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**Our Lady & Saint Wilfrid's Catholic Church**  
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*First Sunday of Advent 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (OF - Year A)*

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intentions	5.00pm		
Sunday	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish Intention of Elizabeth Wright African Mass	10.00am Midday (EF) 2.00pm
Monday	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Souls	10.00am		
Tuesday	Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>			Joan Moore	12.05pm
Wed	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>			Ellen Friel (birthday)	12.05pm
Thursday	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>			James Cawthorne	12.05pm
Friday	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Special Intention (BD)	10.00am	Special Intention (MG)	12.05pm
Saturday	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Special Intention (BD)	5.00pm	Fr John Thomas Bull	11.00am (EF)
Sunday	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>			People of the Parish Audrey McDonald Benediction and Vespers	10.00am Midday (EF) 3.00pm

"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

We welcome into the church Grace, Scott and Olivia who are Baptised at St Wilfrid's this Saturday  
Please keep them and their families in your prayers

Please keep in your prayers Finlay, Heidi, Melissa, Scott, Grace, Rory, Billy and Johnny who will make their first Confession on Wednesday

**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

### Parish magazine

Is available to collect from the piety stall; we have not set a sale price for the publication but hope you will make a donation towards its costs.

Perhaps after you have read the magazine you will be so kind as to email a comment to: - [shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaunadevitt@yahoo.co.uk), (or drop a hand written note into the office), to let us know what you think of the publication.

Please be as honest as possible without being offensive; let me know:-

What you liked and/or disliked about the production, what you would change/keep, what you would have liked to see included/ excluded and your overall opinion about having a Parish magazine,

If it is deemed to be a success then I would endeavour to produce another in the springtime, perhaps you will be inspired to send in an article for publication? Look out for news of any feedback given and any developments regarding future editions.

Thank you to all

### St Wilfrid's

#### NOVEMBER CANDLES;

As we are coming to the end of the month of remembrance -we're not quite there yet-your candles will be available for collection next Saturday after Mass. They will be in the kitchen. For those of you who don't want to take them home they can be left in Church, please be assured that the candles will not be thrown away until they are completely burnt out. Thanks once for your devotion to the loved ones you have lit candles for and for your patience and understanding. May God Bless You.

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE;

Tickets on sale at the back of church

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### North East Catholic History Society

next meets on **Wednesday 7 December 2022** at 2.00pm in St Joseph`s parish hall

**"The other Reformation - 'From an early border town to global Catholic reform' "** by Dr James Kelly.

All welcome. Non-members £1

### Parking for Mass at St Joseph's

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.

**ATTENTION 10.00am Mass attendees, please do not** leave your car in the car-park after Mass whilst you 'pop to the shops' - those coming to Mass at Mid-day will need the parking spaces, all 10.00am cars ought to be out of the car-park by 11.30 at the very latest.

Thank you for your co-operation parking with respect for others is the Christian way.

### 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!!

### 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

### 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 TODAY**

### Mexican Fun Afternoon December 11<sup>th</sup> in St Joseph's

Church Hall 1.00pm - 4.00pm

**ALL are welcome**

**There will be an extra collection THIS Weekend for Youth Sunday**

Income 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

St Wilfrid's: - £205.70 Gift Aided- £30

Donation-£15 candles - £17.50 Priest training Fund - £34.20

St Joseph's - £575 of which £117.50 was Gift Aided  
Many Thanks

## First Sunday of Advent

### **"Adveniet regnum tuum"**

Advent means coming, there are three Comings of Christ; and so three themes in Advent, which are easily remembered in three words which contain the whole of Christian teaching; the whole of the creed :

History, Majesty, Mystery.

He came in history 2,022 years ago in the reign of Augustus Caesar, born in Bethlehem. The whole world counts the years from that date-2022.

He will come again in Majesty at the end of human history; we don't know when; Jesus said not even the angels know. The first Christians thought He would come back in their lifetime, they looked forward to it, they had met Him in Judea and Galilee, they had seen Him risen from the dead. They thought He would come again during the celebration of the Eucharist when He is truly present under the form of the bread and wine, that He would reveal Himself in glory: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim Your death Lord Jesus until You come again" They were wrong. We would be wrong in thinking it won't be in our day. It could be anytime; we do not know the time or the place, so be prepared every minute of every day.

But there is a third coming which we often forget; a very important coming for our daily lives; for those who believe in Him, He comes in mystery.

That word 'mystery' does not mean 'unreal' or 'airy fairy'. To say something is a mystery simply means 'I can't understand it, nor can I explain it, but it's real, and at times I really experience it'. Mystery is a Greek word meaning Hidden, Unseen, but present and real. Electricity is a mystery to many, yet we know it is real, we experience it.

Now Christ is risen and therefore present. Time and space are realities for this life only; they do not limit a risen body. Christ appeared on Easter Sunday to the apostles who had the doors bolted and the windows locked for fear of the Jews.

He comes to us in every kind thought, word or deed, present in the love of family life. He is especially present in the sick, the lonely, and the depressed; "What you do to the least of my brothers you do to Me" He said. He is present when we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries: present when we read the Scriptures: truly present under the form bread and wine of the Eucharist and present when we pray.

By our Baptism we are called to make Him present in the world today, by living lives of justice: speaking the truth in love, and responding to the needs of our neighbour.

So we resolve to make Him present this Christmas, when we celebrate His past coming in history.

Put Christ back into Christ-Mass. Every Mass is a Christmas, a re-presentation of Christ: the memory of His passion; His risen presence here and now; His future coming in glory.

Ask the card shop for genuine Christmas cards depicting the Baby Jesus and His Mother. Put up a crib in every work place, every public space and every home. The whole of history is summed up in the Coming of Christ; the past, the future and His constant coming in the present.

He is with us always as our friend, giving us courage and strength in life's journey: the Christian life is one long Advent, waiting in joyful hope for His coming.

*Fr James. S Doherty*

**Book Club**  
Next Meeting  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm**  
In the  
John Ingram Room

This friendly relaxed discussion group is always happy to welcome new members, no commitments or costs involved - unless you need to purchase a copy of the book being read!!

The book we are currently reading is the very seasonal  
'A Christmas Carol'  
By Charles Dickens

We will be discussing this read in a very seasonal fashion with mince pies and brandy butter  
Cheese and wine - possibly some mulled  
And optional fancy dress to reflect the story and its times!

Join us if you can.



### **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, or place in the box at the back of church. Thank You

**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

Please look at the Diocesan website for the latest news about events and courses in and around the Diocese  
[News - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)  
[diocesehn.org.uk](http://diocesehn.org.uk)

### **Young Altar Servers**

Watch this space for information about training sessions and a Christmas celebration



### **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** Joanne Tonothy  
[joanne.tonothy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joanne.tonothy@yahoo.co.uk) or 07894149160

### **Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tickets available on the door £5 per adult, £3 concessions, children under 18 free**

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**

### **Can You Spare an Hour?**

On **Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 speak to Canon Michael, Bernadette Hirst

### **Advent reflections**

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from [bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022](http://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022) or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

Please keep in your prayers Bishop Robert who is unwell at this time. We wish him a speedy recovery.



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