

+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	18	6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	19			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon	Jean Ingram
Monday	20	10.00am	Mary Ellen Sidaway		
Tuesday	21			12.05pm	Thomas Kain
Wednesday	22			12.05pm	Frederick and Kathleen Butler
Thursday	23			12.05pm	Isabel Crilly's health
Friday	24	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05 pm	Ruby wedding of Sandra and Melvyn Watson and Dorothy and Alan Joyce
Saturday	25			11.00am (EF)	NO MASS
		6.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	26			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 2.00pm (African Mass)	Intentions of IMS

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Confessions after 12.05 Mass on Wednesday. None on 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK after Mass until 1.30pm

COLLECTIONS: 12.06. 16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £163.35

12.00 noon £173.92

Total £337.27

St Wilfrid's. £130.53. Donations £40.

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 and is planning a series of First Masses around the country. 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.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH VACANCIES

Safeguarding volunteer for St Joseph's. We need a volunteer to oversee safeguarding issues in the parish. If you think you can help please see Fr Brown. Further information available from the diocesan safeguarding office, tel. 0191 2433305

Foundation Governors. We need to appoint two foundation governors for St Joseph's school. To qualify you need to be a practising Catholic with an interest in the good of the school and it would be an advantage to have some relevant skill to offer. Please see Fr Brown or Bernadette Hirst if you are interested.

FINANCIAL RETURNS for the tax year ending April 6th 2016 are available to study on the noticeboard. Many thanks to John Appleby for all his work.

CATHEDRAL CLOSURE – ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE The Cathedral will be closed from Tuesday 21 June – Friday 24 June inclusive. This is to enable essential maintenance work to take place which, for reasons of public safety, cannot be undertaken whilst the Cathedral is open.

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.

DOMINICANS AT 800. As part of the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), the rising young choreographer Eliot Smith, a Catholic and a native of the North-East, has been commissioned to create a dance work on the life of St. Dominic, our founder. Spirit of Fire: the Passion of Dominic Guzman will be performed by Eliot Smith Company at St Dominic's Priory church, Newcastle, on Friday 1st July at 7.30 pm. The dancers will interpret St. Dominic's very bodily ways of prayer, his passionate concern for the poor and merciful preaching, themes still so relevant to the Church and the world today. The performance will include audience participation, as the dancers lead the audience in candlelit procession from the

garden to the church, and include music by Fr Dominic White OP. Tickets: £10 or £5 (concessions), available from www.eliotsmithcompany.com or on the door.

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.rchdn.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

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**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year C (OF)
5th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
18th /19th June 2016**

St. Thomas More (1478-1535)

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, he steadfastly refused to approve 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.

When the executioner offered to blindfold him, More said that he would do this himself. But after he had stretched his head over the low block—it was merely a log of wood—he made a signal to the man to wait a moment. Then he made his last joke: His beard was lying on the block and he would like to remove it. At least that had committed no treason. The heavy axe went slowly up, hung a moment in the air and fell.

Feast day 22nd June

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