

**+THE PARISHES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND SAINT WILFRID+  
GATESHEAD**

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143450

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**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES**

	NOV		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	18	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	19			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	Intentions of M & C Gault
Monday	20	10.00am	Intentions of Jovita Udeh		
Tuesday	21			12.05pm	Assunta & Mario family
Wednesday	22			12.05pm	Clorinda Scotto di Santo
Thursday	23			12..05pm	Margaret Seach
Friday	24	10..00am	REQUIEM: Mona Richardson	12.05pm	NO MASS
Saturday	25			11.00am	Pat Turnbull
		5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	26			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Deceased members of McStea family

**CONFESSIONS** ST. JOSEPH'S Wed after 12.05pm Mass and Saturday 12noon-12.30pm.  
ST WILFRID before 5.00pm Mass Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 11am to 11.55am

**COLLECTIONS:** St Joseph's: not available St Wilfrid's Mass £210, Gift Aid £52.  
November candles £250 Piety £37

**Parish Book Club.** The next book will be *The Shack* by Wm Paul Young  
Copies available second hand from £2.43 on AbeBooks.co.uk. The meeting  
will be on Monday 27th November at 7pm in the Ingram Room.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** Copy the instructions  
below into your notebook and follow their direction.

**First Communicant's Task for 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>h</sup> November**

- **Join in with the Gloria**
- After Mass has finished light a candle and pray for those you love.
- Listen carefully to and join in with the 'Penitential Rite'.
- Join in with the Lord's Prayer – the 'Our Father'
- Dip the middle finger of your right hand into the Holy Water Stoop as you enter and exit the church and make The Sign of The Cross with care and reverence.
- Remember to always sit near enough to the front of the church so that you can see what is happening on and around the Altar.

**Altar Servers Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen** at Mass on his Feast Day – 26<sup>th</sup> December.

**A Light in the Darkness:** a service for those who mourn the loss of a child  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 3:00pm St Joseph's, Gateshead.

**SPUC COFFEE MORNING** You are invited by SPUC to enjoy a cup of  
coffee/tea in the church hall after Mass **SUNDAY 19th November**, please  
support this event. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help serve teas and  
coffees please give your name to Canon Michael

**NEW LITURGICAL YEAR;** On the first Sunday of Advent the new  
liturgical year begins with the Sunday Gospel readings taken from the Gospel  
of St Mark. If you would like a daily commentary on the readings at Mass, the  
cathedral bookshop recommends their book *Gospel Power* available for £6.99.

**Christmas Masses.** It is proposed that Mass for Christmas will be as follows:  
St Joseph's Christmas Eve 5pm; Christmas day 10.00am (Latin).  
St Wilfrid's Christmas Eve 5pm.

## ST JOSEPH'S

### St Joseph's Fund Raising

We are appealing for donations of canned /dried foods, bottles, biscuits and chocolates etc in order to make some luxury food hampers which we will use as Raffle prizes to raise funds for our Parish. We would also be grateful for any other donated prizes. Any items can be given to Bernadette or Peter.

Hopefully tickets will be on sale at the start of December.

### Christmas Donations for Joe's Place

Joe's Place, which is held in our Parish Hall every Wednesday, provides a safe warm space and nutritious food to approximately 100 people each week. Food donations can be left in the box at the back of church. A list of foods which are needed is displayed on the notice board.

We are also appealing for the following items which we hope to be able to distribute at Christmas - **warm hats, gloves, socks for men & women.**

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer helper they can find out more about Joe's Place from Bernadette.

**NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY.** The next meeting will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> in St Joseph's hall at 2pm when Lucia Luck will talk about '*The Italian links with Ushaw College*' All welcome.

## ST WILFRID'S

**RAFFLE;** Once again there are some great prizes to win this year so many thanks once more to those of you who have donated the raffle prizes and of course to those who have sold and bought raffle tickets. A tremendous effort from everyone, we are very grateful to you all!!! Raffle tickets are still available to buy at ALL Masses.

**PIETY STALL** Cards are now 70p unless priced. Christmas cards, 2024 diaries are now available in the kitchen. We also have Christmas grave candles on sale. There are also some reduced Christmas items on sale at the back of Church. Please see Rachel if you need any help.

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**33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year A (OF)**

**6th Sunday remaining after Epiphany (EF)**

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro**

*"¡Viva Cristo Rey!"*—Long live Christ the King!—were the last words Pro uttered before he was executed for being a Catholic priest and serving his flock.

Born into a prosperous, devout family in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, Miguel entered the Jesuits in 1911, but three years later fled to Granada, Spain, because of religious persecution in Mexico. He was ordained in Belgium in 1925.

Father Pro immediately returned to Mexico, where he served a Church forced to go "underground." He celebrated the Eucharist clandestinely and ministered the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics.

He and his brother Roberto were arrested on trumped-up charges of attempting to assassinate Mexico's president. Roberto was spared, but Miguel was sentenced to face a firing squad on November 23, 1927. His funeral became a public demonstration of faith. Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.

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