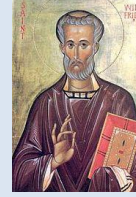




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*Today the 25th July is the Seventeenth Sunday of the Year B (OF)
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

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.

Letter for Bishop Robert

In the light of the pope restricting the availability of the Latin Mass there is a letter, at the back of church, which you are invited to sign, to thank Bishop Robert for giving his continued support to the Latin Mass at St Joseph's

Sr Leona will be leaving the community for Birmingham on Monday 26th July for an Internship program. She will be away for several months so one of the sisters will take over the work of the community superior. We wish Sr Leona all the best for her internship and look forward to seeing her back with us.

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.

LOURDES

As we are unable to have a Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, there will be a 'Virtual Pilgrimage', providing opportunities to join together in prayer and worship over the course of a week starting on 31st July with a day at Ushaw.

Unfortunately, numbers are restricted and places do need to be booked in advance. Following our opening day of reflection at Ushaw, all other Masses and services will be streamed via YouTube or Facebook.

During the week there will be a Service of Healing and a Bereavement Service.

You can access the links to the services via the Pilgrimage website: www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or searching YouTube for HN-Lourdes Hospitalite.

"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.

"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))

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	24 th July	People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday	25 th July			Eve Smith In Thanksgiving for God's great mercy - Kormos family	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	26 th July	Shauna Devitt (Birthday and Thanksgiving)	10.00am		
Tuesday	27 th July			Holy Souls	12.05
Wednesday	28 th July			Miyitegeka Pedro, Mikuza Domitila, their children, their grandchildren, their friends who were killed together in the Rwanda genocide	12.05
Thursday	29 th July			Bernadine and Aidan Soy (Thanksgiving)	7.45am
Friday	30 th July	Priest's intentions	10.00am	Patrick Murray	12.05pm
Saturday	31 st July			Warapom Phud	11.00am
		Margaret Amatosi	5.00pm		
Sunday	1 st August			People of the Parish Priest's Intentions	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

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

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

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 can take part in the **Faith in Action Award**, and those aged between 16 and 18 can take part in the **Pope St John Paul II Award**.

For further information speak to Canon Michael.

Weekly Offertory Income 18th July 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory: - £242.31

Gift Aid Envelopes: - £88.60

Missionaries £309.83

Candles: - £29.92

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 £1,375, 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.

Donations

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

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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.

Readers' Weekend 11th / 12th September

We have not been able to have our Lay Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in the way we normally do. Only one Reader has been allowed and many have not been able to join us at Mass. At our Sunday Mass on this weekend we shall celebrate the ministry of proclaiming God's holy Word and ask Readers to commit themselves again to this important service. Eventually we shall return to our patterns of ministry that we had before the Pandemic.