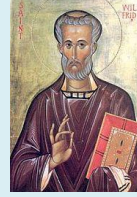




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*Today 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 is the Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season*

Season of Easter

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "Great Sunday". Let us celebrate this special Easter Season with joy.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bell and Cantwell Families Families	5.00pm		
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pat Taylor	10.00am		
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> May			Matthew Bell	12.05
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> May			Special Intention (DS)	12.05
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> May			Special Intention (MG)	8.00am
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Pat Wallace	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Canon Michael McCoy	5.00pm	Mary Wright	11.00am
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> May			People of the Parish Reuben Dossett	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

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

Please note the 8 am Mass on Thursday will continue until Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be reviewed then.

## May is the Month of Our lady



POPE Francis is urging Catholics to pray their Rosaries through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The movement has the involvement of 30 Marian Shrines from across the world.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation announced the news on Wednesday afternoon.

"The initiative will involve all the shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," the statement from the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation said.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on May 1 with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome-time from the various shrines taking part in the initiative.

Pope Francis will also close the marathon on May 31 with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

To date, more than three million people have died from COVID-19 with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet.

In India, the pandemic has swelled with the country recording daily case numbers of almost 300,000.



Please remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Albert Hanley who died in the Fellingate home on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. May he rest in peace.

### Weekday Masses

Why not come to a weekday Mass as these are less busy than a Weekend Mass. There is space, it is safe. Booking is not necessary, just turn up and the steward will show you to your seat and answer any questions you may have.

Mass Intentions:-drop a note to canon Michael if you would like a Mass said.

**Pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.**

Vaccinations against COVID have proved to be successful in reducing the spread of the virus by 50%, all of the vaccines used in this country are deemed safe by the World health Organisation with side effects being very rare and no more dangerous than most other medicines we take without a second thought. The Catholic Church urges everyone to have one of the vaccinations on offer as being the best action to take for the common good and a restoration of normal life.

### Mass Online

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) or  
<https://mass-online.org>

### Mass by Telephone

If you are unable to access the internet but still wish to be able to hear Mass, the Diocese of Middlesbrough has a system to allow people who do not have internet access to listen to Mass over the telephone. If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is:- 01642 130 120

### The Wednesday Word

Reflections on the Sunday Readings for both adults and children can be accessed at: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

### St Wilfrid`s

We are looking for volunteers to help in the garden to bag up all the leaves and to give the garden a general tidy up. Also we need help with some pointing around the church and perimeter walls.

### St Joseph's

There are a number of reduced price piety stall items for sale at the back of church, please place money in the golden box. We are hoping to clear old stock in readiness for a new era. If you are interested in volunteering to run the piety stall when it is allowed to re-open properly, please email the parish office [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

### Preparing for Baptism

If you have a child who you would like Baptised please contact Canon Michael to discuss your commitment to the Faith and the procedure for Baptism to take place.

### Celebrating a Funeral

Until 'Step 4' of the 'Government Roadmap' which will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>, only 30 people are able to attend Funerals in our churches, A list of those attending must also be provided by the family in advance to assist our stewards. The Funeral Director will help with this.

### Civil Changes to Getting Married

On 4th May, the civil paperwork needed to get married changes according to The Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc.) Act 2019. You no longer need a Blue Certificate, but you do need a Marriage Schedule from the Registrar which must then be handed to the person leading your wedding. I encourage all those who are getting married this year to make contact with the staff at the Register Office to make sure your paperwork is complete and correct as soon as possible. If the paperwork is not complete the wedding cannot go ahead.

### Centre for Catholic Studies

**Forthcoming Event (online):** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May: *Study Series: Faith and Thought: Exploring 'The Art of Attention'*.

This is a series of discussions on the nature and role of 'attention' in the arts, spirituality, and theology. Each session will include talks, discussion, and a period of 'contemplative imagination' through Scripture, poetry, music, and visual art. More details, and registration available online at [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

### Discernment Weekend for Men

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for **men between the ages of 30 and 55** from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2021**. It takes place at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Promoting similar weekends in past years through parish notices proved to be most fruitful, and the results from these weekends are now in the seminaries. Information and registration forms are available at: [https:// www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend -oldermen-1](https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-oldermen-1). A poster and flier for the weekend can be downloaded from: <https://bedacollege.org/vocation-promotion>.

### The Knights of Saint Columba

Offers gentlemen the opportunity to be more active in their faith, and service to the church. For more information please telephone: 0141 883 5700 or [visit our website](https://www.knightsstcolumba.org) , alternatively write to:

Brian Henry,  
Director,  
Knights of St. Columba,  
Head Office,  
75 Hillington Road South,  
Glasgow G52 2AE

### Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Robert will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 12noon which will be both an open Mass and live streamed. The invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who were married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. Included too are those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes, prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid is very much alive and prayed for. The Mass will be live-streamed. Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass **MUST BOOK** in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing [office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk) . Booking is available now. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

**Please Continue at all times, until all have been vaccinated, to: -**

cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly  
**and**

**please DO NOT GATHER to CHAT BEFORE or AFTER MASS**

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

## Notice from Bishop Robert regarding canon Michael McCoy

It is now three weeks since Canon Michael McCoy's tragic death and Fr Simon Lerche and I are well aware of the deep sense of loss and sadness that many of us are feeling at this time. Canon Michael played a pivotal role in this Diocese for many years and was well loved by many of those he ministered to in his various appointments, including his final appointment as Dean here at the Cathedral and Parish Priest of St Dominic's. He also taught at Ushaw College for a number of years and carried out duties for the Bishops' Conference. He was a great friend to many of us. His loss is felt not just within this Diocese, but also by many people across the Church. Our sense of loss is only compounded by the circumstances of his death, and quite naturally, there will also be a feeling of anger and confusion surrounding what has happened. We know that these are borne from a good place, a desire to know what has happened, to know the facts of the matter, and to understand the events which led to this tragedy. There will be an inquest as required by law. In due course, I hope there will be answers to some of the questions which remain unresolved for the moment. Please be assured that Canon Michael received much support before his death and I know he was grateful for it. Canon Michael's funeral Mass and cremation have taken place, and at the request of the family, these were small and private ceremonies. I know that you will keep Canon Michael's family in your prayers at this time, and we will continue to offer whatever support we can to them. In the meantime, please pray for the repose of Canon Michael's soul that he may find the peace that he has always desired. Please pray, too, for his family and for the healing of our diocese. We commend the clergy and faithful of the Diocese and beyond to the care of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate and St Cuthbert.

The Conference of Bishops in England and Wales which took place in April encourages Catholics to place Sunday Mass at the heart of their post-pandemic lives. This is an indication that soon our Sunday Obligation to keep Holy the Sabbath and attend Mass will be returning. Perhaps we all need to consider the reasons why many people have not yet felt able to return to Mass even though the desire is strong. Many will have anxiety issues preventing them from entering enclosed public spaces after so long away from the experience, some will have fear of panic attacks and appearing foolish if they have to exit Mass early or need to 'escape' via the quickest route, unable to follow the one way system or directions from Ushers. There will also be those for whom, although vaccinated themselves, and therefore more protected from the virus, are concerned about those who have not been vaccinated passing on the virus to them and them then taking it home to loved ones who have not yet had the chance, or for medical reasons, are unable to be vaccinated. There will be many other reasons that the faithful are finding a return to Sunday worship difficult and as Christians we have a duty to consider others and do all we can to enable EVERYONE the freedom to attend Mass in our churches. It would be helpful if anyone has any thoughts on this matter to share them in order that we can begin to support one another to move forward.

### Donations

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

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

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Account Number 01164120

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"

St Joseph's has several 'Special Funds' open at the minute, these are:-

"Choir 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

If you wish to contribute to any of these please mark your donation as such.

### **St Joseph's Income and Expenditure 2019-2020 & 2020-2021**

#### Income

April 2020 – April 2021 was £17,844

April 2019 – April 2020 was £58,168

#### Expenditure

£36,552

£58,242

#### **Special Funds Totals End April 2021**

Choir Loft £1,077

Lourdes Garden £250

Security £620

### **Gift Aid**

All Gift Aid Envelope should have been given out. If there is an issue please contact us as soon as possible. We encourage those paying by Standing Order to take a box so that you have the Special Collection Envelope. If anyone else wishes to have a set of envelopes, please let us know as soon as possible. Please remember that if you pay tax you can join the Gift Aid Scheme, and we can reclaim an extra 25% from HMRC on the payment that you make.

**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**

#### **St Joseph's Weekly Offertory Income 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021:-**

Loose Plate £184.86

Gift Aid Envelopes £76 with gift aid of £19 added = £95

Piety Stall £14.40

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Fund is now open and remains open until Sunday 2nd May. Please hand donations into the Presbytery, or place in a labeled envelope on the collection plate, Thank you.

### Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed this a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Letter 'Patris Corde' marks the 150<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### Saint Joseph the Worker, 1st May

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters.

### 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.

This weekend there will be a collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle, they have had a difficult time during the last twelve months as they rely heavily on donations and fund raising activities which have been nonexistent due to COVID. The sisters look after some of our elderly and sick Priests as well as about sixty other elderly people from around the Diocese. If you can support their work please do so.

### **Blessed John Ingram Petition**

Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594) is a local reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please visit the Diocesan website.

### **Vatican Message for Ramadan**

The Vatican's Message to the worldwide Muslim community for Ramadan can be accessed at the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) or the Bishops Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

### Going into Hospital

If you are admitted into Hospital, it is important to ask ward staff to make a record of your Religion, they will not ask you as a matter of course, it is up to you to let them know especially if you would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.

### 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 update things via email. letter or phone. providing your name. address. telephone number and email address.

If you wish to receive this newsletter by email please contact: [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)