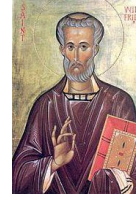


**ALL ARE WELCOME at ST JOSEPH'S and ST WILFRID'S**



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*Today 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 is Pentecost*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May			People of the Parish Birthday of Benedict YT Kim	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pat Wallace	10.00am		
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> May			Deceased Members of the Tuddenham Family	12.05
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> May			No Mass	12.05
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> May			No Mass	7.45am
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Private Intention	10.00am School Mass	George and Bernard Wright	12.05
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> May	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Aidan Macgregor	11.00am
Trinity Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> May			Dennis Duffy People of the Parish	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 remember all those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**Pope Francis Urges ALL Catholics to Pray the Rosary this May for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic**

"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,"

This is the FINAL week, please tune into Vatican News broadcast to join the Pope reciting 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.

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

**Altar Servers**

Please speak to Canon Michael about resuming your service or about becoming an Altar Server

**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 Wilfrid's**

First Holy Communion medals, brooches, pens and other items are available at the back of church, cards are available in the kitchen

**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>, the number of people able to attend Funerals in our churches depends upon the limits governed by social distancing, so the same as for any Mass. 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.

**St Joseph's Piety Sale**

There are a number of reduced price piety stall items for sale at the back of church, please place money in the box. 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)

### Donations

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

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St Wilfrid's

St Joseph's

Sort Code 40-34-18

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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 Weekly Offertory Income 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021:-**

Loose Plate £299.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £80 an extra 25p in every £ is added to this total

by HMRC

Piety Stall £12

Sick and Retired Priests Collection £76.50

### **Gift Aid**

Does not 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 or email [gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:gateshead.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

### **St Joseph's Security Plea**

We desperately need to improve the security around the Church and Presbytery grounds, especially after the last few weeks which have seen vandalism to the hall doors, several people asked to vacate the premises as they were caught in the act of urinating on the church steps, the CCTV captured a young woman defecating in front of the church during daylight hours, numerous alcoholics, drug addicts and young people have been asked to leave as they sit swearing, drinking, injecting and littering the grounds, three homeless people spent three nights sleeping on the doorstep despite having been offered help from the local council. Although at the minute this behaviour has not gone beyond being anti-social, the fear is it could escalate into something more sinister and dangerous. If you can help towards this fund please mark your donations as 'Security'. Securing the gate to the street is going to cost £400 and we need to improve the gates to the car park and the fencing/railings around the grounds as well as updating and extending the CCTV system.

This urgent job will be very expensive, every penny counts!

### Coming Soon to St Joseph's

Sung Evening Vespers

Watch this space for further information



"As Covid restrictions slowly begin to lift, it is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission"

Please read the full statement to find out what, if anything can change for our churches.

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

As we welcome back to church many parishioners for whom the pandemic has proved a very isolating and lonely time please spare a moment to chat a while **outdoors** but **remember** to maintain **social distancing** especially if removing your mask to speak.

**As restrictions are slowly lifted it is essential in church that we continue to: -**  
cover **FACE**, leave **SPACE**, wash **HANDS** regularly

### Keeping Up to Date

Are your contact details up to date? 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.

**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>

"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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

'Laudato Si' May 16 - 25, for more information visit [our Laudato Si' page](#) or through the [official website](#).

#### CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. 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

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response>

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.

Stay up to date with diocesan news, visit their webpage at:  
[Diocesan eNewsletter archive \(rcdhn.org.uk\)](#)

#### 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>. 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](#)

#### 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/>

#### 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.

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