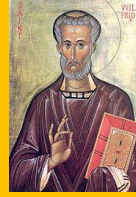


ALL ARE WELCOME at ST JOSEPH'S and ST WILFRID'S



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Today the 6th June 2021 is the Feast of Corpus Christi (OF)
Second Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	5 th June	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	6 th June			People of the Parish Guadalupe Lopez-Gambaa	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	7 th June	Bell & Cantwell Families	10.00am		
Tuesday	8 th June			Souls in Purgatory	12.05
Wednesday	9 th June			Pietro Lelli	12.05
Thursday	10 th June			Souls in Purgatory Requiem for Harold Rowland	7.45am 12.30pm (EF)
Friday	11 th June	George & Mona McGowan	10.00am	Priest's Intention	12.05
Saturday	12 th June	Priest's Intentions	5.00pm	Santiago Gonzales Perez	11.00am
Sunday	13 th June			People of the Parish Joe Ashby	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

CONFESSIONS: - WEDNESDAY AFTER MASS AND SATURDAYS 12-12.30

Please remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Mass Intentions:-drop a note to canon Michael if you would like a Mass said.

Altar Servers

Please speak to Canon Michael about resuming your service or about becoming an Altar Server

Baptism, 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

St Wilfrid's Piety

First Holy Communion medals, brooches, pens and other items are available at the back of church, cards are available in the kitchen

St Joseph's Piety Sale

At the back of church all items are offered at a reduced price, please place money in the box.

Church Cleaning

Even when Covid has disappeared, the church still needs to be cleaned. The more volunteers we have, the less you would be called upon. The Church is cleaned every 3 weeks. It would be better if the church could be cleaned fortnightly and so we need some more volunteers. Please give your name to the Canon if you can help.

We continue to be very thankful to all our volunteers who do a magnificent job welcoming you into Church and keeping it Covid safe and generally clean. It's not a glamorous role, but one which we need even more especially at this time. Without your help we could never have opened our churches.

Daily 'Touch Point' Cleaning

The church still requires all touch points to be cleaned after every Mass, please wait in the church if you can help to clean and a steward or team leader will hand out cleaning equipment to you.

The equipment has been moved from the porch to a central storage point to try and resolve the complaints about cleaning materials being *'all over the place'* and *'the church looking unwelcoming'*.

The removal or alteration of some of the other overtly conspicuous COVID security measures have also been undertaken with the best of intentions to try and restore a welcoming atmosphere, please bear with us as we try to return to as normal as possible whilst continuing to comply with government recommendations and keeping the congregation safe!!

Coming Soon to St Joseph's

Sung Evening Vespers

Watch this space for further information



Donations

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

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

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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.

St Joseph's Weekly Offertory Income 30th May 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory:- £240 Gift Aid Envelopes:- £75

Piety Stall:-£23.70 Candles:- £22.30

Donations for Security £600

Many Thanks

St Joseph's Security Plea

Thank you very much to all those who have donated to this fund, £650 donated this week covers the cost of the improved security to the gates and goes towards the updated CCTV cameras.

We continue to need to increase security measures by improving the fencing and updating the car park barrier.

If you can help towards this fund please mark your donations as 'Security'.

This urgent job will be very expensive, every penny counts!

Open Funds at St Joseph's January 1st – June 1st 2021

Security:-£1,260

Lourdes Garden:-£318

Poor of the Parish:-£78

Choir Loft:-£1,077

Gift Aid

The taxman adds 25p in every pound you donate. To find out more please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's or email gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

“As Covid restrictions slowly begin to lift, it is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission”
Please read the full statement to find out what, if anything can change for our churches.

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

As we welcome back to church many parishioners for whom the pandemic has proved a very isolating and lonely time please spare a moment to chat a while **outdoors** but **remember** to maintain **social distancing** especially if removing your mask to speak.

....., it is possible and advisable now to make a reassessment of the covid-secure capacity of churches based on the principles of **combination prevention**, specifically:

- **Continuing use of physical mitigations, especially face coverings continue to be worn and hand sanitiser used on entry**
- Evaluation of the virus prevalence in the local area
- **Good ventilation of the sacred space**
- **Local percentage of the population vaccinated**
- Any Covid-19 variants of concern in the local area
- Seating arrangements for family groups and bubbles

Based on these considerations, **some churches may conclude they can safely increase** the covid-secure **capacity of the building factoring** into the calculations **the mitigations of coverings, ventilation and vaccines** listed above (eg by making spacing 1m where there is good ventilation and good mitigation measures). In some churches, this reassessment may bring the covid-secure capacity up to 50% of that of the building. Risk Assessments should be dynamic, i.e., they should be refreshed and revised as circumstances change in the locality for the better (lower prevalence and risk of transmission) or worse (higher transmission risk.)

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The vaccination continues to be the light at the end of a long tunnel, the more of us vaccinated the more people we can have in church at any one time and the sooner we return to normality.

When you go for your vaccine against COVID you will probably not be given the choice of which vaccine you are to receive. We are assured by most Moral Theologians that we are NOT morally culpable in having any of the Covid vaccines on offer. However, I urge each of you to let the Vaccination team know that you are a Catholic and oppose the use of any by-products, no matter how distant the link, from aborted babies to be used at any point during the production of any vaccine, and urge them to make it known that we seek completely ethical methods of research and vaccine production.

As restrictions are slowly lifted it is essential in church that we continue to: -
cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly

Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

Proud Catholics

Bishop Robert has asked that we draw your attention to "Proud Catholics," established in November 2018, which is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. Members seek to encourage one another both in faith and in acceptance of their identity, with meetings at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle, or currently by Zoom. Meetings include Mass, prayer, reflection on the Scriptures, discussion of topics connected with faith and/or sexual/gender identity, and social time. Meetings are open to anybody supportive of the aims of the group. Proud Catholics also offers confidential advice and support to people who are questioning their sexual or gender identity, and to their families. For more information, please phone Isabel on 07858 934457,

Renewal of commitment for Extraordinary Ministers. Bishop Robert writes: Our usual practice is to invite Extraordinary Ministers to renew their commitment at Sunday Mass on the weekend of the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - this weekend. With emergence from lockdown still only partial, it seems sensible to postpone this until the Autumn when things will be clearer. It will also allow for our parishes to offer invitations for a re-commitment to the other liturgical ministries as part of a renewal programme. More details will follow later in June as the national picture becomes clearer.

Continuing the Journey (Beyond RCIA)

Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA? For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm beginning on June 30th. Each session will last for around 1¼ hours. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK> or contact Faith & Mission by email at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 Chaplain.

Keeping Up to Date

Are your contact details up to date? If you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please update things via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Stay up to date with diocesan news, visit their webpage at: [Diocesan eNewsletter archive \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](http://Diocesan eNewsletter archive (rcdhn.org.uk))

Year of St. Joseph- 8thDecember 2020 to 8th December 2021.

For more information please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. You can help by donating online

[athttp://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response)

The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for June 2021

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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