

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	JUNE		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	17	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	18	10.30am	Polish Mass	10.00am	George & Elizabeth McDonald
				12 noon (EF)	Priest's Intention
Monday	19	10.00am	Sr Theresa Akpan DDL		
Tuesday	20			12.05pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	21			12.05pm	Frederick and Kathleen Butler
Thursday	22			12.05pm	Speedy Recovery of Lita Bartolome
Friday	23	10.00am	Holy Souls	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	24	5.00pm	Ray Holland	11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
Sunday	25	10.30am	Polish Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
				12 noon (EF)	Lawrence William Burton
				2.00pm	African Mass

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

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS : AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY & 12 NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY

ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM. 4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS: 11.06.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £186.68 Midweek £21.15
12 noon £188.15
Total £374.83

St Wilfrid's. £145.80 Donation £10

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers and Bernadette Hand

SYRIAN PROJECT. £1491.92 raised over the last year. Many thanks to all who contributed. The money will be sent to Aid to the Church in Need for the Catholic school in Damascus.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: None this week

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are invited to renew their commitment at Mass this weekend for the feast of Corpus Christi.

ST JOSEPH'S.

SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM. July 7th marks the 10th anniversary of the motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum* by Pope benedict XVI which gave freedom for use of the Extraordinary Form. There will be Mass on Friday 7th July at 7pm to mark the event and Leo Darroch, former president of Una Voce International, will give a brief talk after Mass assessing the progress made in the last ten years.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Three children who attend St Joseph's church will make their First Holy Communions at the 10.00 am Mass this Sunday.

APPEAL FOR UNIVERSITY OF KIKWIT (Congo, Democratic Republic)
Dr. Max Kupelesa, who is a Jesuit priest and the rector of the University of Kikwit in the Congo has appealed for help to raise funds to purchase computers through Computer Aid International. This is a UK based charity which sends reconditioned second hand computers to help to support students from poorer backgrounds. £55 will send a computer, or £90 will send a laptop. At present the University only has 4 computers in its IT department. We propose to hold a Prize Raffle to help to support this charity. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday and the draw will be held at the end of the month.

DIOCESE

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - APPEAL FOR NURSES

Due to increased requests from people needing nursing care and assistance on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses. Are you a nurse? Are you able to join us, do you know a nurse in your family, or a friends, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes? Are a registered Nurse or experienced Adult Carer ,who can give some time

over to helping sick people travel to Lourdes. If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410 www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

HALF-DAY RETREAT St. Anne's, Low Fell will be holding a half-day retreat with prayer and reflection on Saturday, 24th June in St. Anne's Church. This will be led by Sister Michael (Sisters of Mercy, Seaham) and will begin after 10.00 am Mass (following refreshments) at approx. 11.00 am until 3 pm. Please bring packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided). If you would like to attend, please send your name and contact details via the church email to info@stannesgateshead.org.uk. or telephone 0191 4913722.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2017 - EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE, ALLENSFORD The fifth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 June 2017 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. This year's theme is 'Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship'. Clare Dixon will speak about the life of Oscar Romero, whose centenary we celebrate this year. RISE Theatre will present a drama about this martyr of our own times. There will be talks from David Wells and Sr Judith Russi. It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. You are warmly invited to come and experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome. Booking forms are now available either from the back of church or can be downloaded at www.rcdhn.org.uk Online booking for non-residential attendees is also available on our website. For more information, email festival@diocesahn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE'S PLACE at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers. If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335. We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food

Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Gateshead Corpus Christi: Year A (OF) 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 17th /18th June 2017

Saint Thomas More (February 7, 1478 – July 6, 1535)

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head. More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, in fact, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants. King Henry himself realized this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But when Thomas More resigned as chancellor, unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king had to get rid of him.