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Second Sunday in Lent 13th March 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 12 th	Bell and Cantwell families	5.00pm		
Sunday	March 13 th	Stations of the Cross on Friday after 12.05 Mass.		Priest's Intention People of the Parish	10.00am Midday
Monday	March 14 th	Billy & Anne Sheridan	10.00am		
Tuesday	March 15 th			Billy & Anne Sheridan	12.05pm
Wed	March 16 th			Billy & Anne Sheridan	12.05pm
Thursday St Patrick	March 17 th			Sean's exams	7.45am
Friday	March 18 th	Fr Malcolm Cairns (NBF)	10.00am	Sean's exams	12.05pm
Saturday St Joseph	March 19 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of Joseph Devitt	11.00am
Sunday	March 20 th			People of the Parish Warapom Puhmdi	10.00am Midday

"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
Stations of the Cross EVERY Friday after Mass throughout Lent**

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: - Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; Needy & Hungry; Penitents; Wanderers; WORLD PEACE

“A Lenten Journey.”

At first, it was a very popular event, Jesus preaching on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, so many people that he had to ask Peter for use of his boat to pull out a bit from the shore.

And there he spoke of the coming of the Kingdom of God, words of healing and compassion, of hope and the dawn of a new world unfolding.

And people were enthralled by the wonders that he worked in healing the sick of body and of heart. Could it be the beginning of the Messianic Age?

But as Jesus journeyed north, further and further away from the city of Jerusalem, the crowds grew smaller and things began to change.

It seems that God does not need nor want popular heroes to change the world, apparently what God needs and wants are givers not takers, a suffering servant, one who gives his heart and soul, his whole self.

And all this was very painful news for his disciples who were arguing among themselves as to whom was the greater among them.

They begin to wonder and doubt as the crowds of people begin to leave Jesus as he journeys south towards the city of Jerusalem, telling his disciples along the way that he must go there to suffer and to die.

They did not understand what he was talking about.

And as they walk along with Jesus, we see how delicately and quietly Jesus continues to reach out to people, to the sick, the wounded of body and soul, reaching out to the lonely and supporting the faint hearted.

But most of all, he lives with them, walks and talks with them, shares their joys, their laughter, their tears and his own tears with them.

Jesus knows it is the only way to be: to live, to love, to work to change the world for the better.

Jesus does not offer hope for a new world, Jesus is the new world: “the word made flesh and dwelling amongst us.” God will always be with us, otherwise he is not God. The Bible says God is love, and he shares his gift of love with everyone.

As today’s Gospel begins, Jesus takes Peter, John and James with him up the mountain to pray.

And while he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became white. And two men were conversing with him, Moses the Lawgiver, and Elijah the Prophet who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but now becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus: “Master it is good that we are here: let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. But he did not know what he was saying.

And suddenly, while he was speaking, a cloud (sign and symbol of the presence of God) came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

And from the cloud came a voice that said: “This is my chosen Son: listen to him!”

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

The disciples fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

And despite Peter’s request to remain on the mountain top to build three shrines, Jesus leads the disciples down into the low lands, for their work was not to be praying on the mountaintop, but working in the slums and hovels of the needy and the poor.

It’s a great story. And what Luke wants us to understand, and what is passed down through the centuries, is that the journey with Jesus is a journey that we all go together.

It is a journey that, when we embrace Jesus in faith, we walk with him to our own Jerusalem. We walk with him through life, leading us safely home to his Father in heaven.

But, along the way, there is very, very many difficulties, many troubles, many things that must be overcome.

And we must remember the brilliance of Jesus, who is almost speaking from another world, telling us:

“Do not be afraid, for I have passed through all these things, and I tell you there is nothing but light, there is nothing but joy, there is nothing but transcendence, a transfigured world, and you will make it possible if only your faith will hold.”

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 \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

Saint Patrick's Day 2022

Some readers may remember the very first celebration of the St Patrick's Day Mass at St Michael's, Westmorland Road in Newcastle in 1973. Initiated by the late, lamented Fr Joe Travers, it quickly became a firm feature in the calendar for the Tyneside Irish Centre but also for the wider Irish community across Tyneside and across the diocese.

The tradition has continued uninterrupted for 49 years – though last year's event had to be celebrated online (with a lot of help, musical, technical and liturgical, from our many friends).

This year, we will return, please God, to a live event, back in our home at St Michael's (with thanks to Fr Simon Lerche and all parishioners).

We look forward to offering a traditional Irish welcome to one and all:

Thursday 17th March 2022 10.30am St Michael's Church Westmorland Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7RE

For more information (including if you'd like to be more involved in the music or liturgy), contact: saintpatricksdaysmass@gmail.com or phone Paula on **07486 317663**

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 \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.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!

As part of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist the Justice and Peace coordinating Council invites you to a time of reflection on **Saturday 9th April 10.30 – 12.30am via zoom.**

This morning of reflection aims at widening our understanding about the connection between the Eucharist, food justice and the ecological crisis we are in.

It will explore how we are nourished by the Eucharist and are invited to nourish others and the whole of creation. The Speaker is Fr. Chris Hughes and there will be an opportunity for sharing.

Please register using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-jesus-in-the-eucharist-the-poor-and-creation-tickets-276896313327>

THIS 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 \(acnuk.org\)](http://Aid to the Church in Need | Emergency appeal for Ukraine (acnuk.org))

Book Club: Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm.
We will be discussing the first **FEW** short stories from the book 'Complete Stories' by Flannery O'Conner **please read MORE than just first two stories**



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: £247.10
Gift Aid Envelopes: £142 Votive Candles: £49.54
Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £52
Donation: £7.75 (5p jar) Piety: £7

St Wilfrid's
Loose Plate: £205 Gift Aid: £37 Candles: £10
Piety: £17.80 Security Donations £90



Mr Alan Young will be at the back of church after Mass with new 'Gift Aid' envelopes; please don't forget to collect yours.

There are some suitable jars at the back of church in which to collect your 5ps, once you have filled them please return jar and its contents to church – Thank you for your donation!!



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

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.

Church Cleaning

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

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time.
Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

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))

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.