

**+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	26	5.00pm	People of the Parish	3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	27	11.00am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	Private Intention Molly Scott
Monday	28	10.00am	Karen Scullion (op)		
Tuesday	29			12.05pm	Private Intention (Les Taylder)
Wednesday	30			12.05pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	31			12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	FEB 1	10.00am	For appointment of a new bishop	12.05pm	May and George Craig
Saturday	2	5.00pm	Intentions of GF	11.00am (EF) 3pm-8pm	Joan Murray <i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	3	11.00am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	People of the Parsh George Craven

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

CONFESSIONS: ST JOSEPH'S: AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY: 4.30-5.00PM @ ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS 20.01.19 St Joseph's Total £416.82 Midweek £48.95
St Wilfrid's £166.05 Bonus Ball £105

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: This Friday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholics in Marigold Court.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for 3-6 YEAR OLDS Unfortunately the classes have been suspended for the time being for personal reasons. It is hoped to re-start soon.

COMMUNITY CHOIR. Rehearsals have resumed at 10.00am on Wednesdays in the Ingram room off the sacristy. New members welcome.

READING GROUP. The next book is: *The Radiance of Her Face: A Triptych in Honour of Mary Immaculate* by Dom Xavier Perrin, abbot of Quarr. Available from Amazon for £10.50. Date of next meeting January 28th at 7.30pm: all are welcome.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES. Jack Kilday, the parish youth co-ordinator, has been hard at work thinking up youth activities for the two parishes. You will find information on the notice board about proposed activities. Please sign up if you are interested.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL. The annual collection last week raised £133.89 from St Joseph's. St Wilfrid's raised £50.48. Many thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S

RED MISSION BOXES: Would all those who have a red APF Mission Box please bring their box to Mass for emptying. Please leave it with the organist or in the sacristy. Thank you.

ST WILFRID'S

PIETY STALL: Calendars and diaries are now half price: many other items including pocket crosses, medals and booklets have also been reduced

FACEBOOK PAGE_If you are on Facebook why not join our page? It provides information on Mass times, events in the Parish and other items relevant to our Catholic Faith. Search for Our Lady and St.Wilfrid's R.C. Church Gateshead.

VACANCIES AT ST WILFRID'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL Foundation Governor: 2 Foundation Governors are required for the governing body of St Wilfrids RC Primary School.

The role is varied but some duties would be to monitor the curriculum, finance, personnel and premises to ensure that the school functions efficiently. If you are interested in either of the above positions please contact Mrs E Wright at stwilfridsrcprimaryschool.gov.uk or Tel: 0191 4771909

DIOCESE

ST ANNE'S, LOW FELL Following the retirement of Fr Kelly, Fr Zielinski has been given the parish to look after as well as St Augustine's, Leam Lane.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Penshaw at 7pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)

3rd Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

26th/ 27th January 2019

Saint Thomas Aquinas

(1225 – March 7, 1274)

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honoured with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.