

Joint parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid Gateshead

Weekly Newsletter during the Covid-19 Pandemic 28/03/ 2021

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Palm Sunday

Mass Online

www.churchservices.tv and www.mcnmedia.tv or <https://mass-online.org>

Lenten Reflections

A series of daily reflections for available on the diocesan website, or sign up for them to be emailed to you on a daily basis.

Youth Team video reflections; "Wait a Minute - It's Lent", are available daily via YMT's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVIOoCyoxRWub3zoPJorMhQ>

Holy Week Celebrations

Please see Mass Intentions and Service Page for details. Holy The Vatican has given some guidance on what should be celebrated and how, and we are have further information from the Bishop's Conference, it will not be a normal Holy Week or Easter.

The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for March 2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

Lenten Alms "At St Cuthbert's Care, we provide a very personal and sensitive approach to our care. The pandemic has made this so much more challenging for us. Throughout the past year, we have carefully transformed the delivery of all our frontline services, to ensure residents and service users still enjoy life to the full. Replicating this care to every resident throughout our nursing homes alongside our disability provision and children's homes has been at a significant cost, and these increased costs look set to continue for some time to come. Circumstances have been difficult for us all this year. For this Lent Appeal, any donation we receive towards our frontline care work, however small, would be deeply appreciated. I now that for some parishioners, financial donations may not be an option and I fully accept this. Thank You. Moira Ashman. If you wish to make a donation please place an offering in an envelope and mark it either "Lenten Alms" or "St Cuthbert's Care" and drop off at the Presbytery

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND CAN BE MADE BY PHONING CANON MICHAEL OR SPEAKING TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER MASS

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	27 th	John Rath	5.00pm		11.00am (EF)
Palm Sunday	28 th			People of the Parish Fr Wilf Elkin	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	29 th			Intention of Anna Barnes	In Private
Tuesday	30 th			Naomi and Thomas Papa	12.05
Wednesday	31 st	NO MASS Canon Michael	at	Requiem Mass for Fr Wilf Elkin	
Mundy Thursday	1 st April			Margaret Gray	7pm (EF)
Good Friday	2 nd			Stations of The Cross Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	11am 3pm
Saturday	3 rd			People of the Parish	7pm
Easter Sunday	4 th	Priest's Intention	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Noon and Turnbull Families	Midday (EF)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY, THE SICK AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to remind ward staff of your religion, so that the chaplains can pick this up before they start their visits. More and more often, the catholic chaplains are coming upon catholic patients whose religion is not recorded and there is a possibility you might not be visited by the chaplain, because they don't know you're there. Please remember to make sure your religion is recorded when admitted.

Keeping Up to Date

If Canon Michael does not have your most recent, up to date, contact details, he is unable to keep in touch with you. Please ensure the details held for you are current and correct, if you are unsure or have recently moved into the parish please let us know via email, letter or phone, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address.

I apologise for any offence caused by the wording in last week's newsletter re vaccines, no hurt was intended, the notice was merely meant to reflect the advice from the Vatican, the Bishops of England and Wales, the British Government and the World Health Organisation, all of whom are encouraging all those eligible to receive the vaccine for the common good.

COVID-19 VACCINES

See the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ([here](#)) Likewise, the Bishops of England and Wales judge that one does not sin by receiving this vaccine. Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves..... The duty remains to protect others from infection. The Bishops' Conference's statement can be found on the [diocesan website](#). Statement from London Oratory

Bishop Robert reiterated in his pastoral letter:-

"We are fortunate in this country to have such an efficient vaccination programme, to help us look forward to a brighter future. There are many in the world who do not have such a possibility so I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the vaccine to bring the virus under control, not only for our own good but also for the common good of the whole of humanity. The fewer people with COVID-19 means the less it will spread. Please be responsible."

Statement from the Vatican

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_not_a-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

NHS England [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Thanks to Canon Michael, our volunteers and all those who continue to follow the safety guidance, public Mass continues as follows: -
St Wilfrid's Saturday 5pm
St Joseph's Saturday 11am, Sunday 10am (OF) and Midday (EF), Tuesday 12.05pm, Friday 12.05

Please Continue at all times, even if you have been vaccinated, to: -
cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly
and

DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS

All of the above safety measures have been shown to slow the spread of COVID

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on a Thursday.

Follow us on Social Media: Face Book; Twitter; website: <https://stjosephstwilfridsgatesheadnewsblog.wordpress.com/>

Blog at: <http://www.stiosenhscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk>

ST WILFRID'S

'CANDLE OF HOPE' these are LED candles with, on the reverse, the Prayer from Pope Francis to Our Lady imploring an end to the corona virus.

These are priced at £6 each and are beautiful. We also have Stations of the Cross, Rosary booklets and all types of crosses to help with spiritual preparations for Easter. Please see Rachel if you want any of these items.

If you would like to take part in the 'Gift Aid' scheme please speak to Stephen Hogarth

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE We are looking for volunteers to help in the garden to bag up all the leaves and to give a general tidy up. Also we need help with some pointing around the church and perimeter walls. All help will be very much appreciated

St Joseph's

Alan Young, Gift Aid Rep, will be distributing the 2021- 2022 Gift Aid Envelopes before the 10.00 and 12.00 Masses on Sunday 21st and 28th March.

He will be at the back of church.

Please maintain 2 meter rule.

Forms will be available for anyone who wishes to become a member.

Thank you to those who have made generous donations for the improvement of security around the church and presbytery

Choir Loft and Lourdes Garden funds are still open and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider helping with the **CLEANING** at our churches, if you can help
Email: gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Rome

The rescheduled pilgrimage due to leave on May 3rd, has been cancelled as international travel is not permitted until the 17th May. You may transfer your booking to a Pilgrimage led by Canon John Cooper departing on the 25th October, or have your money returned in full. Canon Michael is intending to lead a pilgrimage at a later date, more information to follow.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

After much discussion, consultation and prayer I regretfully have made the decision to cancel the official 2021 Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. I am deeply grateful to those who have supported and advised me during this process of discernment.

We will have virtual and, if restrictions allow, Pilgrimage gatherings leading up to and during our Pilgrimage week. If it becomes legally possible and safe individual pilgrims may wish to make a private visit to Lourdes. Government websites and Tangney Tours are available for advice about travel arrangements. We continue through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for the healing of our world at this time of pandemic.

Fr Steven Watson Pilgrimage Director

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild

a literary competition for schoolchildren - the theme is:

"Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time"

A maximum of 20 lines

The lines don` t have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds.

Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to:

Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51

Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW

Or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Deadline: 8th April 2021

NB: Entries: excludes anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross.

New Lectionary for our Readings

The Bishops of England and Wales website - cbcew.org.uk - The change to the new English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible, rather than the Jerusalem Bible, is likely to be effective sometime in 2022, so don't buy a new Missal just yet for your personal use! All texts used in our Masses and Liturgies will change to this new translation

GIFT AID

Doesn't cost you a penny, but charges the taxman 25p in every pound. To find out more please speak to Alan Young @ St Joseph's or Steve Hogarth @ St Wilfrid's

Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

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St Wilfrid's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 01164120

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to

'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead'

These can be posted to the parish address

Please use the reference "Weekly Contribution"

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"Loft Fund" for donations to improving choir loft

"Lourdes Garden" for contributions to the garden

"Parish Poor" for donations to help feed our homeless and hungry

"Security" for donations to increase the security around St Joseph's Church

Making Your Will?

Have you heard about 'Legacy Donations'? Will you remember your parish in your will? It is a great help to the running of our parishes when we receive a legacy donation.

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Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed this a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

The Letter 'Patris Corde' marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration by Blessed Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. There will be suitable celebrations in the diocese during the year.

For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic Letter please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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