

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

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**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES**

	MARCH		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	2	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	3			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	Colin Woodward
Monday	4	10.00am	Florence Rainbow		
Tuesday	5			12.05pm	Intentions of Jovita Udeh
Wednesday	6			12.05pm	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday	7			12.05pm	Jamrs Appleby
Friday	8	10.00am	Fr John McElhone (NBF)	11.30am	Stations of the Cross
				12.05pm	Dr & Mrs CC Obiefule
Saturday	9	5.00pm	Priest's Intention	11.00am EF	Holy Souls
Sunday	10			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Angelina Edgar

**CONFESSIONS** ST. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.

ST WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

**COLLECTIONS:** St Wilfrid's Collection £164 Gift Aid £67

St Joseph's Collection £773 (Offertory £475)

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** At St Wilfrid's: Bobby, Molly & Mary Shaw.

At St Joseph's: End of abortion/protection of the unborn

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** Classes will resume as soon as possible. We apologise for the delay and remain hopeful for first Holy Communion to take place in the late spring/early summer.

**FIRST COMMUNICANT'S TASK FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> February**

- Continue following all the instructions you have been given so far.
- Take your copy of the Lenten workbook and start the activities

**BOOK CLUB.** The next meeting will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm when we will discuss A.N. Wilson's biography of Hilaire Belloc. All welcome

**ST JOSEPH'S**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Friday at 11.30am.

**NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY** The next meeting will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the parish hall when Claire Marsland Curator at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Durham will talk about '*The Fabric of resistance*' looking at the surviving vestments made for Catholic worship during penal times.

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

The books have been removed to check for damage and to be repaired or removed as necessary. If you have any suitable books which you no longer use please consider donating them, leave them in the office. If anyone has a forward facing book case they no longer need it would be gratefully received.

**DONATIONS APPEAL** Thank you to those who have contributed. So far the total for St Joseph's Debt fund is £1230.

**ST WILFRID'S**

St Patrick, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards are on sale at the back of Church or in the kitchen. First Holy Communion medals and Prayer cards are also now on sale.

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## **DIOCESE**

LOUDfence. St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March.  
Welcome to All.

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30 Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

**3rd Sunday of Lent Year B (OF)**

**3rd Sunday of Lent (EF)**

**2nd /3rd March 2024**

**Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.”

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slavewoman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Feast day 7th March [Franciscanmedia.org](http://Franciscanmedia.org)