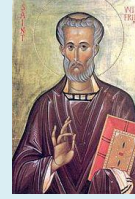




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Today 9th May 2021 is the Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season

Thursday 13th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Please note that the usual Mass time is changed

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	8 th May	Canon Michael McCoy	5.00pm		
Sunday	9 th May			People of the Parish Reuben Dossett	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	10 th May	In honour of the Holy Spirit	10.00am		
Tuesday	11 th May			Mary and George Wright	12.05
Wednesday	12 th May			Liam Hayden	12.05
Ascension Thursday	13 th May	Requiem for Albert Hanley	10.00am	People of the Parish Nick Murray	12.05 7.00pm (EF)
Friday	14 th May	Joyce Hinksman	10.00am	Private Intention	12.05
Saturday	15 th May	Canon Michael McCoy	5.00pm	Santiago Gonzales Perez	11.00am
Sunday	16 th May			People of the Parish Well being of Ken Scott	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 SPEAKING TO CANON MICHAEL

Please note the 8 am Mass on Thursday Will NOT take place on the 13th May as it is ASCENSION

ALL ARE WELCOME at ST JOSEPH'S and ST WILFRID'S
nobody has been turned away or asked to leave.

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 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,"

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.



[Sussidio Rosario 2021 Inglese.pdf \(pcpne.va\)](#)

Altar Servers

As the Government Roadmap slowly lead us out of the current restrictions; the next phase begins on 17th May. Therefore I would like to invite Altar Servers to resume their serving duties on the weekend of 23rd / 24th May. Please speak to Canon Michael about this as soon as possible.

Next Weekend there will be an extra collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Please remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Albert Hanley whose funeral will take place at St Wilfrid's on Ascension Thursday 13th 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 and it is as safe as we can make it. Booking is not necessary, just turn up, someone will welcome you, 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.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/pope-francis-may-2021-prayer-intention-sustainable-finance.htm>

From the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales April 2021

"In the time to come we can do no better than to rekindle in our hearts, foster and encourage, a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a gift so deeply appreciated in these times of lockdown. We need to begin by fostering this in ourselves. For the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

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

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 21st, 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 12th and 19th 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.knights.org)

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. 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 to keep Canon Michael McCoy's family in your prayers at this time and also pray for the repose of Canon Michael's soul that he may find the peace that he has always desired. Please pray, too 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.

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](https://www.diocese.org.uk).

Donations

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

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle	Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
St Wilfrid's	St Joseph's
Sort Code 40-34-18	Sort Code 40-34-18
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	Expenditure
April 2020 – April 2021 was £17,844	£36,552
April 2019 – April 2020 was £58,168	£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 2nd May 2021:-

Loose Plate £238.72
Gift Aid Envelopes £69 with gift aid of £17.25 added = £86.25
Piety Stall £17.65

Little Sisters of the Poor £188.19

Laudato Si' Week 2021



Laudato Si' Week 2021 will take place from **May 16 - 25** with global events and hundreds of local and regional events organized by partners around the world. This week will also be the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year (proposed by Pope Francis from May 2020 to May 2021) and the celebration of the great progress the entire Church has made on its journey towards ecological conversion. Laudato Si' Week 2021 will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and to prepare for the future with hope.

For more information about the week [visit our Laudato Si' page](#). You can find out more about the Laudato Si' week, how you can register for the event and access all of the resources available through the [official website](#).

Saint Joseph

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

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.

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.

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.

If you wish to receive this newsletter by email please contact: gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

Suggestions Please

There are still many Parishioners who are struggling to return to Mass and any sense of normality as restrictions are eased, for some the fear of contracting the virus remains a real debilitating threat, for others the anxiety covid has spread proves to be even more of a handicap. If anyone has any thoughts on how we can encourage these 'lost souls' back to Mass please get in touch.

CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under reporting. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. You can help by donating online [athttp://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response)

"We are fortunate in this country to have such an efficient vaccination programme, to help us look forward to a brighter future. There are many in the world who do not have such a possibility so I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the vaccine to bring the virus under control, not only for our own good but also for the common good of the whole of humanity. The fewer people with COVID-19 means the less it will spread.

Please be responsible."

Bishop Robert's pastoral letter 21st March 2021

[Pastoral Letter 5th Sunday of Lent 2021.pdf \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](#)

Please Continue at all times 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**

When you go for your vaccine against COVID you will probably not be given the choice of which vaccine you are to receive. We have been assured by the Church that we are NOT morally culpable in having any of the Covid vaccines on offer. However, I urge each of you to let the Vaccination team know that you are a Catholic and oppose the use of any by-products, no matter how distant the link, from aborted babies to be used at any point during the production of any vaccine, and urge them to make it known that we seek completely ethical methods of research and vaccine production.