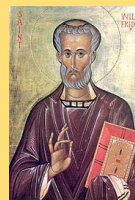


HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



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*Today the 20th June is the Twelfth Sunday of the Year B (OF)
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	19 th June	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	20 th June			People of the Parish Watchorn family	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	21 st June	Bell and Cantwell Families	10.00am		
Tuesday	22 nd June			Dorothy Devitt and Deceased members of the Devitt and Doherty families	12.05
Wednesday	23 rd June			Holy Souls	12.05
Thursday	24 th June			In honour and thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	7.45am
Friday	25 th June	No Mass	10.00am	Requiem for Patrick Murray	10.00am 12.05
Saturday	26 th June	First Holy Communion Priest's Intention	10.00am 5.00pm	No Mass	11.00am
Sunday	27 th June			People of the Parish Intentions of Rev Luke Wilkinson	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Baptisms, 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

Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and those who have died recently or for whom anniversaries occur now.

If you would like a Mass said for your intentions please speak to canon Michael or drop a note into the presbytery.

DAY for LIFE June 20th

We celebrate Day for Life on Sunday 20th June 2021. This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have each made sacrifices for the greater good during this pandemic. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life. Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come; it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

www.dayforlife.org Bishop John Sherrington

Christians & Muslims Pray for Peace in 2021

The annual service for women and children, which takes place annually in the historic Lady Chapel in Jesmond Dene, will, for 2021, be an online event only.

The event will be available for viewing from Saturday 26 June:

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/interfaith/interfaithconf.php>

Proud Catholics

"Proud Catholics," established in November 2018, 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, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit the [Proud Catholics website](#).

Urgent Settled Status for European citizens

The EU settlement scheme is open, you MUST apply BEFORE JUNE 30th

Please check <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eucitizens-families/eligibility>

You can apply now if you meet the criteria.

A Message from SPUC

Please, meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on **Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021**. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

22nd June Feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher

we remember those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights. Close friends, Thomas More and John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to King Henry VIII as the Head of the Church. As a result they were tried and convicted of treason and executed. Thomas More told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." Today we are not asked to die for matters of conscience but we are asked to live by them.

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

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

St Wilfrid's

Please keep in your prayers the children of St Wilfrid's who make their First Holy Communion next week.

**Confessions: -
before Mass on Saturday evening**

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

Children's Books to Borrow

At the back of church you will find a few suitable books for children to look at during Mass, if you borrow one please DO NOT put it back on the shelf but place it in the box at the back of church as you leave, this is in order for us to be able to 'quarantine' it for 14 days to mitigate against the transmission of germs.

Sung Evening vespers

Every First Sunday of the Month
Beginning on July 4th at 3pm



**Confessions: Wednesdays after Mass;
Saturdays from 12-12.30**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 11.00 – 12noon**

Church Cleaning

We would like to be able to clean the church fortnightly, to do so requires more volunteers, if you can commit to a Rota please give your name to Canon Michael or Pat Macgregor.

Weekly Offertory Income 13th June 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory:- £242
Gift Aid Envelopes:- £100
Piety Stall:-£1.50 Candles:- £36
Many Thanks

Changes

Please bear with us as we try to return the church to as normal a pre-Covid state as possible, whilst continuing to comply with government recommendations and keeping the congregation safe; the removal or alteration of some of the overtly conspicuous security measures have been undertaken with the best of intentions to try and restore a welcoming atmosphere.

Please continue to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting church and prior to receiving Holy Communion, continue to maintain social distancing, preferably of two metres, continue to follow the one way system and continue to wear a face mask throughout Mass.

Please sit in the benches where the kneelers are down and there is a yellow sticker in front of you. Please leave the kneelers down when you exit the church; this shows the cleaners where to clean and maintains the safety spacing required.

Please do not move any benches or chairs or change which kneelers are down and which are up - there is a method in our madness which is scuppered if you try to re-arrange things on a selfish whim!!

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

FACE, SPACE, HANDS

Daily 'Touch Point' Cleaning

Our churches still require 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.

Security

Thank you very much to all those who have donated so far, we are still in urgent need for funds in order to be able to improve the fencing right around the property perimeters and to update the secure entrance to the car-park. Canon Michael is having to ask people to vacate the steps of the church on an almost daily, sometimes twice or thrice daily basis, he is met with anti-social, sometimes confrontational behaviour and the continued littering to contend with, we owe it to our Parish Priest to be able to come and go around the church and his home grounds without feeling threatened.

Donations

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

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

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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.

Gift Aid Every Contribution, Make Your Tax Pay Back!!

Speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's or email

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Returning to a more vibrant Parish life

We are beginning to be able to think about returning to some form of normality, clubs and groups will soon be able to resume, if there are any leaders of activities who have thoughts about this and would like information to be put on the newsletter please email the parish office at:- gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

If you would like to begin/set up a group or activity please email Canon Michael to run your idea past him.

Groups previously in place

Community Choir and Clarinet Group (over 18)

Youth Choir and Musicians (age 7-18)

Young Catholic Sunday Lunch Club (age 18-30)

Book Club

Good Shepherd Classes (3-7yrs)

CMUK (Catholic Men UK)

Latin Mass Choir

“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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://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.

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

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

We are Half Way through the Year of St. Joseph

8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

If you wish to receive this newsletter by email please contact:

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