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Today is the First Sunday of Advent 2021



With Advent, we beginning a new liturgical cycle and at the same time we prepare to commemorate the first coming of Christ, as described in the reading: *The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The Lord our justice."* Jer 33:14-16.

Our time here on earth is for us a calling to embark with joyful hope for His second coming at the end of time, as we profess in the Creed: *"And he shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end."* The definitive and glorious coming of Our Lord is described with cosmic events in today's Gospel: *"Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."* Lk 21:25-28.

The Advent season presents to us an occasion to a renewed encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ, who keeps on coming to meet us in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in our brothers. It is a calling; to lift our soul to the Lord (cfr. Responsorial Psalm); to *"increase and abound in love for one another and for all", "to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones."* (2nd Reading, 1 Thes 3:12-4:2), freeing our soul from vices, worldly concerns and sensual pleasures, we prepare ourselves for His Second Coming, whose day nor hour, we do not know: *"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."* Lk 21: 34-36

Dear brethren in Christ, let us heed Our Lord's call to vigilance, purity and holiness, "as we wait with joyful hope the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mother Mary, help us!

God bless you and your family. Fr. Rolly Arjonillo.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	Date	Saint Wilfrid's	Time	Saint Joseph's	Time
Saturday	27 th Nov	John Thompson	5.00pm		
Sunday	28 th Nov			People of the Parish Priest's Intention	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	29 th Nov	Private Intention	10.00am		
Tuesday	30 th Nov			Holy Souls in need of mercy	12.05pm
Wednesday	1 st Dec			Jonathon, Lara and Otto Devitt	12.05pm
Thursday	2 nd Dec			James Cawthorne	7.45am
Friday	3 rd Dec	Priest's Intention	10.00am		12.05pm
Saturday	4 th Dec	Priest's Intention	5.00pm	Keith and Pauline McAllister Wedding Anniversary	11.00am
Sunday	5 th Dec			Peggy and Bill Mohan People of the Parish	10.00am Midday (EF)

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

Confessions:- St Joseph's: Wednesday after Mass; Saturdays from 12-12.30

.St Wilfrid's - before Mass on Saturday

Mass intentions:- give to canon Michael

Prayers for:- anniversaries occurring at this time; the sick and recently deceased

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament @ St Joseph's Wednesdays 11.00am-12.00pm

Vespers and Benediction every First Sunday of the Month at 3pm

African Mass Every Last Sunday of the Month

Christmas Masses

This year Canon Michael will say **Mass** in the **Ordinary Form** at **5.00pm** on **Christmas Eve** and a special **children's Mass** at **10.00am** on **Christmas morning** where he will **bless new toys, books or games.**

Mass will be at 11.00 pm Christmas Eve in the Extraordinary Form (Latin).

Father Paul McCourt will say Mass at 5.00pm Christmas Eve at St Wilfrid's.



First Holy Communions

Do you have a child aged 7years or over, who does not attend one of our Catholic Schools, and would like to make his or her First Holy Communion? Are you prepared to support your child through a preparation programme and beyond? Will you ensure your child attends Mass every Sunday and seeks to be reconciled to Our Lord through regular Confession? If so please contact Canon Michael, we are hoping to begin preparation classes in the New Year.



"Honouring Sunday"

Following their November Meeting, the Bishops of England & Wales have issued a new document entitled "Honouring Sunday" in which they are asking every Catholic to think about how special Sunday is, as a day we set aside for celebrating the Eucharist together at Mass.

"The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. At this time, we recognize that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognize that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfill the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do ('be doing') on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass Full document available on www.cbcew.org.uk



NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISITS

There is a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions for visiting a cemetery to pray for the Holy Souls which the Holy See has extended on the whole of November this year. The usual conditions are to go to confession, receive Holy Communion, prayers for the pope's intentions and freedom from attachment to sin.



Clergy Training Fund remains open until 28th

November; please give generously to this worthy cause. The money helps with the expense of training our future Priests as well as enabling our current clergy to take part in continuing development courses. To donate please place money in an envelope and put it on the collection plate or pop it through the Presbytery door at St Joseph's or alternatively make a bank transfer and use the reference 'Clergy Training'.



CBR is a pro-life organization which has a successful branch in Durham. They're eager to get as many pro-lifers onside as possible, but at the moment there are only two Catholics on the team. To find out more and/or join our work please visit: <https://www.cbuk.org>



Going into hospital?

Please ensure you let the hospital staff know you are a Catholic as soon as you are admitted, the staff cannot ask for your religious affiliation as a matter of course, they rely on you or somebody with you ensuring they have the information recorded on your notes. If this is not recorded you may not have a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.



Memorial Mass - Remembering those who have died since the Pandemic began

The Books of Remembrance were taken to Saint Mary's Cathedral on Saturday morning where all those named were remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert.



RORATE CAELI MASS - 7.00am - Saturday 11th December at St Joseph's

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a votive Mass in honour of Our Lady during the season of Advent. It takes its name from the opening words of the Introit, which comes to us from Isaiah 45:8 and has a long tradition in the Catholic Church,, especially in Germany where the Masses had to begin relatively early in the morning when it was still dark due to winter-time and were said by candlelight.



Christmas Raffle tickets on sale after Mass at the back of church £1 per strip of 5 tickets, the draw will take place after 10am Mass on Sunday 19th December in the church hall - First Prize £50 cash, two second prizes of £25 each and many smaller prizes including wine, toiletries, gift ware and much more



The **Library** in the Church Porch at St Joseph's is now up and ready for use, please read and follow the guidelines as to usage. If you have any suitable books at home with which you have finished but think somebody else may enjoy please consider donating them to our library, by placing them into the box available, do not put them directly onto the shelves.

Thank you



The third session of the **Book Club** takes place on Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm in the John Ingram Room located off the Sacristy at St Joseph's. We will be discussing the book "No Place for God" by Moyra Dooley, a book about church architecture.



Children's Books to Borrow

Please feel free to borrow some of the children's books, available at the back of church, to look at with your child/ren during Mass, or take them home for a week. If you have any suitable children's books with which you have finished please donate them to our collection by placing them in the box provided.

Thank You



Piety Stall at St Joseph's - at back of church is now open selling Christmas Cards and Mass cards



Church Cleaners

Can you spare an hour once a week to help clean our church? We need fit able bodied, reliable helpers to ensure the church is kept at its best, join us on Friday after Mass

Thank You



We begin today our Season of Advent, our four week journey of waiting and preparing for Christ's coming at Christmas. Advent asks us to look at our lives and to ask ourselves if we are ready, is there anything we need to change, is there anything preventing us from receiving Christ into our lives fully at Christmas. If there is, let us use this time wisely and truly celebrate the four weeks ahead of us. Throughout the coming weeks we will light the candles on our Advent Wreath until the light increases, gets stronger and the white candle is lit at Christmas.

Offertory Collections and Donations

Thank you to all who are regularly contributing to our collections at Mass each week, and to all who continue their regular Standing Orders.



Gift Aiding your donations is a great way to increase your giving without actually costing you a penny more - think about it, if you have any questions please speak to Alan Young or get in touch with the Parish office.

Weekly Income for 20th / 21st November

St Joseph's

Loose Plate Collection: £282.79 Gift Aid Envelopes: £124
Votive Candles: £33.53
Rental income: Room: £24 & Car park: £146 Youth Sunday: - £26.65 Raffle Tickets: £51

St Wilfrid's

Loose Plate Collection: £174.10 Gift Aid Envelopes: £12 candles: £15.20 Donations: £20 piety:£11.40 Many Thanks



Donations

Giving through direct debit, standing order or bank transfer, the details are below.

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
 St Wilfrid's St Joseph's
 Sort Code 40-34-18 Sort Code 40-34-18
 Account Number 01164120 Account Number 31164066

To donate via cheque please make out to 'DHN St Wilfrid's Gateshead' or 'DHN St Joseph's Gateshead' These can be posted to the parish address

Where does the money go? The upkeep of any Parish is an expensive one, the older the church or presbytery the more expensive the running costs, not only are there all the usual bills: - water, heating, lights, insurances, stationery, church supplies etc there are also maintenance and historical buildings repairs to undertake, we also still provide 10% of the capital costs for the maintenance of our school premises.

(By providing money for our schools the Catholic Church actually saves the taxpayer tens of millions of pounds a year - Why not Gift Aid your donations and let's get some back!)

Pope's Intention for the Month of December - Catechists

"Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit."



Year of the Eucharist

There are several aims of the Year of the Eucharist ...

- To celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back.
- To grow as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist.
- To deepen our appreciation of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist through the rites.
- To revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist.
- To go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.

Each one of us has the opportunity to achieve these aims in our daily lives. During this Year of the Eucharist can you make the extra effort to attend daily Mass? Can you travel to St Wilfrid's or to St Joseph's to get in an extra Mass? Or come back to Sunday Mass and celebrate the Eucharist with your parish community. On a Wednesday we also have Adoration before Mass at St Joseph's.

If we truly believe in the Real Presence of Our Lord here with us on the Altar how can we resist being in his company? Think about the mountains many of us would move to go to see our music or theatre idols in the flesh, seeing them on screen, hearing their music through the radio isn't enough, we want to be truly present with them even if that is in amongst many others. Surely watching Mass on YouTube doesn't come anywhere near the reality of being with Our Lord in person!

DIOCESAN News

[Home - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesahn.org.uk\)](http://diocesahn.org.uk)

HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Diocesan Vacancies

See Diocesan Website for further details

Cleaner Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert's RC Church, Crook.
St Anne's Darlington require a cleaner



Please Remember we are still fighting a serious threat to life from the COVID virus, there are a high number of infections in our region leading to hospitalization and death especially amongst the unvaccinated.

So we are asked to continue with some simple safety precautions to protect ourselves and our fellow church attendees.

- Continue to wear a face mask covering nose and mouth
- Sanitise hands on entry to church, prior to receiving Communion and on exit from church
- Maintain social distancing from anyone outside your immediate social bubble

Thank you – together we will beat it!



FACE SPACE HANDS