

**+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

	SEPT		SAINT WILFRID'S		SAINT JOSEPH'S
Saturday	2	5.00pm	Priest's Intention		
Sunday	3			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF) 3.00pm	Harry Richardson Holy Hour and Benediction
Monday	4	10.00am	Cantwell family		
Tuesday	5			12.05pm	Fr Anthony
Wednesday	6			12.05pm 2.00pm	No Intention NECHS Mass
Thursday	7	10.00 am	Funeral Service for Ethel O'Brien	12.05pm	No intention
Friday	8	10.00am	Ann Whitfield	12.05pm	Fr Michael Marr
Saturday	9				Mass at Brinkburn Priory
		5.00pm	Fr Michael Marr		
Sunday	10			10.00am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	<i>Polish Mass</i>	12 noon (EF)	Sarah O'Callaghan

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

CONFESSIONS ST. JOSEPH'S CONFESSIONS : AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY ST WILFRID'S BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM. 4.30PM-5PM ON SATURDAYS AT ST WILFRID'S

COLLECTIONS: 27.08.17 St Joseph's 10.00am: £191.88 Midweek £86.53
12 noon £171.97
Total £363.85

St Wilfrid's. £159.50 Donation £20.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and especially Pat Palmer, Joe Beck, Theresa Vickers, Bernadette Hand and Fr Anthony Donaghue.

PRIEST'S SICK COMMUNIONS: Fr Brown will take Holy Communion on Friday morning to Catholics in the Fellingate care home.

ST JOSEPH'S

FR ANTHONY DONAGHUE. Please keep Fr Anthony in your prayers. He has been very poorly in intensive care.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW APPEAL. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the appeal for the repair to the Lady Chapel window appeal. So far a total of £1924.15 has been raised. The cost of repair was around £3000.

BRINKBURN MASS The annual Extraordinary Form Mass at Brinkburn Priory, Northumberland will be held this year on September 9th at 12 noon. Music by Antiphon of Hexham and a Gregorian chant group from Yorkshire.

PRESBYTERY ROOF. Work will begin on September 4th and continue for ten weeks to replace the presbytery roof. Scaffolding will be in use and will make the side drive by the Day Centre front door unusable for cars. The work is estimated to cost £50,000.

FLOWERS The retiring collection on the first Sunday of the month will be for flowers for the church.

ST WILFRID'S

SR STELLA MARIS. Sr Stella Maris will be leaving Gateshead and moving to Huddersfield in September. Sr Stella Maris has been at St Wilfrid's since the sisters arrived in 2007. We wish her every success and blessing in her new appointment. Sr Leona will be the new superior at Gateshead and two new sisters will be coming to join the community.

DIOCESE

VISIT TO THE DIOCESE OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA and the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta. On Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. The event has been organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF). Over the weekend there will be time to

find out more about the work of WAF as well as the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to venerate the relics. A concelebrated Mass will take place at 12noon on Saturday 16 September where the Statue and Relics will be welcomed and the Diocese consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A poster on the notice board gives further details.

SHROUD EXHIBITION Between September 29th and October 6th St. Patrick's Church in Consett is hosting an interactive exhibition, The Holy Shroud, curated by Pam Moon. This exhibition is open to people of all Faiths and none. One of the purposes of the exhibition to tell the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Exhibition includes a full-size copy of the Shroud of Turin; original Roman nails; a replica scourge and Roman spear. There are also several information boards about the Shroud as depicted in History and in Art and details on the latest scientific research. There will be DVDs shown about the Shroud; a Quiz for children; refreshments and a small stall. Admission is free, donations welcome to cover costs. Opening times: 9am-4pm daily, plus two evening openings until 7pm. For more information contact Maggie Quinn on (01207) 506425.

JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE: **Cathedral Outreach Co-ordinator** – St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. **Children's Ministry Co-ordinator** – Durham Martyrs, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. **Administrator** – St Joseph, Stanley, St Patrick, Dipton and The Sacred Heart, Byermoor, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. **Cleaner** – St Augustine, Darlington, 14 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. **Cleaner** – St Anne, Sunderland, 3 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. **Youth Ministry Trust – Director of Operations** Vacancy - to provide overall leadership to all its activities at the Emmaus (Youth) Village and across the Diocese. 30 hours per week, 2 year fixed term contract.

Parishes of Saint Joseph & Saint Wilfrid
Bl. John Ingram Partnership Gateshead
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A (OF)
13th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)
2nd /3rd September 2017

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

Feast Day 8th September

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