

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Week Commencing 19th May 2019 Fourth Sunday After Easter (EF)

Saint Rita of Cascia (1381 - May 22, 1457)

Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Feast Day 22nd May

www.franciscanmedia.org

REMEMBER

22nd May
Community Choir
10am

24th May
Good Shepherd
5pm

8th June
Apostleship of the
Sea day of
Pilgrimage and
Prayer

9th June
Young Catholic
lunch

15th July
Reading Group
7pm

ST WILFRID'S

Don't forget we have a Facebook page with up to date information on our parish, diocese and our catholic faith. Find us at Our Lady and St.Wilfrid's r.c.church gateshead.

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday.

Headteacher: It is with great pleasure we welcome as our new headteacher Mr Jonathan Phillips, we extend a warm welcome and wish him well in his new post.

St Joseph and St Wilfrid's GARDEN PARTY.

Once again St Wilfrid's will be hosting a Garden Party on Sunday 7th July 2-4pm. This was very successful last year and a lovely time was had by all. There will be a meeting at St.Wilfrid's Church on Monday 27th May at 1pm. If anyone is interested in helping in the run up to and on the day please come along. Watch this space for more details.

Apostleship of the Sea

Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne Saturday 8th June 2019 led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales.

A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity.

Celtic Prayers on the Beach 12noon

Mass will be concelebrated in St Mary the Virgin Church at 3pm

**Saturday Safe Crossing Times
10:15am - 5:25pm**

**For further information please contact
Regional Port Chaplains**

Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504)

ST JOSEPH'S

FUND RAISING. Thank you Paula for leading the way in how to set about raising money for the repairs and development of our church and hall. The next steps appear to be to set up a fund raising committee at the same time as contacting contractors to gain quotes. If you are willing to help in any way with these next two steps please put your name on the lists at the back of the church or give your name to Fr Michael.

Remember Teas and coffees after every sung 10.00 am Mass.

KEYHOLDERS

In the interests of safety and safeguarding everyone who holds a key to the Parish buildings needs to fill in an initial registration form available from Fr Michael, and subsequently record every use of the key in a visitors' log book.

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on Thursday.

Any ideas for drawing our Parish Community closer together? Always wanted to start a group activity but didn't know where to start? Test your ideas here - you never know until you give it a go.

Remember although you may have a full and varied life there are many of our Parishioners who could do with YOUR support and company.

Young Catholic

For ALL young people aged 18 - 36 interested in Catholic Tradition

The first meeting proved to be a very enjoyable occasion where we began to get to know each-other and discussed what we hoped to get out of/bring to our group. Please come along and join us for our next event; lunch after midday Mass on the 9th June.

CMUK



Catholic Men UK, Uniting and encouraging Catholic men in the UK in their faith and in their duties to family life, parish life and public life.

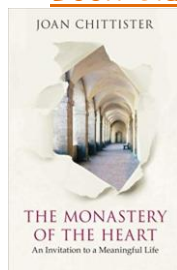
Next Meeting: June 22nd 8am

The Good Shepherd



FRIDAY 24th MAY at 5.00pm

Book Club



We will meet to discuss the above book on Monday 15th July at 7.00pm

Community Choir

We meet on a Wednesday morning in the John Ingram Room off the Sacristy at St Joseph's church at 10.00am. Interested? Just come along and give it a go, new members are always welcome. We sing an eclectic range of music, have great fun during rehearsals and perform in a variety of settings. No previous experience needed and no auditions.

Parent/grandparent and Toddler Group. Interested in being part of this? Please put your name on list at back of church.

New weekly peer support group for anyone facing depression or similar on Monday, 7pm at Bensham Grove Community Centre, Sidney Grove, Bensham, NE8 2XD. It's free, friendly and there's no need to book. PeerTalk is the national charity behind the groups, initially funded by the Methodist Church. For more details see

<http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups>

SICK COMMUNIONS

Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in the Sunderland Road area

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

PLEASE TAKE NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	MAY 18th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	19th	Polish Mass	11.00am	Robert Alistair Anderson Margaret Seymour	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	20th	Margaret Iveson	10.00		
Tuesday	21 st			Ted Ward	12.05
Wednesday	22 nd			James Reid	12.05
Thursday	23 rd			Eileen Richardson	12.05
Friday	24 th	Bell & Cantwell families	10.00	Priest`s Intention	12.05
Saturday	25 th		5.00pm	Nick Murray	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	26 th			People of the Parish Terry Middleton African Mass	10.00 am Midday (EF) 2.00pm

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

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: THURSDAY 11-11.50AM ST JOSEPH`S
SATURDAY 4.30-4.55 PM AT ST WILFRID`S**

CONFESSIONS:

ST JOSEPH`S: SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID`S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £598.95 MIDWEEK £66.98
ST WILFRID`S £172.75. LITTLE SISTERS COLLECTION £66.30
MANY THANKS