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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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Sunday 17th March 2024 St Patrick's Day

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	March 16 th	William Douglas	5.00pm		
Sunday	March 17 th St Patrick's Day			People of the Parish	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	March 18 th	Holy Souls	10.00am		
Tuesday	March 19 th St Joseph's Day			Fr Patrick Kennedy (NBF) Private Intention of J & T	12.05pm 7.00pm (EF)
Wed	March 20 th St Cuthbert Day			Peggy & Billy Mohan	12.05pm
Thursday	March 21 st	REQUIEM for Joseph Reed	10.45	NO MASS	12.05pm
Friday	March 22 nd	Intention of Jovita Udeh	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm
Saturday	March 23 rd	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Souls in Purgatory	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	March 24 th			People of the Parish Danny Edgar	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11-11.55am & Saturday 7.00am

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30, Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St Wilfrid's: For Priests

St Joseph's: Deceased of Dodds & Robson families.

Income 11th March 2024

St Wilfrid's: - £205.70 Gift Aided- £30
 St Joseph's - £397.01 of which £95.25 was Gift Aided
 Many Thanks

First Holy Communion

The first group of candidates begin preparation classes on Wednesday 20th March at 5.00pm in the presbytery, the parents' of these candidates have been contacted directly, please note: If you haven't been contacted about this class do not just turn up, we cannot take more than the numbers prepared for.

Parents' of children already registered for classes will be contacted directly via email when there is a class beginning for their child. Please ensure we have the correct contact details.

If you have received no emails from us regarding the position of the preparation classes, but have already expressed an interest, then it means we do not have your correct email address, please email your details to Canon Michael as soon as possible.

If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to make their first Holy Communion please collect an application form from the office.

Activity this Week

Try to attend a service of 'Stations of The Cross' sometime this week or visit church and The Stations with your family, talk about each station and say a prayer.

Tuesday Club

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass
Join us for a light lunch, a warm welcome and friendly conversation as well as bingo and other activities
All this for a small donation of £1 per person
For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

Book Club

We meet again on April 9th at 7pm in the presbytery. The book we are reading is Hilaire Belloc's 'Path to Rome'
This is an informal, friendly group and new members are always welcome. We often have lively chat accompanied by refreshments of various kinds.

HALL RENTAL

Our Church Hall is available for anyone to hire subject to availability and adherence to hall policies
If you would like to book the hall for any event please contact Canon Michael via email initially.

Parking for Mass at St Joseph's

Our car-park is relatively small; there is enough space for approximately 20 cars when all are parked carefully. Please **DO NOT Park down the middle of the car park** as this blocks access for emergency services if needed and traps other drivers in. If you arrive when the car-park is full please park in the public car-park a minute's walk from the church grounds.

ATTENTION 10.00am Mass attendees, please do not leave your car in the car-park after Mass whilst you 'pop to the shops' - those coming to Mass at Mid-day will need the parking spaces, all 10.00am cars ought to be out of the car-park by 11.30 at the very latest.

Thank you for your co-operation
parking with respect for others is the Christian way.

Raising Funds

Both parishes of St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's are in debt, we need to raise funds to try and begin to clear as much of this debt as possible especially in the present climate where the diocese is looking to make savings and churches which appear not to be self sufficient could come under scrutiny for closure.

If you want your parish to remain open please consider making a donation, doing some fund raising, adding a legacy to your will, increasing your weekly or monthly donations and consider gift aiding them.

Gift Aid Appeal

This scheme asks nothing more of you personally other than to complete a form. You do not have to give more than you do at present, you do not have to commit to a certain amount each week, and you do not even have to commit to giving every week. Once registered there is nothing more for you to do, your donation will automatically be given a boost by the tax man, every penny you give via your dedicated envelope raises an extra 25% for the parish. Please speak to Mr. Alan Young for more information

Saturday Morning Coffee

After the 11 o'clock Mass in the Ingram Room off the sacristy. A small donation is asked to cover costs of tea, coffee, biscuits and the use of the room which requires heating and lighting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at St Joseph's Church on Friday at 11.30am.

HCPT stands for Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

Its basic aim is to take young children of all faiths and non to Lourdes each Easter. The North East is well served by a number of 'family groups' which are well supported by three central services groups based around sixth form pupils from St. Thomas More Academy North Shields and Carmel College Darlington. The last service group is made up of young men and woman from the North East who are now based at various places around the country. While in Lourdes each group tries to give the young pilgrims in their care the time of their lives.

Each group fund raises all year to sponsor their children. At a cost of around £900 per child for the travel and hotel bill and a variety of supplementary activities, this is a big task. Thankfully every year we seem to manage it. All helpers pay for themselves.

You will be glad to know, however, that this letter is not asking for any money - we have already achieved our aim.

During the week most groups will be having a short liturgy beside the Grotto and part of this will be placing into the prayer box our personal prayers and petitions. We would like to give the opportunity for parishioners back home to send their own prayers to the Marian Shrine of Lourdes. You can do this by simply writing a prayer or petition and putting it into an envelope. They will not be read by any helper or child. They will be left in the special prayer box inside the Grotto on the last night of our pilgrimage. Any petitions will be collected before **I leave for Lourdes on Easter Saturday**. We will also say a general petition for our diocese, parishioners, family and friends and we will light a candle too.

Please pray for the success of this year's pilgrimage and the 200 or so pilgrims setting off from Newcastle Airport on the 30th of March, Easter Saturday.

Alan Egdell

For more information please read the poster at the back of the church.

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright on Holy Thursday, 28th March at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne. At this Mass, the priests present renew their Priestly Commitment to their Ministry and the Bishop blesses the Oils used for the celebration of the Sacraments in the parishes. All Welcome.

Children's Library

Books have been checked, repaired and replaced. Please parents' supervise your child's use of the library.

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for the sacraments and those who are suffering from miscarriages of justice.

IMPORTANT

Please would the owner of GIFT AID ENVELOPE NUMBER 30 give their name to one of the stewards or Alan Young at the 10.00am Mass. New envelopes will be given out next weekend, the 23rd/24th March, please make sure you collect yours. Thank You.

Please take this newsletter home with you or sign up to receive it via email - send your email address to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese [News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)