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**Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church**  
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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*Third Sunday in Lent 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cantwell and Bell Families	5.00pm		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Lent	March 12 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish Special Intention	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)
Monday	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Recovery of F.M.	10.00am		
Tuesday Sts Perpetua & Felicity	March 14 <sup>th</sup>			Recovery of F.M.	12.05pm
Wed St John of God	March 15 <sup>th</sup>			Wellbeing of Verina Telford	12.05pm
Thursday St Francis of Rome	March 16 <sup>th</sup>			Private Intention (R&D)	12.05pm
Friday St Patrick	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Intentions of Joseph Patrick Devitt	12.05pm
Saturday St Joseph	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intentions	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS	11.00am (EF)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> in lent Mother's Day	March 19 <sup>th</sup>			People of the parish Souls in Purgatory	10.00am 12.00 noon (EF)

"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

Exposition @ St Joseph's every Wednesday 11.00am - 11.55

African community Mass last Sunday of the Month 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or have recently died

## St Joseph's

### Church Cleaning Volunteers

**PLEASE NOTE** cleaning takes place on a:-  
**Saturday** morning **between 9.30am and 10.30am**  
and **after confessions until 1.45pm**  
**Tuesday** straight after **12.05 Mass until 2.00pm**  
**ONLY**

This is to ensure health, safety and fire regulations as well as safeguarding guidelines are adhered to, to make it easier to co-ordinate and to allow Canon Michael some undisturbed privacy.

If you wish to help with the cleaning and have not yet filled in a volunteer form please do so before helping out. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Saturday post Mass coffee

Please note Canon Michael often requires the John Ingram room for meetings on a Saturday afternoon, and/or he needs to know the premises have been vacated and made secure before he can retire to his rooms for much needed rest and relaxation, he therefore respectfully asks that everything is cleared and put away and the **premises vacated by 2.00pm** at the very latest.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

### 50/50 Draw Buy Your Tickets NOW – See Angela Gallagher

For only £10 get one chance in ALL THE 10 MONTHLY DRAWS. From March-December 23.

You can of course buy more chances by buying more tickets.

The pot from each draw will be split as follows:  
50% to St Joseph's fund and 50% divided between prizes.

1<sup>st</sup> prize 35%  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize 10%  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize 5%

The Monthly draw can be on any allotted day of the Month from a random generator.

You can always join at any period of time for example if you join August you will be entered into six draws.

### Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

### Income 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

£634 of which £85 was Gift Aided and £152 was for heating fund

Thank You

## St Wilfrid's

### Sr Vivien

Sr Vivian leaves on Wednesday to spend time with her family following the death of her mother Anastasia Ukah. We wish Sr Vivian a safe journey to and a happy stay in Nigeria as she travels home for a family visit. Please keep her and her family in your prayers and we pray for her mother's eternal rest.

### First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

### Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

### Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

### Income 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Loose Plate £197.70 Gift Aided- £56  
Donation of £50 for heating piety £13  
Thank You

### Confirmation Classes

The initial meeting will be an opportunity for young people and their parents to find out a little more about this sacrament and how the classes will be organized. If you are thinking about receiving the sacrament of Confirmation but have not yet filled in a form, because you want more information, or have any questions, then this meeting is for you and your parents too!

**THIS SUNDAY at 5.00pm.**

### BOOK CLUB:

Next meeting, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm All welcome. We are reading "A River of Light", by Carlos Caso-Rosendi, the Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

### SPUC

The Gateshead branch meets **every second Wednesday** of the **Month at 7,00pm** in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

### Hiring St Joseph's Church Hall

The hall is available for anyone to hire at a cost of £20 per hour, if you would like to hire the hall for any event please email the office.

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Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

**The thirsting soul:** Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

**A sacramental washing:** Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet, I need continuing help, to keep my spirit alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, I suffer from thirst; I grow weary in confronting problems and temptations, Jesus guarantees me the "living water" I need. His own Spirit is always at hand, as a force of encouragement and fidelity.

**"To dwell in the house of the Lord":** Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious skepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning aside from sin, and trying to live by the gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.

**Children's Catholic Activity Youth Club  
Calling children aged 7-11 (KSI &2)**

Sadly, due to a lack of response/interest this cannot begin. If you would like to see something of this nature up and running in our parish please email [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk) with your comments or to register your children.

**Stations of the Cross**

During Lent these will take place at 11.00am on Friday mornings at St Joseph's Church.

*DIOCESAN SURVEY: The investigation commissioned by the Vatican Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. The survey will run until Monday 27 March 2023 and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrjlt8SCxNq5> or through the Diocesan website. Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese.*

**Vocations to the Priesthood**

**Discernment Evenings**

Tuesday 4th April, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk)

Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

**Standing Order**

Would you like to set up a Standing Order so that your Offering to the Church comes directly out of your Bank Account automatically? Please contact the Parish Office for Bank Details, it would be helpful for us to know that you are doing so or have done this with a quick message to the parish office.

**Catholic Nursing Home Vacancies**

There are vacancies in the Catholic Nursing Homes run by St Cuthbert's Care -

St Catherine's Home in Newcastle and Holy Cross Home in Sunderland. Should you wish to know more information, please contact Gill Ennis, St Cuthbert's Care Registered Manager, on 07779 248 185 and she will be delighted to help.

**Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels**

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools. Appeal panel members hear parents appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you: are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher; have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions; have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting); are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email - [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk) or give them a call on 0191 2433313.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese

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