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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) Third Sunday after Epiphany (EF) 22nd January 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday St Agnes	Jan 21 st	Special Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Jan 22 nd			People of the Parish Mary Hamilton	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)
Monday	Jan 23 rd	Special Intention	10.00am		
Tuesday St Frances De Sales	Jan 24 th			Peter Kenneth Carrs	12.05am
Wed	Jan 25 th			Eleanor Alexandre & baby Charlotte	12.05pm
Thursday St Timothy & Titus	Jan 26 th			Requiem for Keith Anderson	12.05pm
Friday St Angela Merici	Jan 27 th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Florence & Roy Nichol	12.05pm
Saturday	Jan 28 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Souls in Purgatory	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Jan 29 th			People of the Parish Maria (Molly) Scott	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

Exposition @ St Joseph's every Wednesday 11.00am - 11.55

Please keep in your prayers:-

Billy, Rory, Johnnie, Grace, Melissa, Scott, Heidi and Finlay

Who are preparing to make their first Holy Communion on February 19th at the

10.00am Mass in St Joseph's Church

Thank You

SPUC White Flower Appeal 2023

Thank you for your generosity £293 was raised at St Joseph's and £22 at St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion Class

Wednesday at 4,30pm

Confirmation Classes

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

Latin Class

Tuesday at 7.30pm,

Book Club

7.00pm Wednesday February 8th

NEXT WEEKEND there will be an EXTRA COLLECTION for LEPRO a charity which aims to educate everyone about the awful disease of leprosy which is diagnosed in 600 people per day with over 50 of these being children.

The charity improves the lives of those affected by this curable illness and helps to discover treatments for other tropical diseases.

Please give generously to this appeal and help to treat and rehabilitate all those affected by leprosy.

Thank You

Becoming a Catholic

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

St Wilfrid's

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Christmas Raffle Prizes.

528/ 981/ 2057/ 2105/ 2769.

Heating Fund

Thank you to all who contributed to the heating fund

Income 15th January 2023

£172.50 Gift Aided- £62 heating fund-£70 Donation - £10 SPUC - £22

Thank You

St Joseph's

RED MISSIONARY BOXES

Would anybody like to take on the co-ordination of this?

Leaflets, Prayer cards, literature

Please DO NOT place anything at the back of church without first speaking to Canon Michael and gaining his permission.

If you have books you wish to donate to the libraries please bring them into the office where Canon Michael will decide whether or not they are suitable and Shauna can mark them as belonging to the church.

Christmas Raffle

Unclaimed prizes must be collected from the office before the end of the month

The winning tickets are:

405/393/404

Piety Stall

Will be opened every 2nd Sunday of the Month. There are some cards for sale, 10p each, at the back of church, please put money in the box

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 mass in the hall.

Children's Library

Parents please feel free to allow your children to look at the books during Mass, either in the porch or take them to your pew – but please return books to the shelves after use.

Please help your child to put books back carefully and to leave the library tidy and ready for the next child to use. You may borrow up to three books to take home for a fortnight, please sign the list in the file near the adult library.

If you have any books you would like to donate to the library please bring them to the office.

Thank You

Income 15th January 2023

£335 of which £95 was Gift Aided £293 was raised for SPUC

Thank You

The church hall is fully opened up after its closure during covid. It would be nice to see it used once again for teas and coffees after Mass on a Sunday. Would anyone be interested in organising and facilitating this?

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time we mark the occasion of the Sunday of the Word of God which was instituted a few years ago by Pope Francis, with the purpose of rediscovering our love and zeal for the Lord through the deepening of our knowledge and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. It is important that we spend some time and effort to get to know more about the Word of God contained within the Scriptures.

In the first reading we hear from the Book of the prophet Isaiah of the prophecy speaking of the coming of the Messiah, of the coming of the Light of salvation that dispels the darkness surrounding the region of Naphtali and Zebulun, which by the time of the Lord Jesus was known as the region of Galilee. It was in Galilee that the Lord's family originated from, as St. Joseph and Mary stayed in the small town of Nazareth in Galilee, although St. Joseph at least initially hailed from the tribe of Judah in Bethlehem. The Pharisees and the teachers of the Law, the members of the Sanhedrin or the Jewish High Council later on said that no prophet were to be expected to come from the region and hence, Jesus must have been a false prophet and Messiah.

Yet, if only they had read the prophet Isaiah and his prophecies more carefully, just as we have heard ourselves in our first reading today, then they would have realised that the Saviour of the world would indeed come through the region of the north, the lands of Naphtali and Zebulun, the land of Galilee, where the Lord indeed stayed during the early years of His life, and also where He began His ministry after His Baptism at the Jordan. Contextually it is also significant to take note that back then, at the time of the prophet Isaiah, the land of Naphtali and Zebulun, as part of the northern kingdom of Israel, had become a foreign land, after the destruction of that kingdom by the Assyrians, as its people had been brought off into exile in faraway lands, and foreigners were brought in to dwell in those lands.

By the time of the Lord Jesus, a few centuries after the time of the prophet Isaiah, the lands mentioned was known as Galilee, and that region was also still in the peripheries of the communities of the people of God, which was mainly centred in Jerusalem and Judea back then. That the Lord decided to come to those regions was also highly symbolic and meaningful, as it represents the Lord's desire to gather back all of His scattered people, and to restore the honour of the people of God, and at the same time also calling upon the people from distant lands and from the pagan nations to embrace the truth and love of God. It means that God's salvation was not only meant for the Jewish people only, but to all the children of mankind, to all the peoples of all races and origins, just as God has always intended.

And as we heard the Gospel passage today, again that same prophecy from the prophet Isaiah was repeated, proclaiming the coming of God's salvation as made true and real by the actions that the Lord carried out in Galilee, as He called His first disciples and gathered them all, choosing the Twelve among them to be His Apostles, while also performing many miracles and wonders, healing many of the sick who came to Him and were brought to Him. He went from places to places, healing the sick, casting out demons, making those who were blind to be able to see again, and opening the ears and loosening the tongues of the mute, fulfilling the many other prophecies that Isaiah and the other prophets had been proclaiming about the Messiah.

And all of these had been proclaimed to us as well, the truth that God has shown us and delivered to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Through His Church, the Lord has revealed and taught to us His ways, and showed us the proof of His salvation. Like the Apostles we have received the same truth and Good News, and it was through them and their successors that we have received this truth, passed down successively down the generations through the Church of God. Without the hard work and efforts of the Apostles, the other disciples and their successors throughout the history of the Church, there would have not been any of these things happening. We would have remained ignorant of the truth of God, and separated from His salvation and grace.

This reminds us today as we commemorate this Sunday of the Word of God that each and every one of us have been called by God to our various ministries and callings in life, depending on the various gifts, talents and abilities that He had given us. All of us have been called to embrace the Lord's calling of not only just knowing and appreciating the Word of God more in our lives, but also in proclaiming the Word of God and the truth of God in the midst of our respective various communities, in our schools and workplaces, amidst our families, relatives and circles of friends and acquaintances, and even to strangers whom we encounter daily in our respective lives. And we cannot be effective and faithful servants of the Lord and His Word, unless we have good knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.

So, we need to spend more time in reading the Scriptures, as if we do not even know the words contained within it, how can we even begin to discern if something we heard from elsewhere or others are true or false? Then we also have to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures through knowing more of the teachings of the Church as contained within the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as well as through careful listening and reflection of the words of the bishops and priests who are our teachers and guides, in guiding us together within the Church into the right path.

It is also important that we help one another to stay in the path of truth, by sharing with one another whatever insight and understanding we have of the Scriptures, rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Church and the Apostles. Let us all be zealous and committed evangelisers and missionaries, in our daily living, in our every moments. Let us do our very best to be exemplary in faith and to be inspiration to each other in our faith and in our lives. May the Lord continue to guide us and strengthen us so that hopefully we may lead others to the path of God's salvation and grace.

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.

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.

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.

Hiring St Joseph's Church Hall

The hall is available for anyone to hire at a cost of £20 per hour, if you would like to hire the hall for any event please email the office in the first instance and someone will get back to you to discuss your requirements.

CONFIRMATION

Canon Michael would like to begin preparation classes for anyone over the age of 11 who would like to be confirmed this year, with a view to the Sacrament being conferred on the feast of Pentecost.

If you have been baptised, attend Mass and the sacraments of confession and Communion on a regular basis and you feel ready to commit yourself to your faith then please fill in a form and return it to Canon Michael as soon as possible.

If there is anything you would like to put in the newsletter please email to the office by Thursday afternoon.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

Vocations to the Priesthood

The Priesthood Vocations Team invite men aged 18+ who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more.

Discernment Evenings are planned for: Tuesday 14th February, Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Overnight Retreat Friday 3rd March 2023, 5pm to Saturday 4th March 2023 (after lunch) Place Emmaus Youth Village Pemberton Rd, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA Cost £50 (including all meals and ensuite accommodation) Spaces are limited.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:
Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone:- 01670 812 200.
Bookings for the retreat are to be made by Thursday 16th February.

Schools Admissions Consultation

All schools in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are consulting on their admissions arrangements for 2024-25. The consultations will run for a minimum of six weeks between 5th December 2022 and 27th January 2023. For more information, go to the Diocesan Website where you find all information on Admissions, and click on the appropriate schools.

For further information if needed, please contact the Diocesan Education Offices, email: education@diocesehn.org.uk or Tel: 0191 243 3313.