

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	MARCH		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	17	5.00pm	People of the Parish		
Sunday	18			10.00am	Priest's Intention
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	George and Elizabeth Wright.
				4.00pm	
Monday	19	10.00am	Unborn Children		
Tuesday	20			12.05pm	REQUIEM: Catherine Punton
				7.00pm	Passiontide Reflection
Wednesday	21			12.05pm	Margaret Appleby
Thursday	22			12.05pm (EF)	Peggy & Billy Mohan
Friday	23	10.00am	Holy Souls	12.05pm	Priest's Intention
Saturday	24			11.00am (EF)	Olive Middleton
		5.00pm	People of the Parish	3pm-8pm	<i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>
Sunday	25	10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	10.00am	Elsie & George Dalton
				12 noon (EF)	

EF DENOTES EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12NOON-12.30PM:

WEDNESDAY AFTER MASS. ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM. 4.30PM-

5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY 11.30AM

COLLECTIONS: 11.03.18 St Joseph's 10.00am £198.10 Midweek £108.87

12 noon £33.77

Total £531.87

St Wilfrid's: £177.50. Many thanks.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Margaret Moore and Jeanette Brenkley

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS Fr Brown will take Holy Communion on Friday morning to housebound parishioners in Sunderland Road

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY St Wilfrid's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper: Joint Mass of English and Polish communities. Watching until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY St Joseph's. 11am Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. St Wilfrid's 6pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

HOLY SATURDAY St Joseph's: Confessions 12-12.30pm

Easter Vigil Mass 6pm

St Wilfrid's Easter Vigil Mass 7pm (Polish)

EASTER SUNDAY

St Wilfrid's Mass 9.30am; st Joseph's: Latin Mass 12 noon

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for the new tax year are available at the back of church today.

THE WASHING OF FEET. This takes place on Holy Thursday night and is an important part of the Holy Week Ceremonies so we are looking for volunteers: we need 12 people, from any parish. There is a list at the back of St. Wilfrid's or please give your name to Fr Brown.

ST JOSEPH'S

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK David, our organist, has offered to run through the music for the Holy Week services on Wednesday 28th March from 6.30 till 8pm. The practice will take place in the presbytery. Everyone is welcome to come to help prepare for these services by becoming familiar with the tunes and helping our small group of singers by joining in the singing.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Would members of the Parish Council stay after the 10.00 am Mass today to arrange a time for a meeting?

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE. Many thanks to Raj who had taken on this role recently but now finds he can no longer carry on because of other commitments. So we are looking for a parish safeguarding rep. again. If anyone thinks they would like to help the parish by taking on this important role then please see Fr Brown. .

COMMUNITY CHOIR In response to the suggestion that we try to start some parish activities, Theresa Dewhirst has offered to start a choir for anyone who may be interested. This is not primarily for singing in church but just to bring people together to sing a wide variety of music. Anyone interested please sign the notice on the parish noticeboard.

PASSIONTIDE MUSIC AND WORDS. The Westland singers will be leading a meditation of words and music on the theme of the passion of Christ at St Joseph`s on March 20th at 7pm. A good preparation for Holy Week.

OASIS AQUILA is a local Christian charity which works to support the homeless. Abbi Scott from the organisation will be talking to us about their work at the end of Mass today.

OFSTED REPORT: The school recently had an inspection. This is the message sent out by Mr Hattam, the head: `We are delighted to have been graded 'Good' under this most rigorous of inspection frameworks. As you will read, the report highlights the many strengths of our school. Thank you for your continued support as we strive each day to provide the best possible opportunities for your children.

DIOCESE.

ANNUAL MEN`S PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM will this year take place on Friday and Saturday the 29th & 30th of June and Sunday the 1st of July. The cost which includes coach travel, bed breakfast and evening meals plus a traditional Sunday lunch before our return home is £150. A deposit of £50 to secure a place. For details contact. John Ross Tel 0191 4404391. John Robertson Tel 0191 4877790

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Bl. John Ingram Partnership

5th Sunday of Lent :Year B (OF)

Passion Sunday (EF)

17th/18th March 2018

Saint Nicholas Owen

((? – 1606).

Nicholas, familiarly known as "Little John," was small in stature but big in the esteem of his fellow Jesuits. Born at Oxford, this humble artisan saved the lives of many priests and laypersons in England during the penal times (1559-1829), when a series of statutes punished Catholics for the practice of their faith. Over a period of about 20 years, Nicholas used his skills to build secret hiding places for priests throughout the country. His work, which he did completely by himself as both architect and builder, was so good that time and time again priests in hiding were undetected by raiding parties. Nicholas was a genius at finding and creating places of safety: subterranean passages, small spaces between walls, impenetrable recesses.

At one point he was even able to mastermind the escape of two Jesuits from the Tower of London. Whenever Nicholas set out to design such hiding places, he began by receiving the holy Eucharist, and he would turn to God in prayer throughout the long, dangerous construction process.

After many years at his unusual task, Nicholas entered the Society of Jesus and served as a lay brother, although—for very good reasons—his connection with the Jesuits was kept secret. After a number of narrow escapes, he himself was finally caught in 1594. Despite protracted torture, Nicholas refused to disclose the names of other Catholics. After being released following the payment of a ransom, "Little John" went back to his work. He was arrested again in 1606. This time he was subjected to horrible tortures, suffering an agonizing death. The jailers tried suggesting that he had confessed and committed suicide, but his heroism and sufferings soon were widely known.

Nicholas Owen was canonized in 1970 as one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

Feast Day: 22nd March

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