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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church Sunderland Road NE8 3QR

Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) 3td Sunday after Pentecost (EF) 26th June 2022

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	People of the Parish	5.00pm	•	
Sunday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>		creepin	Priest's Intention	10.00am
				Lucy Arevallo	Midday
				African Mass	2,00pm
Monday	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stanley Sosabowski	10.00am		
Tuesday	June 28 <sup>th</sup>			Francis Xavier	12.05pm
Wed St Peter and St Paul	June 29 <sup>th</sup> HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	People of the Parish	10.00am	Fr James Doherty & deceased of Doherty & Devitt families Iris Whyte	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)
Thursday	June 30 <sup>th</sup>			Stanley Sosabowski	7.45
Friday	July I <sup>st</sup>	Fr J. Park (NBF)	10.00am	Raymond Henderson	12.05pm
Saturday	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Daniela Lee (15 <sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving)	II.00am (EF)
Sunday	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>			People of the Parish	10.00am
				Holy Souls in Purgatory	Midday

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament THIS Wednesday 11 - 11.55

Benediction and Vespers 3.00pm FIRST Sunday of the Month African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

We welcome into the Catholic family Sapphire Rose Baxter who is baptised at St Wilfrid's on Saturday

## "If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law"

.Christianity does not allow for sentiments, or compromise, Christ requires us to be resolute in our determination to follow Him just as He was resolute to journey to Jerusalem knowing His fate, nothing and nobody could stand in His way, "When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." From this point on the Gospel of Luke is a journey narrative with the goal, Jerusalem, always in sight. For it is in Jerusalem that Jesus would suffer, die and rise again. He would be taken up, up to Calvary, up from the grave, up to heaven. Nothing was going to get in Jesus' way. He was determined to complete the work of the Father. He was determined to initiate the Kingdom of God. If the Samaritans didn't want to join in, so be it. That would not stop him. Nor was he going to let James and John, slow him down with their desire to show that they could share in his power and call down fire and brimstone on the Samaritans. Jesus rebuked them and carried on. Some people wanted to join Jesus. He told them that the journey would be vigorous. "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." He is saying that this journey will not be easy. Other people received a direct invitation from Jesus to join him on the journey. But they had excuses, "I've got to bury my father, I need to say goodbye to my family, and so forth." Jesus told them that nothing can prevent the true disciple from journeying with Him to Jerusalem, from journeying with Him to establish the Kingdom of God, from journeying with Him to the Cross, to the resurrection, to the Kingdom. We also need to journey with the Lord; we cannot allow anything to destroy our focus on the goal, the Kingdom of God. That means we have to be determined to fight off the pressure we have from those around us enticing us to join the "woke culture" and "politically correct" narrators when the message is in opposition to that of Christ. We have a bigger goal in mind, a greater good." We need to firm ourselves up and resolutely set our faces to follow the Lord. When Joshua led the Hebrews into the Promised Land and after all their enemies were conquered, he told them to choose God or choose the pagan idols, (Joshua 24:15) "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Everyone can become a vital member of the Kingdom of God. Everyone can be resolutely determined to join Jesus all the way, all the way to Calvary, all the way to the Kingdom. Every one of us can harness the power of God, the power of the Spirit, and complete the monumental task we have been created to perform. We can do all that God wants of us in our lives, but we have to be determined, we have to set our faces like flint and look towards the ultimate goal of our lives; service of God who cannot be relegated to a small corner of life, but be central to every part of it, to every decision we ever make, every example we ever set, every word which forms on our tongues and every thought we ever have. We should not be content with a religion of minimums, fulfilling only the essential, but of following, trying to live "with the air of Jesus and not with the air that blows the most". There is one thing that is truly important in life: "God".

The second reading today reminds us that with every freedom comes responsibility; we all value the freedoms we have to live lives in safety and comfort, we applaud the laws which ensure our rights to equal and fair treatment, however we cannot be free if our freedoms trample upon those of others. The rights of an unborn child are as important as those of adults and we as adults have a duty to defend those who cannot defend themselves. It may not be "woke" or popular to be anti-abortion, but it is right, so today we thank God for the reversal of the Roe V Wade ruling in America which at long last has recognised that the killing of an unborn child is not a right of its mother.

Let us keep in our prayers all those who have felt pressure, externally or internally, to have an abortion, may they feel the peace of Christ in their hearts and be healed by His endless love

We pray also for all those innocent lives lost through the misguided and selfish freedoms of the adults taken without any thought to responsibilities

Are You Being Called? You might be thinking: "I've got this niggling feeling that Our Lord might be asking me to follow him by thinking of the priesthood. What can I do to find out?" Visit the Diocesan webpage <u>Priesthood - Diocese of</u> <u>Hexham &amp; Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk)</u>	
<b>Blessed John Ingram</b> 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk takes place July 24 <sup>th</sup> why not join in? John Ingram was martyred here in Gateshead and we	
have a plaque dedicated to him at the back of St Joseph's church where you will also find some leaflets about him. The piety stall sells cards and Rosary beads featuring Blessed John Ingram as well as a few copies of a book about his life written by Fr Paul Zielinski.	
The Catholic Herald, which is now a monthly magazine, is on sale in the porch at a cost of £5	

Bishop Paul McAleenan who has special responsibility for migrants and is Chair of the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops' Conference made this statement on June 14th 2022: The UK's plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called the 'loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based'. The plan is presented as a humanitarian response to combat people trafficking and smuggling yet the result will compound the suffering of those who are already victims. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing victims. This scheme will increase the difficulties of those hoping for a new beginning, and it does nothing to address the problems which cause people to flee their homes. Migration is a complex issue, but it is not resolved by delegating our roles and responsibilities to other countries. Our starting point should be the innate dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. Whether or not the flight to Rwanda takes off today we are now in a new situation. With greater force we insist that asylum seekers are not commodities for profit, nor are they problems to be rejected and deported by government. Instead we should be guided by the four verbs provided by Pope Francis in our approach to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, protect, promote and integrate'.

## **Diocesan Vacancies**

Safeguarding Advisor – full-time, permanent. Closing date for applications: 27 June 2022 Refugee Project Cocoordinator – part-time (18 hours), initial 12- month contract. Closing date for applications: 4 July 2022 Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

St Wilfrid's Summer Garden Party Save the date AUGUST 14 <sup>th</sup>	BEGINNING in SEPTEMBER	
We are planning a summer garden party with a shared table, teas/coffees and refreshments for all. We are seeking tombola and raffle prizes for the event, please be as generous as you can be. Prizes may be left in	<b>The Good Shepherd catechesis programme</b> For children aged 3-7yrs proposed beginning Monday I2 <sup>th</sup> September 4pm	
the church porch or handed to Steven Hogarth.	Baptism and First Holy Communion preparation sessions	
Teas and Coffees are served in the John Ingram room after Mass on Saturday and in the hall after Mass on Tuesday, please come and join us, ALL are welcome	<ul> <li>For any child over the age of 7 who would like to be baptised or received into the church and/or to make their first Holy Communion, beginning Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 4.15pm</li> <li>Youth Choir For children aged 8-13yrs, no experience necessary, just an interest in singing, date and time to be arranged For all of the above parents MUST REGISTER their children BEFORE END of AUGUST. Registration forms are available at the back of church or from the office and must be returned to the office.</li></ul>	
<b>Book Club</b> We are reading 'The Monk', a novel by Matthew Lewis and will meet to discuss on Wednesday July 20 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm all are welcome.		
CMUK/St Joseph's Men Meet on Saturday mornings at 7.00am for Exposition, Bible reading and breakfast, all are welcome to Exposition and all men are welcome to Bible and breakfast.		
New Parishioner and Updated Information Please complete one of the forms available at Church and send back to us. If you want this form emailed to you, please let us know and then you can complete it on your own computer and email it back to us.	Weekly Income for 19th June 2022 St Joseph's Loose Plate Collection: £ 380.25 Gift Aid Envelopes: £60 Votive Candles: £20.50 Rental income: Room: £24 Donation: £20	
Peter's pence	flowers: £4.44 Life collection: £42.70	
<b>Extra collection this weekend,</b> for the pope's apostolic and charitable ministry.	St Wilfrid's Loose Plate: £179.60 Gift Aid: £60	
How can we make our church community more vibrant and welcoming? How can we encourage others to become members of our community? How can we support each other on our faith journey? If you have any ideas for groups or clubs or activities you would like to see set up	Donation: £10 Candles:	
or be part of please email the office. Don't forget about the Mexican family fun afternoon coming up on September 11 <sup>th</sup> – SAVE the DATE	If you have anything you would like to be put in the newsletter please email or hand in to the office before mid-day on a Thursday.	