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5th Sunday of Easter (OF) 4th Sunday after Easter (EF) 7th May 2023

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

SAINT WILFRID'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 6 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday	May 7 th		
Monday	May 8 th	Bell and Cantwell families	10.00am
Tuesday	May 9 th		
Wed	May 10 th		
Thursday	May 11 th		
Friday	May 12 th	NO MASS	10.00am
Saturday	May 13 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm
Sunday	May 14 th		

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Day	Date	INTENTION	Time
Saturday	May 6 th		
Sunday	May 7 th	Margaret and Denis Duffy People of the Parish	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)
Monday	May 8 th		
Tuesday	May 9 th	NO MASS	12.05
Wed	May 10 th	NO MASS	12.05
Thursday	May 11 th	NO MASS	12.05
Friday	May 12 th	NO MASS	12.05
Saturday	May 13 th	Mary & George Wright	11.00am
Sunday	May 14 th	People of the Parish Intentions of Michael Lleses	10.00am 12.00pm (EF)

Confessions: - before Mass on Saturday

Would you like to serve at the Altar? Please speak to Canon Michael. We are always looking for new servers.

Pray for all those who have died recently, especially Peter McNemeny who died suddenly last week and Theresa McConnell who died after a short illness. May they rest in peace.
Please also keep in your prayers the families of all those who have died, may they find comfort and healing.

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

**Confessions: - Saturday 12-12.30 after Mass
NO EXPOSITION this Wednesday morning
African community Mass last Sunday of the Month
2.00pm
First Saturday Devotions every month**

Please pray for all those preparing for, or having recently received, the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Marriage, Confirmation, Holy Orders

Canon Michael is away on retreat this week

St Joseph's

Join our Choirs

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join the choir? Please speak to David Reid or Bernadette Hirst about 10.00am Mass or Paul Dewhurst about the Latin Mass choir

The Sacristy

Please would everyone remember that although not technically a sacred space, the sacristy is supposed to be a quiet, peaceful area in which the Priest and Servers can ready themselves for Mass. It is not a corridor, nor a gathering place. Nobody ought to be in the sacristy at all unless authorised to be there by Canon Michael, and nobody other than servers ought to be in the sacristy within the fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

Church Car Park

Please be aware that the church cannot be held responsible for any damage done to cars parked here.

If you wish to park during the week on a regular basis please give your registration number in at the office and consider making a small donation towards parking costs.

We are hoping to increase the security in and around Church premises but it is proving very costly, any donations would be gratefully received.

Please Note

Do not leave any leaflets or literature at the back of church without gaining permission from Canon Michael, anything left without permission will be removed and disposed of.

The photocopier in the office is not available for parishioners to use as they please, again express permission is to be sought and granted before you enter the office.

Toilets are available in the hall; please do not use the toilet beside the office on a Sunday.

The church doors will be opened thirty minutes before each Mass, if you arrive early please be patient and wait, do not ring the presbytery doorbell.

LAST CALL for 50/50 Club

Without more support this will have to be abandoned, please consider signing up.

Tuesday Club

Straight after 12.05 Mass in the hall.

Piety Stall

Will be open on 14th May

If there is something you need/want in the meantime please speak to Shauna Devitt and she will be able to open the stall for your purchase.

Income 30th April 2023

Loose Plate: £362 Gift Aid Envelopes: £143

Thank You

St Wilfrid's

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers all the children who will be making their first Holy Communion this year

Heating Fund

Remains open, please continue to give generously

Piety Stall

Open at rear of church

Income 23rd and 30th April

Loose Plate £195.90

£160

Gift Aid £39.50

£60

Candles £28

Thank You

The Good Shepherd

This wonderful, child centred Catechesis programme will begin in September, led by Peter Armstrong.

Do you have a child aged 3-7yrs? Would like them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through interactive, hands on, gentle and joyful, child-centred teaching?

Please take a registration form, complete it and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

Spaces are limited.

PLEASE NOTE the sessions will NOT be on a Sunday during Mass.

Next Confirmation Class Sunday May 7th at 6.00pm

Theme: - 'The Holy Eucharist'

Please bring your folder and 'YOUCAT'.

Please come to front door on High West Street

Tea and coffee is available for parents/carers as they wait in another room

BOOK CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday June 21st at 7.00pm to discuss "Conclave" by Robert Harris

SPUC

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th MAY at 7,00pm in the John Ingram Room @ St Joseph's, access through the office via presbytery back door, behind church.

St Joseph's hall is available to hire for any event

Downstairs hall capacity 200 people

Lounge capacity 80 people

Upstairs Hall capacity 140 people

£20 per hour for each of the above

Small Room capacity 40 people at a rate of £15 per hour

We also have a recently refurbished kitchen area, tables, chairs, cutlery etc.

For all enquiries please email shaundevitt@yahoo.co.uk

Building up the house of God

Acts 6 shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers.. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church. We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading.

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.

SPRING CLEANING TABLE TOP SALE

Are you doing a bit of spring cleaning? Have things you no longer need? Would you like to make a little bit of money from those items? And help parish funds at the same time?

We will be holding a 'Table Top' sale in the parish hall on the morning of **Saturday 24th June**

Tables are limited so it will be **first come first served**. Each **table will be £5**, you can keep whatever money you make or donate it to the church if you like. There will be a small entry fee for buyers. Teas and coffees will be available.

If you would like to reserve a table please put £5 in an envelope along with your name and hand it into the office

Summer Magazine

If you wish to submit anything for the summer magazine please email it to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk or place your contribution into an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through St Joseph's Presbytery door.

Deadlines for submissions – JUNE 4th

Perhaps a family member has been Baptised, Received First Holy Communion, been Confirmed, or married in one of our churches this past year and you would like to share some of the experience, perhaps you have joined in with one of the groups and have a reflection on this?

All contributions which you feel may of interest to our parish readers are encouraged and welcomed in almost any form: - prose, poetry, commentary, song!

BOOK of REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have the name of a deceased relative or friend placed in the book of remembrance please put the **name** and **death anniversary date** along with **a donation** into an envelope and hand it into the office or place on the collection plate.

Please take this Newsletter home with you, so that you know what's happening in your parish this week or sign up for it to be emailed to you.

A Day for Catechists Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the new Directory for Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Saturday 15th July 2023, from 10am – 3pm. Refreshments are included, please bring a packed lunch.

St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington, NE38 8AF.

Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s), visit <http://bit.ly/DHNDOC23>

Vocations to the Priesthood

Discernment Evenings

Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 5th December. These will be held at the Cloister Café - St Mary's Cathedral Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a time of Prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together.

Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information:

Email: - vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk Telephone: - 01670 812 200.

Diocesan Vacancies

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact them on: - 0191 243 3301

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese [News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

