

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JUNE		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	11	6pm	Quinn and Wake families		
Sunday	12	10.30am	Polish Mass	10.00am 12 noon	Lawrence William Burton People of the Parish
Monday	13	10.00am	Mary Ellen Sidaway		
Tuesday	14			12.05pm	Alan Lowther
Wednesday	15			12.05pm	Mary Ward
Thursday	16			12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	17	10.00am	Ellen Swinburn	12.05 pm	George and Bernard Wright
Saturday	18	6.00pm	Private Intention	11.00am (EF)	Patricia McGuckin
Sunday	19	10.30am	Polish Mass	10.00am 12 noon (EF)	People of the Parish Jean Ingram

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Confessions after 12.05 Mass on Wednesday and Saturday 12 noon-12.30pm ST WILFRID'S before 6.00pm Mass Saturday

THE ROSARY is recited before Mass on Tuesday and Friday in Saint Joseph's

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

COLLECTIONS: .05.06. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £153.56

12.00 noon £193.66

Total £347.22

St Wilfrid's. £136.06. Bonus Ball £99.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer, Joe Beck and Betty Walker,.

REV JAMES MAWDSLEY FSSP will be ordained to the priesthood on July 2nd in Bavaria and is planning a series of First Masses around the county. He will celebrate a Solemn High Mass at St Joseph's on 13th July at 7pm and will give his first blessing after Mass. All welcome.

IF ONLY YOU KNEW WHAT I WAS OFFERING YOU A Day of reflection for extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion led by Pat Kennedy Saturday 2nd July 2016 10.30 am—3.30 pm. St. Aloysius Prince Consort Road, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. If you would like to attend please let Fr Brown know asap.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: SEATS AVAILABLE The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes travels on Friday 29th July, flying from Newcastle Airport, direct to Lourdes Tarbes Airport. There are still places available on the flights from Newcastle. Prices are inclusive of direct return flight, seven nights full board accommodation, en-suite rooms, and a full spiritual programme and start at £672 up to £899. Single rooms and Insurance are extra costs. For Booking Forms please contact 01732 886666 or for further information contact 01670 513410.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL WEEKEND There is still time to book for the Diocesan Festival 25th – 26th June at the Emmaus Village: Inspiring speakers for adults, activities for children and young people, Mass, music, opportunities for prayer, market place, ceilidh and more. Day bookings are welcome from individuals, families and parish groups for one or both days. While the chalet accommodation is now filled, there is plenty of room to camp and accommodation is available at Minsteracres (a short distance by car). Programme details on the diocesan website www.rhdn.org.uk or email festival@diocesehn.org.uk

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE) Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in. St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church

ASYLUM SEEKERS Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph's under the table near the side porch for anything you can give

GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE? If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic

Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don't worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Andrew's Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 1892

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)
4th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
11th /12th June 2016**

Venerable Matt Talbot
(1856-1925)

Matt can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism

Matt was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take "the pledge" for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt's first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt worked as a builder's labourer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions.

After 1923 his health failed, and Matt was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later Pope Paul VI gave him the title venerable.