



Weekly Newsletter St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

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Week Commencing 31st March 2019

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts."

This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday and is a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near.

This Sunday was formerly called "Laetare Sunday" since its mood and theme was one of hope and rejoicing that Easter was near. In the reformed calendar this Sunday is not different from the other Sundays of Lent even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the Latin word "laetare" and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

[/www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

SAFEGUARDING

There are still a number of people who have yet to return any paperwork to our safeguarding representative. If you were given forms to fill in PLEASE do so and return them ASAP and definitely BEFORE you are able to undertake your role.

If in doubt check the updated list at the back of church, if your name does not appear there you **CANNOT** begin/continue in **ANY** voluntary role.

REMEMBER

31st March 9.30am
Singers for Easter

31st March 4pm
Service of Forgiveness @ St Patrick's

31st March 5pm
Altar Server Training and Social

1st April 7.30pm
Book Club

3rd April 10am
Community Choir

5th April 5pm
Good Shepherd for ages 3-6yrs

Volunteer application forms are available at the back of church, please complete these and return to Fr Michael

To All Mothers

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Red Box Mission Appeal.

We welcome Fr Frank Graham to all Masses this weekend as he makes an appeal for this worthy cause.

St Joseph's parish Council

If anyone is interested in this or would like to put forward any names please register your interest with Fr Michael.



YOUNG TRADITIONALISTS

*Are you aged 18-35?
Do you enjoy the Traditional Mass?
Would you like to meet and socialise with like minded people?
Are you interested in developing your faith?
Would you like to be part of this new group here at St Joseph's?*

There has been very little interest shown so far in this initiative, the list will remain in place for one more week only after which time a decision as to its viability will be made.



Put your name on the list at the back of church and watch this space.

CMUK



Catholic Men UK, Uniting and encouraging Catholic men in the UK in their faith and in their duties to family life, parish life and public life.

Next Meeting: April 20th 8.00am
Breakfast and Bible Study

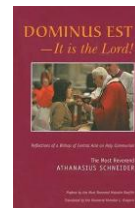
The Good Shepherd



5pm on Friday 5th April

Book Club

Monday 1st April at 7.30 come and join the discussion about



Dominus Est
by Most Reverend Schneider

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thank you to all who turned up on 10th March for our training and social evening, it was a great success. Our next event will be a continuation of Altar Server training followed by a social on Sunday March 31st at 5.00pm

Singers Welcome

We have a small group of singers who help to lead the music at our 10a.m Mass, and who will be leading the music in our Holy Week Liturgies. We are always eager to welcome more people to help with singing. If you are interested please speak to Bernadette Hirst.

Stations of The Cross. These will take place at St Joseph's on Fridays at 11.30 and at St Wilfrid's before weekday Mass



SICK COMMUNIONS: None this week

Take the newsletter home with you in order to remind yourself of all that is happening.

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

ST WILFRID'S

Next week we will be having a special Easter egg tombola. 4 tickets for £1. Good luck!!!

Don't forget we have a Facebook page with up to date information on our parish, diocese and our catholic faith. Find us at Our Lady and St. Wilfrid's r.c. church gateshead.

Shirley and Cresswell Smith would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of St Wilfrid's for their kindness on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

CHOIR LOFT

St Joseph's choir loft is in desperate need of repair and upgrading. We would like to be able to see it back in use. Any ideas? Please write your comments down and place in the comments box at the back of the church. Thank you

Service of Forgiveness

You are invited to a Service focusing on the forgiving nature of God and his call for us to be forgiving of one another in St. Patrick's Church, Felling on Sunday, 31st March at 16.00. Those attending are invited to bring with them a newspaper cutting or a printout from the web of some aspect of life today that they find it hard to be forgiving of. These will be placed on a cairn before the crucified Lord. Sacramental confession will be available during the following week in St. Alban's Church, Pelaw following the 10.00 Mass on Friday, 5th April until 11.30 and in St. Patrick's Church, Felling following the 10.00 Mass on Saturday, 6th April until 11.30. On both occasions the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private adoration.

Days of Reflection for All Ministries – Saturday 4th May at Ushaw College Durham or Saturday 15th June at St Joseph's Hall Gateshead for further information please see the notice board.

Diocesan Vacancies:

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 10 April.

Application forms can be obtained from our Diocesan website www.edurcdhn.org.uk by emailing education@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone on 0191 2433313.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	30th		5.00pm	Intentions of LMS <i>El Shaddai</i>	11.00 am 3-8pm
Sunday  Mother's Day	31st	Polish Mass	11.00am	Special Intention (MD) African Mass	10.00 am Mid-Day (EF) Sung Mass 2.00pm
Monday	1 st	Margaret Iveson	10.00		
Tuesday	2nd			Deceased Members of the Tuesday Club	12.05
Wednesday	3rd			Intentions of Cresswell and Shirley Smith	12.05
Thursday	4th			Fr Dickinson	12.05
Friday	5th	No Mass	10.00am	No Mass	12.05
Saturday	6th	People of the Parish	5.00pm	No Mass <i>El Shaddai</i>	11.00am 3pm-8pm
Sunday	7th	Polish Mass	11.00am	Elsie and George Dalton Elizabeth Turnbull	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST WILFRID'S:-SATURDAY: 4.30-5.00PM ST JOSEPH'S:-THURSDAY 11.00-11.50AM

CONFESSIONS:

ST JOSEPH'S: AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID'S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £419.26 MIDWEEK £77
ST WILFRID'S £167.03

MANY THANKS