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Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church
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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) 23rd after Pentecost (EF) 13th November 2022

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Nov 12 th	Dot Adams	5.00pm		
Sunday Remembrance Day	Nov 13 th			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Midday (EF)
Monday	Nov 14 th	Charles Tedford	10.00am		
Tuesday	Nov 15 th			George & Mary Wright	12.05pm
Wed	Nov 16 th			Private Intention (father & family)	12.05pm
Thursday	Nov 17 th			Holy Souls	12.05pm
Friday	Nov 18 th	NO MASS	10.00am	NO MASS	12.05pm
Saturday	Nov 19 th	Bell & Cantwell families	5.00pm	Billy McStea	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Nov 20 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

Congratulations to Charles Obiefule Jr. who was baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's

THURSDAY MASS

From this week going forward the Mass on Thursday will no longer be said at 7.45am but at 12.05pm

Communion for the Sick and Housebound

Do you know of anyone who is sick, housebound, in hospital, or unable to come to Mass for any other reason? Would they like to receive Holy Communion?

Please let the office or Canon Michael know in order that he can take the Blessed Sacrament to those who wish to receive.

Christmas Mass Times

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5.00pm
Christmas Eve Sung Latin Mass (EF) 11.00am
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 6th November 2022

St Wilfrid's: - £146 Gift Aided- £64.50 Donation-£15
Piety - £78

St Joseph's - £1.081 of which £100 was Gift Aided
Many Thanks

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.

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 an Extra Collection
THIS Weekend 12/13th November
Please give generously.

Updating Information

In line with DATA protection advice we need to update our information periodically and check that those who have subscribed to online correspondence in the past are still happy to be contacted in this way.

If you have subscribed to the 'Newsletter Email List' and are happy to continue to be included on this list, or if you have changed your email address and need to update it in order to continue to receive the newsletter please send an email to shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk to verify your details and consent. If you would like to be added to the database for the purposes of receiving the newsletter via email please email your details to the above email address also.

Thank You

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale at the back of church after Mass on Sundays £2 per strip of 5 tickets. First prize £100, second prize £50, third prize £25 plus many other beautiful prizes – you really do not want to miss out!!

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.

Parking for Mass

Our car-park is relatively small; there is enough space for approximately 20 cars when all are parked carefully. Please DO NOT Park down the middle of the car park as this blocks access for emergency services if needed and traps other drivers in. If you arrive when the car-park is full please park in the public car-park a minute's walk from the church grounds.
Parking with respect for others is the Christian way.

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 16th November 7pm.

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

Can You Spare an Hour?

On Wednesday December 14th from 11.30 - 13.30, we are holding an Open-Door Event.

This is a time for people, many of whom have never been inside our church before, to come in, to look around, to enjoy some quiet time, or to light a candle.

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

Mexican Fun Afternoon December 11th 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes from Mexican Fun Day

Available to collect from the office

Strip:-1 - 5 Oreo bar

Strip:-21 - 25 Chocolate hamper

Strip:-41 - 45 Oil Burner Set

Strip:-6 -10 Haribo Set

Strip:-31 - 35 Kitchen Board

PLEASE COLLECT BEFORE END OF NOVEMBER

any unclaimed prizes will be resubmitted as prizes for the next raffle!!

African Bracelet for Bernadette – are you the Bernadette who paid for a bracelet to be made? It is ready for you; please make yourself known once again to Angela MacDonald – the lady you paid. Thank you

Rosary Beads and Spectacles

Do you have any Rosary Beads or spectacles you no longer need or want? Angela MacDonald collects these to send to Africa, if you have any you would like to donate please hand them in to the office. Thank You

HALL RENTAL

Our Church Hall is available for anyone to hire subject to availability and adherence to hall policies

If you would like to book the hall for any event please contact parish office or Shauna Devitt until December when the new hall manager Joanne Tonothy, will be available to help with all enquiries for information regarding costs etc.
joanne.tonothy@yahoo.co.uk or 07894149160

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

"If a man won't work, let him not eat. Go on quietly working and earning the bread you eat"

St Paul today in his letter to the Thessalonians is very blunt. Many of his parishioners were shipyard workers in this thriving port of Thessalonica. They were downing tools. "We gave you a rule" he writes: "if a man won't work, stop his benefits!"

In the Bible you can find a quotation to promote every weird opinion under the sun, if that quote is taken out of context; this is a misuse of Scripture, it is unjust to quote anything out of context, we need to read the Scriptures with background knowledge of the historical and political situation of the time.

So what is Paul saying and why?

He taught that the second coming of Christ at the end of time would come in his day, and so he asked "Are you ready to greet Him when He comes again?" As a result his some of his parishioners questioned the point of anything if the end is near? "What is the point of building ships, of getting married; why not let's just spend our time in prayer?"

The social consequences in Thessalonica were a disaster, other ship yard workers were annoyed at this odd religious sect, eagerly awaiting in joyful hope for the coming of a saviour from Heaven.

So Paul reminds his parishioners that Jesus wants us to be busy with our daily tasks, building His Kingdom here on earth by good works until He comes again. Idleness and not using our talents in the service of community is sinful. We build God's Kingdom here on earth when we work honestly and justly in the service of others. The best way to prepare for the second coming is by an honest day's work: shopping, cooking, washing dishes, seeing children off to school.

Malachi today, in our first reading speaks about the coming day of our Lord when the good and the bad will be judged, but have confidence, he says, you who live good lives have nothing to fear.

Then, in the Gospel, Jesus is standing in the Temple showing some tourists around and reminds them that all this fine stonework and marble sculptures and costly linen and silver will one day be destroyed. Jesus is not referring to the end of the world, but to the end of the Jewish world as they know it.

They had not to wait long, in 70AD within 40 years of the crucifixion the Roman army under Emperor Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the Temple and massacred the people. The Jews lost their home land, became exiles for nearly two thousand years until 1948. The Temple was never rebuilt. The Temple mount became the site of a Muslim Mosque with a costly golden dome and the Jews were left with an ancient wall of the Temple to wail against.

In Rome today we can stand under the famous arch of Titus: built to commemorate the sacking of Jerusalem, with its stone carving of the Roman soldiers carrying the seven branch candlestick and other Temple treasures, foretold by Jesus in today's Gospel.

All this talk about the end of times in the New Testament is not meant to frighten us but to remind us that life is precious and fragile. End times are all around us every day for many people dying in floods, earthquakes, wars and other disasters.

We must pray for all those people who are experiencing end days: the breakup of a marriage, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, illness, times when hopes and dreams are shattered.

The message of the Gospel is always Good News: God brings new life out of tragedy: new beginnings out of end days. He allows tragedy only to bring about a greater good. When one door closes another door opens. The Risen Lord is always present in the here and now, even as it crumbles around us. Draw strength from Him.

The end of A world is not the end of THE world. What counts is that we stand firm and don't lose heart, or as St Paul gently puts it: "go on quietly working".

Julian of Norwich used to say: "All will be well and all manner of things will be well"

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)

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.

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
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