

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+
GATESHEAD**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	MAY		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	7	6pm	Private Intention		
Sunday	8			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon	For parishioners of St Joseph's- in thanksgiving
Monday	9	10.00am	NO MASS		
Tuesday	10			12.05pm	Margaret Hunter
Wednesday	11			12.05pm	Priest's Intention <i>(Anointing of the sick)</i>
Thursday	12			12.05pm	NO MASS
Friday	13	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	14			11.00am (EF)	Intentions of LMS
		6.00pm	Priest's Intention		
Sunday	15			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Duncan MacDonald

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S Confessions after 12.05 Mass on Wednesday and Saturday 12 noon-12.30pm ST WILFRID'S before 6.00pm Mass Saturday

THE ROSARY is recited before Mass on Tuesday and Friday in Saint Joseph's

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

COLLECTIONS:01.05.16 St Joseph's 10.00am: £156.58

12.00 noon £166.51

Total £323.09 Mission Appeal £321.93

St Wilfrid's. £115.35. Mission Appeal £147.10

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially John Harrison, Pat Palmer and Joe Beck,.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL. Sr Sheila, who many will remember as parish sister in St Wilfrid's from 1995-2005, will make the annual mission appeal at all Masses on this weekend.

ST JOSEPH'S

ST SEBASTIAN. Many thanks to the Raj family for the gift of the statue of the martyr St Sebastian, who is specially venerated in India.

CORPUS CHRISTI. There will be a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form followed by a procession and Benediction on the traditional day for the feast which will be 26th May. Music by the Westland Singers. Mass starts at 7pm.

ST WILFRID'S

BONUS BALL; There are two spare bonus ball numbers available for Saturday as well as Wednesdays, please see Sandra if you are interested

THE LADY CHAPEL has been beautifully re-decorated and we are very grateful to those who undertook this task. However we are appealing for helpers to re-paint the Toilet and Sacristy-which urgently needs doing-or perhaps help with other jobs. Every Tuesday helpers are in Church cleaning, tending the flowers or doing other tasks so if you can help then please let us know, everyone has a talent!!!

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE. St Wilfrid's collection this week.

GATESHEAD HOMELESS PROJECT (JOE'S PLACE) Joe's Place project offers hot snacks, tea and coffee to those who are either homeless, on low or no income or live with substance addiction. Open every Wednesday 10am-1pm in. St. Joseph's church hall. The project needs food donations, if you can help there is a container at the back of church

ASYLUM SEEKERS Please remember that we collect tinned food for those who live in great need in our own area. There is a box at the back of St. Joseph's under the table near the side porch for anything you can give

GOING INTO HOSPITAL IN NEWCASTLE? If you know you are to have a stay in the RVI or Freeman hospital please try and let the Catholic Chaplain know before you go in to hospital so that Holy Communion can be arranged for you on a Sunday and your spiritual needs are attended to during your stay (it is helpful if you are able to tell us the ward you will be on). If you happen to forget, don't worry; just ask your ward to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. The Catholic Chaplain can be contacted at: St Andrew's Newcastle Upon Tyne ☐ 0191 232 1892

**Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
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Feast of the Ascension: Year C (OF)
Sunday after Ascension (EF)
7th /8th May 2016**

**St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i
(1840-1889)**

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy (Hansen's disease). By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope (January 23), to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

Feast day 10th May

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