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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 22nd after Pentecost (EF) 6th November 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Nov 5 th	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	Nov 6 th			People of the Parish Les Taylder Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday (EF) 3.00pm
Monday	Nov 7 th	George Armstrong	10.00am		
Tuesday	Nov 8 th		10.00am	Intentions of Sr. Aniela MC	12.05pm
Wed	Nov 9 th			NO MASS	12.05pm
Thursday	Nov 10 th			George and Sylvia Armstrong	7.45am
Friday	Nov 11 th	Hamilton family	10.00am	Onody family	12.05pm
Saturday	Nov 12 th	Dot Adams	5.00pm	Richard Phipps and Delphina De Prez	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Nov 13 th			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

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

Confessions: - St Joseph's: Saturday 12-12.30 and Wednesday after Mass

St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Benediction and Vespers on the first Sunday of each month

African Mass 2.00pm LAST Sunday of the Month

HALL MANAGEMENT

We are delighted to welcome **Joanne Tonothy** as our new hall manager

Please make her feel at home when you meet her.

And once again we thank Alan Telford for his service over the last 13 years as hall manager.

Christmas Mass Times

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm
Christmas Eve Sung Latin Mass (EF) 11.00pm
Christmas Day Holy Mass 10.00am

St Wilfrid's

Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

St Joseph's Church is to host this wonderful musical Christmas evening on the evening of the **9th December**. The programme will feature the Diocesan Choir, the choirs of St Joseph's Academy Hebburn, and the Westoe Brass band. Mark the date in your diary.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with serving mince pies & wine etc on the evening, if you are free and would like to help please speak to Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt

Income 23rd October 2022

St Wilfrid's: - £123.20 Gift Aided- £47
Donation-£15 Donation for a Candle in Memory of Joan Niel £10
St Joseph's - £807 of which £104 was Gift Aided
Many Thanks

Recording and Photography

In Accordance with Diocesan Data protection and Safeguarding policies permission **MUST** be sought from and given by Canon Michael before any photographs or recordings of any kind are taken in church.

ST WILFRID'S

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE;

Raffle tickets are now available from the back of Church. Please take some and sell them to family, friends and neighbours. The tickets will also be on sale at weekday Masses. We have some great prizes including cash prizes and supermarket vouchers, full list on the notice board. Sincere thanks to those who have donated the prizes, it is incredibly heartening that we have such great support from parishioners and friends alike especially during these times of financial difficulties.

NOVEMBER CANDLES;

This weekend is your last chance to hand in your names and monies to Rachel. £1.20 per candle and they will be lit throughout November.

CHRISTMAS STOCK;

There are plenty of cards but there are only a limited number of calendars, diaries and grave candles, available in the kitchen at all Masses.

Priest's Training Fund

There will be a collection for this worthy cause **NEXT Weekend 12/13th November**
Please give generously.

Mexican Fun Afternoon December 11th 1.00pm - 4.00pm

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

There will be First Saturday devotions every month at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead, in reparation for blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as Our Lady of Fatima requested. These monthly devotions will begin on **Saturday November 5th 2022**, and will have the following programme:

11:00 am - Holy Mass, with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart
11:30 am - Group Recitation of the Rosary
11:45 am - Silent Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary
12:00-12:30 pm - Confessions
12.00 - 2.30 pm - coffee

Tuesday Club

Takes place in the hall straight after 12.05 Mass
Join us for a light lunch, a warm welcome and friendly conversation as well as bingo and other activities
All this for a small donation of £1 per person
For further information speak to Bernadette Hirst

UPDATED BOOK CLUB INFORMATION

We are always looking for new participants in this friendly, relaxed, social discussion group.

Next meeting NOTE CHANGE of DATE
Wednesday 16th November 7pm.

The book is **Orthodoxy** by **G.K.Chesterton**.

Can You Spare an Hour?

In December 2019, we held an Open-Door Event. Many people, most of whom had never been inside our church before, accepted the invitation to come in, to look around, to enjoy some quiet time, or to light a candle. Many felt moved to sit in quiet reflection listening to the music, others asked for help in lighting a candle, or in praying for a particular cause or wanted to ask for prayers to be said for a special reason.

We hope to be able to repeat this in Advent this year. Look out for more information in the coming weeks. You might want to help to prepare the church for this event or be present on that day quietly praying for those who visit.

This will only be possible if we have enough volunteers to ensure the church is secure and to be able to show visitors around and/or guide them in prayerful respect.

If you feel you could help please give your name and the time you would be available to Canon Michael, Bernadette Hirst or Shauna Devitt

The Open Door Event will take place on a Wednesday

"When I Awake Lord I Shall Be Filled With Your Glory"

David, the shepherd king of Israel, was a poet and a musician. He wrote the Psalms, the hymn book of the Jewish Temple. The responsorial Psalm today is a beautiful response to the first reading, the belief in the resurrection of the body. David says death is only sleeping; "When I awake, Lord I shall be filled with Your glory"

The New Testament too refers to death as being asleep. It is a fitting theme for November, the month of the Faithful Departed: "those who sleep in Christ and have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith" The Book of Maccabees, our first reading, was written at least 50 years before Christ; it shows that belief in a bodily resurrection is pre-Christian, a faith which gave courage to the seven Jewish brothers to face death rather than deny their faith.

Resurrection was much discussed in Jesus' day; the Sadducees denied it, they were Priestly Aristocratic families who ridiculed the whole idea of resurrection by asking Jesus what happens to the woman after death who had been widowed seven times and buried seven husbands; whose wife is she in the life to come? Our Lord replied that after death there is no physical union of marriage since the risen body is not flesh and blood but a new creation. It is also immortal; therefore no-one dies and so there is no need for procreation. He reminded them that Moses, in the book of Genesis, taught that death was not God's doing, He creates life not death. If after death man was only a disembodied spirit he would not be fully alive. In God's plan the whole person; body and soul is immortal and incorruptible. It is an impoverished view of the Creator to teach that only the soul survives death. We are fully human in Heaven, body and soul, not disembodied spirits.

With this vision of Heaven the church opens the month of The Faithful Departed with the feast of All saints.

The more we think of the Glory that awaits us, the more we will pray for those who have gone before us. The teaching of Purgatory is very consoling; that after death we may still be on our journey to Heaven. It is also very reasonable; we ought to be ready at death for immediate glory - but are we?

One minute after death I am the same person as a minute before, with the same regrets and unfinished business; debts unpaid, promises unfulfilled; duties neglected; hurts unhealed; broken friendships not mended. With these things on my mind I cannot be truly happy, I am not ready for the vision of God. My pilgrimage of faith home to God's house is still ongoing, however my journey to Heaven is now certain; there is no fear or anxiety or pain in purgatory. I am safe, peaceful and full of joy; but I rely on the prayers of those I loved on earth to help me finish my journey.

We who will follow them can help them in the great Communion of Saints; the family of God.

Always speak kindly of the dead; tell them we forgive them, ask them to forgive us.

In the days of Catholic England when all were united to the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St Peter, all over our country chapels were built as "Holy Souls Chapels" where the monks chanted daily the Requiem Mass and the Office of the dead, they were known as 'Chantryes' - King Henry 8th abolished them.

St John Henry Newman wrote "The Dream of Gerontius" - Gerontius is Latin for old man. It is the story of Gerontius dying: facing judgement and going to Purgatory. This epic poem was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar, and includes Newman's hymn "Praise to the Holiest in the Height" and ends with the song of Gerontius Guardian Angel leading him to Purgatory. It is thoroughly Catholic in its teaching of death:

Judgement, purgatory, prayers for the dead and the vision of God.

We Pray for all the departed that they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Fr. J.S.Doherty

The **Vocations** Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood to an enquirers evening, at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's

Cathedral, Newcastle, on

• **Tuesday 6 December 2022**

We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 8.00pm.

If you would like to attend, or for more information, **please**

contact the Vocations Promoter, **Fr Shaun Purdy** by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone:

01670 812200.

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese

[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesehn.org.uk/news)

Rescare Befriending Service



Everyone needs other people, but not everyone has someone. For people who become isolated because of ill health, disability or social disadvantage, being matched with a 'Befriender' often fills a big gap. Befriending offers supportive, reliable relationships through volunteer befrienders to people who would otherwise be socially isolated.

'Rescare' is a unique nationwide charity that has been supporting families who have loved ones with a learning disability, by promoting quality and choice in care, education, and health since 1984. Families are at the centre of what we do.

Rescare's Befriending service is designed to help people who are experiencing feelings of loneliness and/or isolation to enable them to start to feel connected to other people in a positive way again.

What is befriending?

"The chances are we've all been affected by Loneliness, either directly or through someone close to us. We can all do more to try and make a difference and make our country a less lonely place."

Minister for Loneliness Baroness Diana Barran

The Befriending service is free offered by Rescare and delivered by fully trained volunteers. It is a chance for you to connect and enjoy chatting with someone over the phone, meet up for a cuppa or go for walk together.

Whether you'd like to speak to someone every week, or just want to talk when the need strikes, we're here to help.

Is our befriending service for you?

Rescare has a mission to help families. Traditionally we have always had a helpline available for more information, advice and guidance in around the learning disability sector. In 2021 we launched our friendship service where you can simply talk to someone.

Get in touch with us if you are:

- A parent of someone with a Learning Disability and/or Autism
- A Carer of someone with a Learning Disability and/or Autism
- An individual with a Learning Disability and/or Autism aged 18+

You don't need to be feeling lonely (though if you are, we'd like to help), and you don't need to live on your own. Sometimes it's just nice to talk.

<https://www.rescare.org.uk/befriending-service/> | nicola@rescare.org.uk | 07732403834