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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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Parishes of the John Ingram Partnership Gateshead

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Third Sunday of Easter tide 1st May 2022 Feast of St Joseph the Worker

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES


Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	April 30 th	Bell and Cantwell Families	5.00pm		
3 rd Sunday of Easter	May 1 st St Joseph the Worker			Priest's Intention People of the Parish Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday 3.00pm
Monday	May 2 nd	Karen Scott	10.00am		
Tuesday	May 3 rd			Past & present members of the Tuesday club	12.05pm
Wed	May 4 th			Matthew Bell	12.05pm
Thursday	May 5 th			Sheila Tweedy (health)	7.45am
Friday	May 6 th	Priest's Intention	10.00am	Leighanne Lumsley	12.05pm
Saturday	May 7 th	Patricia Cowens (NBF)	5.00pm	Intentions of Tony & Terry McDonald El Shaddai	11.00am (EF) 1.00pm
Sunday	May 8 th			People of the Parish 12 noon Nick Murray	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**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 11-11.55am St Joseph's
Benediction and Vespers 3.00pm EVERY FIRST Sunday of the Month
African Mass 2.00pm Every LAST Sunday of the Month**

Pray for: - new members of the Church; Vocations; those preparing for their First Holy Communion; the people of Ukraine and world peace; the sick and dying.

<p align="center">OPEN PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 4th MAY @ 7.15pm in the John Ingram Room. The Agenda is available at the back of church EVERYONE is WELCOME to attend</p>	<p align="center">SVP Would you be interested in helping to set up and be actively involved in an SVP group in our parish? Please speak to Canon Michael.</p>
<p align="center">Weekly Income for 24th April 2022 St Joseph's Loose Plate Collection: £308.70 Gift Aid Envelopes: £208 Votive Candles: £22.27 Rental income: Room: £24 Car-park - £40 African Mass: £110 NBF: £57 Donation: £7</p> <p align="center">St Wilfrid's Loose Plate: £148.00 Gift Aid: £52 donations: £5 Easter Monday collection: £95 & cheque £300</p> <p align="center"></p>	<p align="center">St Wilfrid's Thank you to all who cleaned the church and provided such a wonderful display of flowers.</p>
<p align="center">Northern Brethren Fund This collection remains open, if you would like to donate please place your donation in an envelope and mark it 'NBF' and put it on the collection plate.</p>	<p align="center">Lost Property Is kept in a box in the office for a Month after which time it is donated to charity if not collected by its rightful owner.</p>
<p align="center">Altar Servers Training Training sessions are being arranged for ALL Servers and ANYONE wanting to become a Server. Requirements for ALL Servers: - punctuality, decorum, humility, willing to learn, prayerful, respectful, helpful, cheerful, gentle, polite, obedient.</p> <p>To Serve at the Ordinary Form Mass you need to be: at least 8 years old, have made (or be preparing for) First Holy Communion, can be male or female. Please speak to Canon Michael or Peter Armstrong if you are interested in becoming a server for the Ordinary Form (10.00am) Mass.</p> <p>To Serve at the Extra-ordinary Form/Latin Mass you must be: Male, have made your First Holy Communion and be willing to learn some basic Latin. Please speak to Canon Michael if you are interested at serving the Latin (12.00) Mass.</p> <p align="center">Watch this space for further information regarding training sessions.</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday Club Meets every Tuesday in the hall after Mass, EVERYONE is WELCOME – we serve coffee/tea and nibbles, have a chat and a laugh and raise funds for the church flowers, come along and join us – you never know until you try!!</p>
<p align="center">St Joseph's Library We now have a few DVDs for you to borrow, please remember to sign items out and back in again on their return. The location of the library has changed; it is now at the back of the church rather than in the porch.</p>	<p align="center">Book Club Is open to ALL Next meeting TUESDAY 7th June 7.00pm in John Ingram Room To discuss the book "The Shattering of Loneliness" by Erik Varden</p>
	<p align="center">YOUR Church NEEDS YOU! We are looking to welcome and recruit people among our community who may be able to take up a role and commit some of their time in a way that fits around their own lives and responsibilities. Some of the roles require DBS clearance; all roles require two references. Listed below are some of the roles we are hoping to fill:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly cleaning of candle stands • Weekly laundering and ironing • Reading at Mass • General maintenance of church environs:- weeding, clearing rubbish from front garden and car park etc • Church cleaners <p>If you are interested in participating in any of the activities listed or would like further information please contact the Office:- shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk</p>
	<p align="center">If you have anything you would like to be included in the newsletter please email shaunadevitt@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday 5pm</p>

Could we imagine ourselves as among the fish that Jesus sent Peter out to catch? Like them, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, moved by every ripple of excitement, shaken by the level of doubt and disbelief that marks our world today. We spend so much energy on what are ultimately trivialities. We dally with temptation, and let ourselves be hooked by unhealthy lures. It is little wonder that Christ chose simple fishermen when he chose his first apostles. Today's story reflects the miracle of salvation as an offer. Through his church, Christ has thrown over us his net of salvation, a net of grace. He says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind."

The miraculous catch of fish is really about the grace of God. There is no telling what size the catch will be until the net is finally drawn in at the end of time. Like today's catch, it may well astonish even the most seasoned fisherman. Who knows what queer fish will be caught there spluttering and gasping at the wonder of God's mercy? The "big catch" is Christ's answer to those prophets of gloom who imagine that most people are outside his reach.

What a wonderful, happy meeting between Jesus and his apostles on the lakeshore. He appears to them, so that they will have no doubt that He has arisen from the dead. The meeting includes a miraculous catch of fish, followed by the human touch of Jesus preparing breakfast for the apostles. Meeting him again after the Passion healed all Peter's feelings of guilt for denying Jesus in the house of the High Priest.

For Jesus to cook breakfast for the Apostles was a special moment. They must have remembered that this was the same Lord who had wrapped a towel around his waist and washed their feet at the Last Supper. Some things never change, Jesus is "the same yesterday, today, and always." Although he has gone through death and has the freedom of life-beyond-death, he still keeps that human touch, a down-to-earth relationship with those who are his friends.

Is it not surprising that Peter never actually *apologises*, in so many words? It's hard to accept that "*Love means never having to say you're sorry.*" When the woman washed his feet with her tears Jesus said, "Many sins are forgiven her because she loves much." Peter could have spent the rest of his life confessing his sins, or he could simply open his heart and say aloud what he felt, that he really did love Jesus. He was direct and uncomplicated, knowing full well that Jesus loved him.

Peter, because of his failures and being humbled by them, was the ideal person to choose to lead the others. He had recoiled at the idea of Jesus washing his feet, but once he saw what it meant he welcomed this sign of loving service. Because he could not afford to point his finger at others' weaknesses, he had the compassion needed in a religious leader. To be a leader is to be of service to others.

The meeting with Jesus beside the lakeshore can be seen as the story of Peter's repentance and restoration. His repeated answer "Yes, Lord!" is surely a declaration of love and loyalty, it corresponded to Peter's threefold denial of Jesus.

There are interesting uses of the word "love" in this text. In English, when Jesus asks "Do you love me?" and Peter answers, "Yes, I love you," it makes good sense. But in the Greek original of the New Testament, Peter's reply does not respond exactly to the question Jesus asked. Greek has several words to express various levels of affection. In his book *The Four Loves*, author C.S. Lewis described them as follows:

There is *Storgé* (affection) the quiet liking you might feel for a cheerful neighbour whom you meet from time to time. Then there is *eros*, a sensual or erotic love, the love that unites a couple and often leads to marriage. Another term is *Philia*, or friendship, a trusting companionship with people with whom we share some real interest. Finally there is *Agapé*, which means generous, self-giving love, which we value even when there is nothing tangible to be gained.

Jesus asks Peter, "*Agapas me*, Do you have agapé for me?" meaning "Do you love me enough to risk everything for me." Peter has not lived up to this kind of love. He had disowned Jesus in order to save his own skin. So what can he say? He answers, "*Philo se*. Yes, Lord, I love you as a friend." He was saying, "Yes, I admire you... but I was unable to risk my life for you." Jesus asks him a second time "*Agapas me?*" and again Peter answers at the level of friendship (*philia*). Finally, unwilling to embarrass him further, Jesus asks him "Are you really my friend?" (*phileis me?*) And Peter answers "Lord, you know everything; you know that I am your friend." Jesus accepts Peter just as he is; even friendship (*philia*) is good enough, for now. Fullness of *agapé* would come later, when Peter was put to death for the faith.

In that meeting beside the lake, Peter was not the boastful man who thought he was better than the other disciples but a wiser, humbler heart that would not claim more than he can deliver. Peter's confession is like that of the father of the possessed boy who said to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Implicitly, what Peter said was, "I love you, Lord; help my lack of love."

Thara Benedicta

Don't forget to look at the Parish website
[St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead Official Website \(stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk\)](http://stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk)



Sunday 8th May 3pm
Rosary and Procession
at

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We will pray in the garden if weather allows followed by refreshments (please bring something to share)

Contact Paul or Angela
Hammond on 0191 415 4555
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Please don't forget to read the notice boards at the back of church for additional information and events, the newsletter can only carry so much information, it is important that you avail yourselves of all the other avenues for finding out about Parish and Diocesan news and events.



AROUND OUR DIOCESE, AND FURTHER AFIELD

Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 - Volunteers Needed Urgently Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022, we urgently need new volunteers please visit our website:
<https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Holy Island Camp Social Ceilidh - Calling Existing and New Camp Volunteers and Friends Holy Island Vinnies Camp will be holding a free social/ Ceilidh Saturday 28th May 7:30pm - 11:30pm (Bar open). Blackfriars @The Ouseburn All welcome. Please email: BarbaraT@svp.org.uk for tickets as numbers are limited.

Mass of Thanksgiving said by Bishop Byrne for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 19:00 on Thursday 14th July, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT in Newcastle provides basic food and toiletries to nearly 400 asylum seeker individuals and families every month.

Stella Maris Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4TH June 2022 safe crossing times 9:10am - 17.05pm

Job Vacancies there are several vacancies advertised on the Diocesan website [Job Vacancies - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

Interreligious Programme [Sion Centre Summer 2022 Programme - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

"Encountering the Son" Faith Booklet, the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the 'Encountering the Son' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>