

From the Handbook of Indulgences:

A plenary (full) indulgence, which is applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on All Souls' Day. The requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

- Visit a church and pray for the souls in Purgatory while in the state of grace.
- Say the Our Father and the Creed during the visit to the church (this is accomplished in the liturgy if your visit is during Mass; outside of Mass, offer these on your own)
- Pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father, or Hail Mary, or any other appropriate prayer is sufficient)
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (on the day itself or soon thereafter)

- Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls' Day, either before or after
- For a plenary indulgence, be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary). It is sufficient that the Christian makes an act of the will to love God above all things and to despise all sin.

In addition, you can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between 1 November and 8 November.

Remember in Your Prayers

As we move from the end of Summer and into Autumn, we are invited to pray for the following intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People.

Diocesan "Volunteer Census" Thank You to everyone who completed the Volunteer Census form, your help was greatly appreciated. If for some reason you were unable to complete this earlier, please use the QR Code—scan it with you smartphone camera and complete the online form. If you need assistance in any way please speak to Shauna. Reminder—any type of volunteer, doing any form of voluntary work within the parish, in the school, anywhere throughout the diocese, is asked to complete this census.

Please take this newsletter home with you or access it via the website, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church, or access via www.stjosephscatholicchurchgateshead.org.uk

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email your address to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk

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| <p align="center">Current First Holy Communion Class Meets again on WEDNESDAY, 6th November at 6.00pm</p> | <p align="center">First Holy Communion Preparation 2025 If you have a child aged 7+ who would like to make his/her first Holy Communion please fill in an application form, available from the office. Your child's name will be added to the waiting list for the next series of classes to be held.</p> |
| <p align="center">Baptism If you have a child you would like to be baptised please speak to Canon Michael and fill in an application form.</p> | <p align="center">Good Shepherd Programme Due to unforeseen circumstances this has been postponed indefinitely</p> |
| <p>If you would like to volunteer for any role within the parish please collect and fill in application forms. The names of two referees are required, one of which must not be a parishioner or known through church activities. Family members cannot act as referees.</p> | <p>Teas, coffees, juice and biscuits will be served in the hall after the 10.00am Mass. Please come along to this social event. Refreshments are free, but donations are welcomed.</p> |
| <p align="center">BOOK CLUB The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 19th at 7pm to discuss the book "The King and the Catholics" by Antonia Fraser which explores how Catholic Emancipation happened in 1829. All welcome New Members are always welcome</p> | <p>John Ingram Partnership RCIA Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling. If you need further information please contact Alan on 07976402023.</p> |
| <p align="center">FLAME 2025 Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th March, the theme is: - 'UNSTOPPABLE FAN; THE FLAME OF HOPE' It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age, those under the age of 18 must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact: - mary.hughes@ymt.org</p> | <p>The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th November from 12pm to 3pm. Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.</p> |
| <p>Vocations Discernment Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. These meetings take place each month, between 6pm and 8pm, at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley on: Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 3rd December.</p> | <p align="center">Retreats Be Still and Know that I am God, 21st – 24th November 2024 Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information and to register go to: - https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/</p> |
| <p>Sanctuary Candles Intentions if you would like the Sanctuary candle lit for your intentions or those of a loved one please put these in an envelope along with £5 donation and hand it in to canon Michael or place it on the collection plate.</p> | <p>Marriage Care is looking for volunteer couples and individuals who would like to train in this exciting role. For further information contact: marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com</p> <p>Mass Intentions If you would like a Mass said for a loved one or for your own intentions please write the intention down, place it in an envelope along with a suggested offering of £10 and hand in to Canon Michael or put the envelope on the collection plate.</p> |

Blessed John Duns Scotus

A humble man, John Duns Scotus has been one of the most influential Franciscans through the centuries. Born at Duns in the county of Berwick, Scotland, John was descended from a wealthy farming family. In later years, he was identified as John Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; *Scotia* is the Latin name for Scotland.

John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. After novitiate, John studied at Oxford and Paris and was ordained in 1291. More studies in Paris followed until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later, he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for the doctorate.

In an age when many people adopted whole systems of thought without qualification, John pointed out the richness of the Augustinian-Franciscan tradition, appreciated the wisdom of Aquinas, Aristotle, and the Muslim philosophers—and still managed to be an independent thinker. That quality was proven in 1303, when King Philip the Fair tried to enlist the University of Paris on his side in a dispute with Pope Boniface VIII. John Duns Scotus dissented, and was given three days to leave France.

In Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. An ever-practical man, Scotus said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

After a short stay in Oxford, Scotus returned to Paris, where he received the doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. That same year the minister general assigned him to the Franciscan school in Cologne where John died in 1308. He is buried in the Franciscan church near the famous Cologne cathedral.

Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.

Feast Day November 8th franciscanmedia.org

St Wilfrid's collection: 26.10.24

Mass £211.90 Gift Aid packets £67

If you would like to make a donation by BACs the details are:-

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Wilfrid

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account No: 01164120

St Joseph's collection: 27.10.24

Mass £327.40 Gift Aid envelopes £135

If you would like to make a donation by BACs the details are:-

Account Name: DHN Gateshead St Joseph

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account No.: 31164066

Gift Aid

Remember if you are a tax payer you can, at no extra cost to yourself, add 25p in every £1 you donate to the church just by gift aiding your donation

Mission Appeal – Thank you all who contributed to this appeal £40 was raised at St Wilfrid's and £200 at St Joseph's

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle

Tickets are on sale now - £1 a strip – don't miss out on your chance to win one of our fabulous hampers.

£1 Christmas Donation for Canon Michael

Thank you to all who have contributed to this very worthy cause, a total of £150 has been collected which almost covers the cost of a simple alb. If you would like to contribute to the fund please see Shauna Devitt or Bernadette Hirst.

Table Top Sale November 30th

Clear out things you no longer need and sell them at our table top event – tables cost £5 each – you can keep anything you make from sale of your second-hand goods or you can donate your profit to the parish. Reserve your table as soon as possible – put £5 in an envelope and hand in to Canon Michael or Shauna Devitt – limited spaces available.

St Joseph's Piety Stall

**The piety stall will be open again soon.
If there is anything you want in the meantime
please speak to me and I will be able to open the
store for your purchase.
Shauna**

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 4th Sunday remaining after Epiphany (EF) 3rd November 2024

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

| DAY | DATE | TIME | INTENTION |
|----------|---------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Saturday | 2 nd Nov | 5.00pm | George and Dot Adams |
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| Monday | 4 th Nov | 10.00am | Bell and Cantwell families |
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| Friday | 8 th Nov | 10.00am | School Mass |
| Saturday | 9 th Nov | 5.00pm | Priest's Intention |

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: Maria Bell

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

| DAY | DATE | TIME | INTENTION |
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| Saturday | 2 nd Nov | 11.00am (EF) | Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 3 rd Nov | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | 12.00pm (EF) | Priest's Intention |
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| Tuesday | 5 th Nov | 12.05pm | Adrian Barnes |
| Wednesday | 6 th Nov | 12.05pm | NO MASS |
| Thursday | 7 th Nov | 12.05pm | No Intention |
| Friday | 8 th Nov | 12.05pm | Adrian Barnes |
| Saturday | 9 th Nov | 11.00am (EF) | Intentions of LMS |
| Sunday | 10 th Nov | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | | 12.00pm | Souls in Purgatory |

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

Confessions: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

Sanctuary Lamp Intention:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11-11.55am & Saturday 7.00am