson.

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S N/A  
ST WILFRID'S £200.07

PLEASE NOTE ALL NOTICES FOR BULLETIN MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDDAY ON THURSDAY