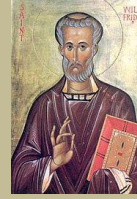




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*Today the 27th June is the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year B (OF)
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	26 th June	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	27 th June			People of the Parish Intentions of Rev Luke Wilkinson	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	28 th June	Bell and Cantwell Families	10.00am		
Tuesday	29 th June			Fr James S Doherty and Deceased members of the Doherty and Devitt families People of the Parish	10.00 (EF) 12.05
Wednesday	30 th June			In Honour and Thanksgiving to Our Lady	12.05
Thursday	1 st July			Michael and Sarah on their Wedding Day	7.45am
Friday	2 nd July	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Patrick Murray	12.05
Saturday	3 rd July			Intentions of LMS	11.00am
		Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	4 th July			People of the Parish Monica Tibaduiza	10.00am Midday (EF)

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.

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 the children of St Wilfrid's who made their
First Holy Communion on Saturday morning.

St Wilfrid's

Confessions: -
before Mass on Saturday evening

Piety
items are available at the back of church; cards
are available in the kitchen

St Joseph's

FIRST MASS

The Rev Luke Wilkinson will be ordained a priest for the diocese on June 29th.
On Sunday 4th July, Fr Wilkinson will celebrate the EF Mass at St Joseph's.
Congratulations to Fr Luke. Ad multos annos!

Sung Evening vespers and Benediction

Join us at St Joseph's Beginning on July 4th at
3pm everybody is welcome, the more the
merrier!



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

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

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.

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 20th June 2021:-

Loose Plate Offertory:- £242
Gift Aid Envelopes:- £100
Collection for 'Life':-£68 Candles:- £36
Many Thanks

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.

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

Helpful Suggestions are Always Welcome

There are many people working, both behind the scenes and in full view, to ensure the atmosphere within our buildings is welcoming, secure and safe for all, especially during these most difficult of times. Helpful suggestions to enable our churches to remain open and covid secure whilst also maintaining the spiritual sanctity of the space are always welcome; however constant criticism is wearing and damaging for all concerned.

"The pleasure of criticizing takes away from us the pleasure of being moved by some very fine things." – Jean de La Bruyère

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



New Altar Servers

We are always looking for and encouraging new people to join our team of altar servers in both parishes. If anyone is willing to join our team at St Joseph's or at St Wilfrid's, please contact Canon Michael

PETER'S PENCE:

The annual second collection for St Peter's Pence takes place on Tuesday 29th June, you are unable to attend Mass on this day, but would still like to contribute to this cause, please put your donation into a labeled envelope and either, pop it through the presbytery door anytime after Tuesday, or put it on the collection plate on Sunday.

Donations

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

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

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Account Number 01164120

Account Number 31164066

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.

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.

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

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 must apply now if you meet the criteria.

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>

URGENT A Message from SPUC URGENT

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

"Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village is hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.

Catholic Awards for Young People

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle offers our young people the opportunity to witness to their faith in their local and parish Communities by participating in **two award schemes**. Young people aged 10-18 years old (Year 6 - 13) can take part in the **Faith in Action Award** through their school, parish or organisation. The Faith in Action Award is accessible to, and inclusive of, all young people, regardless of academic ability. The **Pope St John Paul II Award** is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people to become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deeper level with Christ. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them. For further information speak to canon Michael.

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



Thank You

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent Diocesan Church Collection in aid of St Joseph's Home (Newcastle). We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers. Mother Deirdre and The Community.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith .

This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools.

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

“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.

Pope's Intention for the Month of July Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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

CAFOD Appeal

You can help by donating online

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response>

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](#).

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

gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

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

We are Half Way through the Year of St. Joseph

8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

For more information please visit:



" Namaste" - "I see you and I recognize you are a temple of the living God." ([1 Corinthians 3:16](#)).