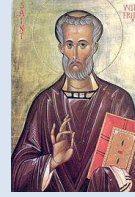




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*Today the 18<sup>th</sup> July is the Sixteenth Sunday of the Year B (OF)  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

**Covid is still with us!**

*In line with updated guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales ([Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))) and due to the increased levels of infection in the North East of England Bishop Robert says:-*

**"I ask you to retain all of the COVID control measures and cleaning protocols that you are currently following in all our churches and church halls until at least the end of August 2021"**

*therefore we are to continue to:-*

*sanitize hands on entering and exiting church and prior to receiving Holy Communion,  
maintain social distancing,  
ensure church is well ventilated  
wear a face mask throughout Mass.*

The above are the most Christian actions as it means we are putting the safety of others before our own comfort and desires

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

**FACE, SPACE, HANDS, FRESH AIR**

## **“Sunday – It is our Day”**

News from our Bishops:-

“We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.” ([Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk))

### **UPDATE on COVID 19 from BISHOP ROBERT**

On Friday afternoon, 16th July, Bishop Robert issued an email to all parishes with updated Coronavirus information. In his email Bishop Robert states,

“As you will be aware the Government has confirmed that it will proceed with taking the next step on the Roadmap out of lockdown, with most restrictions set to be lifted from Monday 19th July. This comes at a time when COVID cases are rising rapidly across all areas of the Diocese, with some areas recording the highest infection rates in the country. When this is considered alongside the more elderly demographic of the Diocese, it would present a very serious situation if we were to abandon our existing COVID controls. The Government will remove the legal requirement to comply with many (if not all) COVID controls on 19th July and leave it to individuals to exercise responsibility and judgement. This means that some aspects of the “Coronavirus Act 2020” may be revoked or amended and many (if not all) of the resulting COVID regulations made under the Act, may be revoked or amended. Regardless of the changes to Coronavirus legislation and GOV.UK guidance, organisations still have a general duty under the “Health and Safety at Work Act 1974” to protect the health and safety of everyone who is affected by their activities. One of the regulations made under the ‘74 Act, “The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999”,

### **“Welcomers” Weekend 17th/18th July.**

During the pandemic there have been so many people who have made it possible for us to gather for Mass by stewarding and guiding our people, by cleaning and sanitising our churches. All this is part of the great Ministry of Welcome. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall say ‘thank you’ and ask them to carry on in their ministry. It is going to be different after the end of lockdown but we still need their help in other ways.

### **Volunteers**

if you would like to volunteer to help in any way at church please email the office. All volunteers must be ‘safely recruited’, this means forms need to be filled in and references taken up. Volunteer roles include:- readers, offertory collectors, cleaners, running the piety stall, flower arrangers, amongst others.

**This Weekend – there is an annual Mission Appeal by Sister Leona DDL**

**Children's Books to Borrow**

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass.

**If you have any books at home which you think may be suitable for church use and you would like to donate them to us please place them into the box near the side exit door.**

Please put all used books into the box near the exiting side door, this is in order for us to be able to 'quarantine' them for a few days to help stop the spread of germs.

**New Altar Servers**

We are always looking for new people to join our team of altar servers, full training and ongoing support is given. If anyone is interested in joining our teams, (anyone aged 7-100) at St Joseph's or at St Wilfrid's, please contact Canon Michael

**Returning to a more vibrant Parish life**

We are beginning to be able to think about returning to some form of normality, clubs and groups will soon be able to resume, if there are any leaders of activities who have thoughts about this and would like information to be put on the newsletter please email the parish office at:- [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

**Groups previously in place**

Community Choir and Clarinet Group (over 18)

Youth Choir and Musicians (age 7-18)

Young Catholic Sunday Lunch Club (age 18-30)

Book Club

Good Shepherd Classes (3-7yrs)

CMUK (Catholic Men UK)

Latin Mass Choir

**BOOK CLUB**

Led by Canon Michael, the book club is open to anyone and everyone who enjoys reading and then sharing with others their thoughts and impressions about the books read. It is an informal, friendly, fun, non judgmental group which meets every four – six weeks depending upon the book being read and the availability of everyone to attend.

The first book we will be reading is **Mere Christianity** by **C.S.Lewis**, a light, short exploration of the way in which civilization, emotion and human decency are intertwined.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	John Fairweather	5.00pm		
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> July			People of the Parish Priest's Intentions	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Intentions of Shauna Devitt	10.00am		
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July			Jack and Margaret Longstaff	12.05
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July			Intentions of Anna Barnes	12.05
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July			Patrick Murray	7.45am
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Joseph Patrick Devitt (birthday)	10.00am	Matty Rowell (birthday)	12.05pm
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> July			Intentions of Pat Turnbull	11.00am
		People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> July			Eve Smith  In Thanksgiving for God's great mercy - Kormos family	10.00am  Midday (EF)

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St Joseph's every Wednesday from 11.00am – 12noon**

**Confessions** are heard at **St Joseph's** on a **Wednesday** after the **12.05 Mass** and on a **Saturday** from **11.00am – 12 noon** and at **St Wilfrid's** before **5.00pm Mass** every **Saturday** evening.

Canon Michael is also available for confessions at other times by arrangement, please telephone or email him.

**Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, First Communion, Confirmation, Becoming a Catholic, Annulments**  
If you have any questions about, or need to arrange any of the above please speak to Canon Michael

Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and those who have died recently or for whom anniversaries occur now.

If you would like a Mass said for your intentions please speak to Canon Michael or drop a note into the presbytery.

**Going into Hospital**

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to ask ward staff to make a record of your Religion, they will not ask you as a matter of course, it is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 25 July 2021



Pope Francis has designated Sunday 25 July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Resources, including Pope Francis' message, a prayer and resources for Clergy have been produced by the Holy See Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. [Click here](#) to view them all.

### “Sing along Live Hymns Old and New”

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village is hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.

### Diocesan Vacancy:

A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of a Communications and Marketing Officer based in Newcastle.

**Closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th July**

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith .

This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools.

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: [www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses\\_ccrs.php](http://www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php)

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Pope's Intention for the Month of July Social Friendship

we pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### Catholic Awards for Young People

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle offers our young people the opportunity to witness to their faith in their local and parish Communities by participating in **two award schemes**. Young people aged 10-18 years old (Year 6 - 13) can take part in the **Faith in Action Award** through their school, parish or organisation. The Faith in Action Award is accessible to, and inclusive of, all young people, regardless of academic ability. The **Pope St John Paul II Award** is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people to become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deeper level with Christ. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them.

For further information speak to Canon Michael.

#### **Weekly Offertory Income 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021:-**

Loose Plate Offertory: - £241.55

Gift Aid Envelopes: - £115

Sea Mission £49.30

Candles: - £33.22

Many Thanks

#### **Choir Loft**

We have been given a quote of £10,000 to update the safety of the choir loft, the work is essential before it can be brought back into use. So far the 'Choir Loft Fund' has £1,077 – we have a very long way to go, if you can spare a few pennies please do!!

#### **Lourdes Garden**

We are awaiting a quote for the cost of repairing the statues, we are very grateful to Carl who voluntarily maintains the beauty, colour and tidiness of the gardens. To date this fund has £400.

### Security

Thank you very much to all those who have donated so far, We have £1,355, but still urgently need funds in order to be able to improve the fencing right around the property perimeters and to update the secure entrance to the car-park.

#### **TAX PAYER? - GIFT AID IT!**

Did you know that if you are a tax payer and you make a one off donation you can opt to have it gift aided? Just let us know and we will do the rest - doesn't cost you a penny more but adds 25p in every £ to your donation

### Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 01164120

Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

St Joseph's has several 'Special Funds' open at the minute, these are:-

"Choir Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

If you wish to contribute to any of these please mark your donation as such.