

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church

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Feast of The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 4th June 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	June 3 rd	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday Feast of The Holy Trinity	June 4 th		
Monday	June 5 th	Bell and Cantwell Families	10.00am
Tuesday	June 6 th		
Wed	June 7 th		
Thursday	June 8 th		
Friday	June 9 th	Kathleen Derrick	10.00am
Saturday	June 10 th	Kathleen Derrick	5.00pm
Sunday	June 11 th		

SAINT JOSEPH'S

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Saturday	June 3 rd		
Sunday Feast The Holy Trinity	June 4 th	People of the parish Pat Turnbull	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)
Monday	June 5 th		
Tuesday	June 6 th	Geoffrey Broadhead	12.05
Wed	June 7 th	Holy Souls	12.05
Thursday Corpus Christi	June 8 th	EXPOSITION Priest's Intention	11-11.55 12.05
Friday	June 9 th	Special Intention N,B,M,C	7.00pm (EF)
Friday	June 9 th	Holy Souls in Purgatory	12.05
Saturday	June 10 th	Intentions of John and Teresa	11.00am
Sunday	June 11 th	People of the parish Priest's Intention	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)

Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

*"E F" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962
ROMAN MISSAL*

Confessions: after Mass Wednesday and Saturday
EXPOSITION THURSDAY morning 11.00 – 11.55am.
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month
2.00pm
First Saturday Devotions every month

Altar Server Training

This will take place on **Monday 12th June at 6.00pm** for all those who **currently serve**, or **anybody who would like to serve** at the **10.00am Mass** at St Joseph's or the **5.00pm Mass** at St Wilfrid's. Please let Peter Armstrong or Canon Michael know if you will be able to attend.

St Joseph's

St Joseph's & St Wilfrid's Women

It has been suggested that we have a women's group, similar to St Joseph's men, which meets once a week to pray together and discuss the readings of the day and to give each other support. If this is something in which you would be interested please put your name on the list at the back of church.

TABLE TOP SALE

Without MORE SUPPORT this will have to be abandoned.

Are you doing a bit of spring cleaning? Have you things you no longer need? Would you like to make a little bit of money from those items? And help parish funds at the same time?

We will be holding a 'Table Top' sale in the parish hall on the morning of **Saturday 24th June**

Tables are limited so it will be **first come first served**. Each **table will be £5**, you can keep whatever money you make or donate it to the church if you like. There will be a small entry fee for buyers. Teas and coffees will be available.

If you would like to reserve a table please put £5 in an envelope along with your name and hand it into the office

The 50/50 Club has been abandoned due to lack of support

If you handed in your £10 to anyone please ask them for your refund, unless you are happy for it to be put into parish funds.

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Piety Stall

Open every second Sunday of the month before and after each Mass

Income 28th May 2023

Loose Plate: £355.15 Gift Aid Envelopes: £90

Thank You

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

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

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

Income 28th May

Loose Plate £154

Gift Aid £ 57

Thank You

Baptism

ALL parents seeking Baptism for their child will be required to attend **preparation classes**; the next baptism course begins **TUESDAY 13th JUNE at 6.00pm**

If you have a child aged 3- 7 whom you would like baptised please register him/her for the Good Shepherd programme and speak to Canon Michael.

If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael about children's preparation classes.

The Good Shepherd

This wonderful, child centred Catechesis programme will begin in September, led by Peter Armstrong.

Do you have a child aged 3-7yrs? Would like them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through interactive, hands on, gentle and joyful, child-centred teaching?

Please take a registration form, available at the back of church, or from the office at St Joseph's, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE the sessions will NOT be on a Sunday during Mass.

First Holy Communion

Do you have a child aged 7+ attending Mass regularly and who would like to make their first Holy Communion? Please speak to Canon Michael about preparation classes for children and parents.

Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction

This will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday evening, after the 7.00pm Mass.

There will also be a shared table in the hall after Benediction.

Please join this wonderful witness of Faith – the more the merrier!

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday June 21st at 7.00pm to discuss "Conclave" by Robert Harris

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

St Joseph's & St Wilfrid's Summer Magazine

If you wish to submit anything for the summer magazine please email it to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk or place your contribution into an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through St Joseph's Presbytery door.

Deadlines for submissions – EXTENDED to JUNE 11th

Perhaps a family member has been Baptised, Received First Holy Communion, been Confirmed, or married in one of our churches this past year and you would like to share some of the experience, perhaps you have joined in with one of the groups and have a reflection on this?

All contributions which you feel may of interest to our parish readers are encouraged and welcomed in almost any form: - prose, poetry, commentary, song!

St Joseph's hall is available to hire for any event

Downstairs hall capacity 200 people
Lounge capacity 80 people
Upstairs Hall capacity 140 people
£20 per hour for each of the above
Small Room capacity 40 people at a rate of £15 per hour
We also have a recently refurbished kitchen area, tables, chairs, cutlery etc.
For all enquiries please email shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

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)

Diocesan Vacancies

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact them on: - 0191 243 3301

SPUC

Meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7,00pm in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

A Day for Catechists Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the new Directory for Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Saturday 15th July 2023, from 10am – 3pm. Refreshments are included, please bring a packed lunch.

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington, NE38 8AF.

Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s), visit <http://bit.ly/DHND0C23>

Vocations to the Priesthood

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 18th July, 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.
Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:
Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs *about* God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us.

The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith. We can only fumble in the dark in search of glimmers of light. “Two is company, three is a crowd” is a popular expression. The gospel would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem — the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God.

Seeing God will change us utterly, and this *salvation* is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realised in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that “in one Spirit we have access through Christ to the Father”. But the God’s reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f). For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen.