

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

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**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES**

	MAR		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	4	5.00pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	6			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 3.00pm	Deceased members of Darroch and McCourt families Holy Hour and Benediction
Monday	6	10.00am	Stephanie Short		
Tuesday	7			12.05pm	Bob Reed
Wednesday	8	9.45 am	REQUIEM (Polish)	12.05pm <i>Anointing Mass</i>	In thanksgiving MD
Thursday	9			12.05pm	John Connolly
Friday	10	10.00am	Maria, Cathy and Jackie Bell	12.05 pm	Fr Leo Coughlin
Saturday	11			11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
		5.00pm	Billy Douglas		
Sunday	12			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Fr Seamus Doyle
				4.00pm	Stations of the Cross

**CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS AFTER 12.05 MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND 12**

**NOON TO 12.30PM ON SATURDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEFORE MASS ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAINT JOSEPH'S**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS**

**COLLECTIONS: .26.02.17 St Joseph's**      10.00am: £225.46      Midweek £51.12

12 noon      £200.54

Total      £426.00

St Wilfrid's. £136.10 Donation £5

**Please remember** our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers, Bernadette Hand and Alexis May Miller

**SYRIAN PROJECT.** £823.68 raised so far. *Next collection March 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS:** Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to the housebound parishioners in Fellingate Care Home's on Friday morning this week.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** for children who do not attend Catholic schools. The next session, led by Sr Jacinta, will take place on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the presbytery at St Wilfrid's.

**CARETAKER/CLEANER VACANCY** The parish of St Joseph's requires a part-time caretaker/cleaner to provide total caretaking and cleaning duties for the parish centre. The post holder will have the ability to provide a high standard of cleaning; will be self-motivated with a good sense of responsibility and the ability to work with minimum supervision. Previous caretaking and cleaning experience is essential. 5 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. For an application form visit [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) ☐ 0191 243 3301 or Email: [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) The closing date for applications is 8 March.

**ST MARTIN MAGAZINE.** New issue available at the back of church.

**NEW STATUE.** The new statue at the back of church depicts St Martin de Porres.

**FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE.** Forward Together in Hope announced its findings. Gateshead combines with Lobley Hill, Whickham and Dunston in a Parish Partnership.

**ST WILFRID'S**

**BONUS BALL;** There are numbers available for both days, if you would like to join please see Richard at the back of Church. This is a good source of income for the Parish so please consider joining if you haven't already!!!

**PIETY STALL;** New stock is available at the back of Church including First Holy Communion and Confirmation Cards; St.Patrick's and Easter Cards. Other new stock is also available including various Prayer Cards and other items so please do have a look.

**REPAIRS:** By Law (Disability Discrimination Act 1995) the Hearing Loop System, which has been broken for a number of years needs to be fixed. And of course Father's mic needs to be replaced!! We are blessed in this parish by people who pay for repairs and items out of their own pockets. Some of the costs will be met by acts of fundraising but to ease the burden we are asking for donations. So if you would like to contribute then you are more than welcome to do so. Please make any donation to St. Wilfrid's R.C. Church and please make it clear you would like the money for Church Improvements. Thanks.

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time Chief Operating Officer following the retirement of the current post-holder. The successful candidate will have a relevant degree or business qualification and general strategic and operational business management experience gained at Director/Chief Operating Officer level. They will be an experienced leader with a credible corporate or third sector background and they will bring an understanding of the accountabilities of the Diocese as a charity and an appreciation for its spiritual and pastoral role in the lives of the people and communities it serves. Salary £70,000. Further information and details of how to apply are available at [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us: Tel: 0191 243 3301 or email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) The closing date for applications is 15 March 2017

**GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT : JOE'S PLACE** at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Gateshead is open every Wednesday, from 10am -1pm offering food and a warm welcome to needy and vulnerable people. We urgently need more volunteers. If you would like to find out more, pop in and talk to one of our volunteers on a Wednesday or please contact our secretary Wilf McNeany on 07748118335. We do need your support to continue providing this service. There is also a container at the back of church for donations of packet or tinned food.

## Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid Gateshead

**First Sunday of Lent: Year A (OF)**

**First Sunday of Lent (EF)**

**4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **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—waterpot 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 girl 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 March 3rd

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