

**+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	27	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	28			10.00am People of the Parish	
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon Molly Scott	
Monday	29	10.00am	NO MASS		
Tuesday	30			12.05pm Intentions of Jovita Udeh	
Wednesday	31			12.05pm Fr John Gibbons (NBF)	
Thursday	FEB 1			12.05pm Fr John Gibbons (NBF)	
Friday	2	10.00am	Priest's Intention	12.05pm Priest's Intention	
				7.00pm EF Pat Turnbull	
Saturday	3			11.00am EF Adrian Barnes	
		5.00pm	Priest's intention		
Sunday	4			10.00am People of the Parish	
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon Joan Murray	

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

COLLECTIONS: St Wilfrid's Collection £210 Gift Aid £52 Lenten alms £40. Flowers donation £10

St Joseph's Collection

SANCTUARY LIGHT: At St Wilfrid's: For Rachel. At St Joseph's: For Dennis Duffy

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Classes will resume as soon as possible. We apologise for the delay and remain hopeful for first Holy Communion to take place in the late spring/early summer.

FIRST COMMUNICANT'S TASK FOR 27th/28th January

- Continue following all the instructions you have been given so far.
- Listen carefully to the Gospel, try to read along, after Mass talk to your parents about what you have understood, perhaps read it again at home.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE Saturday 3rd February is the Feast of St Blaise, who is the patron saint of who suffer ailments of the throat because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. At the end of 11am Mass on Saturday morning, the blessing will be offered to those present who wish to receive that special blessing of the throat

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. 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 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 WILFRID'S

CANDLEMASS: On Friday children from St Wilfrid's school will come to the 10 o'clock Mass as we celebrate the feast of Candlemass.

DONATIONS APPEAL – your Parish needs you.

Both St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's are in debt to the diocese. St Wilfrid owes £37,665.83 and St Joseph's owes £166,890.99. The amounts cannot be paid back through the regular weekly contributions which are needed for day to day finances to run the parishes. We have managed at times to raise small amounts through fund raising, but this is not proving very successful and so I am appealing directly to you all – please consider if there is anything you can do to help our parishes. I appreciate there are those who struggle financially and I don't want anyone to stretch themselves beyond their means only give what you can spare.

Perhaps you may consider leaving a legacy to the parish in your will; this used to be a traditional practice which has sadly gone out of fashion in more recent times.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL Many thanks to all who contributed to the appeal. St Joseph's raised about £350 and St Wilfrid's £21

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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B (OF)

Septuagesima Sunday (EF)

27th /28th January 2024

St John Bosco

John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring. By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.

With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Feast day January 31st

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