

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

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

	NOV		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	25	5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	26			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12 noon	Deceased members of McStea family
				2pm	African Mass
Monday	27	10.00am			
Tuesday	28			12.05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	29			12.05pm	Special ntention SED
Thursday	30			12..05pm	Intentions of Jovita Udeh
Friday	DEC 1	10..00am	Private Intention	12.05pm	Mona Richardson
Saturday	2			11.00am	Margaret & Bill Armstrong
		5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention		
Sunday	3			10.00am	People of the Parish
			<i>Extraordinary Form (Latin)</i>	12.00noon	Benedict McDonald

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: Not available

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 18th /19^h November

- Listen for the bells at Mass and see what is happening on the altar.
- 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 – 26th December.

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 6th 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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Feast of Christ the King: Year A (OF)

Last Sunday after Epiphany (EF)

25th /26th November 2023

Saint James of the Marche

James was born in the Marche of Ancona, in central Italy along the Adriatic Sea. After earning doctorates in canon and civil law at the University of Perugia, he joined the Friars Minor and began a very austere life. He fasted nine months of the year; he slept three hours a night. Saint Bernardine of Siena told him to moderate his penances.

James studied theology with Saint John of Capistrano. Ordained in 1420, James began a preaching career that took him all over Italy and through 13 Central and Eastern European countries. This extremely popular preacher converted many people—250,000 at one estimate—and helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. His sermons prompted numerous Catholics to reform their lives, and many men joined the Franciscans under his influence.

With John of Capistrano, Albert of Sarteano, and Bernardine of Siena, James is considered one of the “four pillars” of the Observant movement among the Franciscans. These friars became known especially for their preaching.

To combat extremely high interest rates, James established *montes pietatis*—literally, mountains of charity—nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on pawned objects at very low rates.

Not everyone was happy with the work James did. Twice assassins lost their nerve when they came face to face with him. James died in 1476, and was canonized in 1726.

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