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First Sunday in Lent 6th March 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 5 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	March 6 th			People of the Parish Leslie Sherer Vespers and Benediction	10.00am 12.00 3.00pm
Monday	March 7 th	Fr Malcolm Cairns (NBF)	10.00am		
Tuesday	March 8 th			Joan Bain	12.05pm
Wed	March 9 th			Diane Clark	12.05pm
Thursday	March 10 th			Billy & Anne Sheridan	7.45am
Friday	March 11 th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Philip Sheridan	12.05pm
Saturday	March 12 th	Bell and Cantwell Families	5.00pm	Fr Hugo Estrada	11.00am
Sunday	March 13 th			Priest's Intention People of the Parish	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Wednesday after Mass; Saturdays from 12-12.30

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament @ St Joseph's Wednesday 11.00am

Temptation has been there from the beginning of time and is a part of our life. The temptations of Jesus in today's gospel lead us to the conclusion that temptation itself is not a sin. Temptation becomes sin only when we yield to it.

We are human and we get tempted regardless of our religious belief and experience. Our Lord Jesus himself faced temptations immediately after one of the most profound religious experiences of his life. Jesus heard the voice of God His Father at the time of his baptism in the river Jordan. Pleased by his great humility to come to John to be baptized, God the Father declared that Jesus was his beloved Son. It must have been a moment of divine illumination that many of us hope and pray for. Besides, after such an experience, a person may naturally hope to enjoy harmony and peace in his life. But Jesus was led by God into the wilderness to be tempted and go through inner struggle and pain for forty days.

Jesus was not in the desert by accident. He was led into the desert by the Spirit of God. The text says, "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the river Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil." Jesus was exactly where God the Father wanted him to be, and while there in the midst of spiritual preparation for his ministry, he was tempted. Jesus, the Son of God, was being tempted because his incarnation required that he was put to the test like any one of us. We see him weary, vulnerable and struggling. His love for God the Father needed testing to make him strong and victorious. The temptations of Jesus remind us that the more we surrender to God, the more we are tested in our faith in Him. Have you wondered sometimes why that, although you have been very faithful to the Lord and have tried to do exactly what He would want you to do, yet you find yourself in great trials, hardships, tests and temptations? Let us remember, even after a profound religious and spiritual experience and despite our faithfulness to God, we could still be led by Him to be tempted. God puts us where He wants us to be and tests our love for Him and others. But He would not test us beyond what Jesus himself had not been tested.

Jesus' temptations were to turn stone into bread to feed his hunger; to throw himself down from the parapet of the temple to be protected by angels and to worship the devil to possess all the kingdoms and power in the world. In other words, the devil tried to entice Jesus by offering food, wealth, power and glory. He was tempted to compromise his mission for earthly pleasures and things. Let us not look at those temptations as just passing temptations, but temptations which Jesus had to fight off throughout all his earthly life. In fact many other times during his life on earth, Jesus had really been tempted to compromise his mission and love for God. For instance, the Pharisees asked him to perform a miracle to show that He was the Son of God but Jesus knowing their intention refused. When he had miraculously fed a great crowd, they wanted to make him their king but he went off to the hills by himself. When he was on the cross, they called out to him, "Save yourself if you are God's Son, come down from the cross." But Jesus showed himself totally faithful to God. Jesus chose His Father's will over the temptations to pursue an easier path. Clearly, in varying forms these temptations of Jesus can come into our lives too. We could be tempted to compromise our gospel values and beliefs, give up our faith and convictions to gain material things, wealth, power and glory. But like Jesus we too can overcome such temptations. Today's gospel suggests that we can use the scriptures as a weapon to fight the devil. Each time Jesus replied to the temptation of Satan by quoting the scriptures. His responses to all the temptations revolve around his complete dedication to God and His Word. Responding to the first temptation he said, "One does not live on bread alone". It was a temptation for Jesus to doubt the goodness and providence of God. Jesus did not give into sin in order to satisfy his physical needs but rather trusted that God would provide for his needs if he sought to do things God's way. Confronting the second temptation he said, "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." This was a temptation for Jesus to bypass the cross and gain power. But Jesus chose to obtain power by his total submission to God. Challenging the third temptation he said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." The temptation was to test the power of God the Almighty. Jesus once again did not give into the demand of the devil. Temptation simply presents us with a choice. It is said that while temptation is the devil's weapon to destroy us, God wants to use it to shape us. If the Lord Jesus used the Scriptures to challenge the devil, surely it is to the Scriptures that we too must turn for understanding Church doctrines and teachings. The Word of God is the primary source of our faith and life. If we apply the Word of God to every circumstance in our life we too can emerge victorious from fierce temptations. As we battle with temptations every day, we pray that God may help us to be focused like Jesus and guide us to learn His Word better so we can have victory over temptation.

Fr Valan

If you know of anybody who is **ill** or **housebound** and would like **a visit from Canon Michael** for **confession** or to receive **Holy Communion** please notify the office.



Please **pray** for all the **children** who are **preparing** to make their **First Confession and Holy Communion** this year.
Remember their families in your prayers too

Prayers for: - anniversaries occurring at this time; the sick and recently deceased; for peace; for refugees; for Ukraine

The **Piety Stall at the back of St Joseph's** is open most Sundays after Mass, selling cards, Rosary beads and medals. All profit made from sales in the piety stall are fed back into the Parish funds, so every penny helps. Thank You.

ST.WILFRID'S;
A limited number of Easter cards are now available in the kitchen. Stations of the Cross booklets and St Patrick's Day cards are available at the back of Church.

In response to appeal for help from Ukraine and Poland, the Polish Centre in Newcastle is organising a collection of new, unused goods. The full list of things needed (based on information from aid providers) is published on the [Polish Centre Facebook profile](#), there is also a list in the church porch. These goods will be sent to Poland to the organization helping Ukrainian refugees, they will be distributed to the centres providing temporary accommodation for Ukrainian families in Poland or depending on needs, will be sent to Ukraine.

Donations can be delivered to Polish Centre in Newcastle, 2 Maple Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7SF **until Sunday 13 March 2022** or the organizers can collect them from a designated address (with prior arrangements). In regards of any potential collection please contact Mr Mariusz Biziewski 07907 450897.

We would be very grateful if you could support our collection for those in a great need.

If you need more information about this collection, please contact to coordinator Mr Wojciech Ploszaj (phone number 07549 530775) We would be very grateful if you could support our collection for those in a great need.

God Bless,

Fr Jan Swietek, Polish Church and Chaplaincy

[Polish community offer support to Ukrainians fleeing their country - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](#)

NEXT WEEKEND there will be an EXTRA COLLECTION for AID to the CHURCH in NEED UKRAINE APPEAL, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. Further information can be found on their website [Aid to the Church in Need | Emergency appeal for Ukraine \(acnuk.org\)](#)

St Wilfrid's Primary School has shared some of their wonderful displays linked to 'The Year of Mark'. See it on the Diocesan Webpage [St Wilfrid's Primary School Gateshead produce Year of Mark display - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://St Wilfrid's Primary School Gateshead produce Year of Mark display - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))

CAFOD's Walk for Hunger Campaign

The school has also booked Gateshead Stadium to run / walk laps for CAFOD's Walk for Hunger Campaign this Lent. Look out in the upcoming issues of the Northern Cross for a report on this event!

Book Club: Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm.

ALL are welcome to this informal, fun, lively discussion group. We will be discussing the first two short stories from the book 'Complete Stories' by Flannery O'Conner



The Tuesday club is back.

Everyone is very welcome to join us in St Joseph's hall after Mass on Tuesday for tea/coffee and snacks, company and friendship.



Weekly Income for 27th February 2022

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £315.10

Gift Aid Envelopes: £202.80 Votive Candles: £29.82

Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £10

Donation: £55.31 African Mass- £191.37

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate: £197 Gift Aid: £47 Candles: £14

Security Donations £200



A huge Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the security appeal at St Wilfrid's, your generosity is very much appreciated as £330 has been donated so far.

No matter how shiny they are, 5ps are fiddly and a nuisance to carry around in your wallet, purse or pocket!!

Why not collect them in a jar instead?

There are some suitable jars at the back of church and once you have filled them please return jar and its contents to church – Thank you for your donation!!

Oh, and you are very welcome to the solution of what to do with loose change!!



Gift Aid Appeal

We have just moved into March and there are 5 Sundays before the end of the Tax year.

On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank all those who have used the Gift Aid Scheme to obtain, much needed funds, for the Parish.

The Parish is always looking for new members to join the Gift Aid Scheme. if you are a UK Tax Payer The Diocese can claim back 25% of your offertory donation in tax relief.

I would like to dispel some misconceptions that might prevent people from joining.

1 There is no fixed sum that you have to agree to; the amount you give can vary each week, just give what you can afford.

2 HMRC will not bother you over Gift Aid. The limit you can claim is 4 times what you pay in a tax year.

So why not join the scheme and contribute more to the Parish and it won't cost you anymore.

Application forms will be available after the 10-00-clock Mass and in the presbytery after all other Masses.

Mr. Alan Young

Church Cleaning

Before covid we had a team of wonderful ladies who cleaned the church every Friday after Mass. This team is no longer able to continue with the usual weekly clean.

We need volunteers to clean our church regularly, at least once a week would be best.

If you are fit and able with some time to give to the church please consider volunteering, email Canon Michael with your name, contact details and the days and times you are free to help out.

Thank You

Don't forget to look at the Parish website [St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website \(stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk\)](http://St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website (stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk))