

**+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

	JAN		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	13	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	14			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	Pat Turnbull
Monday	15	10.00am	Hilary Kelly		
Tuesday	16			12.05pm	Evlyn Atkinson and Dalby family
Wednesday	17			12.05pm	Pat Martin & family
Thursday	18			12.05pm	Richard Doyle
Friday	19	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm	Intentions of Jovita Udeh
Saturday	20	5.00pm	Priest's intention	11.00am EF	Holy Souls
Sunday	21			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Thomas & John Reece

CONFESSIONS St. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.
St WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

COLLECTIONS: St Wilfrid's Collection £172 Gift Aid £62 Donations for flowers £15.
St Joseph's Collection £578

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTION AT ST WILFRID'S for this week is for the intentions of Sr Clare on her Silver Jubilee of Solemn Profession

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Classes will resume as soon as possible upon recovery of the catechist and after an update from the diocese regarding the teaching of first Holy Communion. We apologise for the delay and still hope to have completed preparation in time for first Holy Communion to take place in the late spring/early summer.

FIRST COMMUNICANT'S TASK FOR 13th/14th January

- Continue following all the instructions you have been given so far, this weekend after Mass look for the Baptismal Font and the Easter Candle, find out how and why these are both used during a baptism.

ALTAR SERVERS` If anyone, young or old, male or female, would like to become an altar server for either parish please speak to Canon Michael.

ST JOSEPH'S

BOOK CLUB. It is proposed to have the next meeting on Monday 29th January at 7pm if this is convenient. We will be discussing The Chemist of Catania by Fr Alexander Lucie Smith which is available on Amazon for £5.40. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The books have been removed to check for damage and to be repaired or removed as necessary. If you have any suitable books which you no longer use please consider donating them, leave them in the office. If anyone has a forward facing book case they no longer need it would be gratefully received.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is kept burning day and night in our church to remind us that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. It is a symbol of Christ's everlasting love for us and a reminder to us to give loving adoration in return. It has been suggested that, beginning in the New Year, the Sanctuary Lamp may be sponsored and lit in memory of a loved one or for a particular intention. A new candle will be lit every Sunday and will burn for a week.

The minimum recommended donation is £5, and proceeds will go towards the cost of candles in church. The Sanctuary Lamp Intentions will be displayed in our Weekly Newsletter, and on the Notice Board at the back of church.

A list of dates will be available in the Office, together with envelopes for donations. It may be that several intentions are given for particular dates.

ST JOSEPH'S RAFFLE Uncollected prizes will be given to charity at the end of the week.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be taken on this weekend of 13th / 14th January. SPUCs vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, the policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. Please help SPUC defend and protect unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

MESSAGE FROM HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP:

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2024? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sandcastle building, swimming and scavenger hunts.

Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs a donation of £150 and can be paid in installments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/>

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B (OF)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

13th/14th January 2024

Saint Devasahayam Pillai

Neelakandan Pillai was born into an affluent Hindu family in 1712. As a young man he went into the service of the royal household in India's Travancore province. Eventually put in charge of state affairs, Pillai became acquainted with Captain Eustachius De Lannoy, the Dutch naval commander who trained the king of Travancore's forces. Their relationship awakened Pillai's interest in the captain's Christian faith. At his baptism in 1745, Pillai chose the name Lazarus, or Devasahayam in the Malayalam language. His wife and other members of his family were baptized at the same time.

Soon after, Pillai's enemies convinced the royal court that he was using his position to force others to convert, leading to his imprisonment. European Christians in Travancore came to Pillai's defense, urging the king to release him. After three years the king complied under condition that Pillai go into exile to a hostile territory. Though beaten and tortured almost daily, Pillai consistently responded with kindness, openly praying for his captors. Shot to death by local soldiers in 1752, Pillai's body was transported to St. Xavier Church in Kottar. Later when his remains were interred beneath the altar, the site became a popular pilgrimage destination.

In 2012, Devasahayam Pillai became the first Indian layman not connected to any religious institute to be beatified. Ten years later he was canonized in Rome. His liturgical feast is celebrated on January 14.

