

# Weekly Newsletter St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

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Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Palm Sunday

## Saint Bernadette Soubirous (January 7, 1844 – April 16, 1879)

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

## REMEMBER

**15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Singing Practice  
6.30pm

**20<sup>th</sup> April**  
CMUK 8.00am

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Good Shepherd 5.00pm

**12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Young Traditionalist  
Lunch after Midday  
Mass

**DON'T FORGET  
HOLY WEEK  
SERVICES**

**NO COMMUNITY  
CHOIR THIS WEEK**

### YOUNG TRADITIONALISTS

*Our First Meeting will take Place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May after Mid-Day Mass, we will discuss the role of the group over Lunch at The Royal Station Hotel. Please come along anyone who is interested in the formation of this group.*

### The Good Shepherd



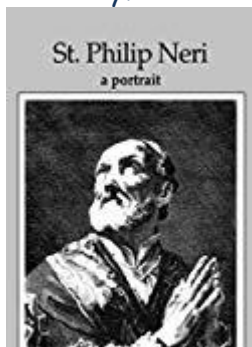
We will meet again in our Atrium at **5pm** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Singers Welcome;** anyone who would like to support the singing on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil PLEASE come to a practice in the John Ingram room on Monday 15th April at 6.30.

REMEMBER teas and coffees are served in the church hall after every Sung Mass!!

### Book Club

The book we are reading is "St Philip Neri: A Portrait" by Louis Bouyer copies have arrived from the cathedral bookshop, priced £5.99. Please collect your copy from the sacristy.



# CMUK



**Catholic Men UK**, Uniting and encouraging Catholic men in the UK in their faith and in their duties to family life, parish life and public life.

**Next Meeting:** April 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00am  
Breakfast and Bible Study

### Community Choir

We meet on a Wednesday morning in the John Ingram Room off the Sacristy at St Joseph's church at 10.00am. Interested? Just come along and give it a go, new members are always welcome. We sing an eclectic range of music, have great fun during rehearsals and perform in a variety of settings. No previous experience needed and no auditions required.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AGED 7 - 21? WATCH THIS SPACE

If you have anything you would like to be put in the bulletin please email or hand a note with the information to Fr Michael by Thursday midday.

We are always looking for ways to unite our communities and engender a lively/active Parish life, if you have any ideas for groups, social occasions etc please let Fr Michael know and we can 'float the idea' here on the newsletter – give it a whirl, you never know until you try!!

**Stations of The Cross.** These will take place at St Joseph`s on Fridays at 11.30 and at St Wilfrid`s before weekday Mass



### ST WILFRID'S

Don't forget we have a Facebook page with up to date information on our parish, diocese and our catholic faith. Find us at Our Lady and St.Wilfrid's r.c.church gateshead.

#### HOLY THURSDAY.

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed-the water will be warm!!! Please let us know as you come into Church on Thursday if you willing to take part.

#### SAFEGUARDING

If you are undertaking ANY voluntary role within the Parish you MUST complete a volunteer's Application Form (available at the back of church) and return to Fr Michael BEFORE you are able to undertake/continue in your role.

If in doubt check the updated list at the back of church, if your name does not appear there you **CANNOT** begin/continue in **ANY** voluntary role.

### St Joseph's

Choir loft is in desperate need of repair and upgrading. We would like to be able to see it back in use. Any ideas? Please write your comments down and place in the comments box at the back of the church. Thank you for the few comments already submitted.

#### Parish Council

We will have a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm OPEN to EVERYONE.

#### SAFEGUARDING

There are still a number of people who have yet to return any paperwork to our safeguarding representative. If you were given forms to fill in PLEASE do so and return them ASAP and definitely BEFORE you are able to undertake your role.

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### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - St Wilfrid's 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper: Joint Mass of English and Polish communities, then watching until 10pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - St Joseph's 11am Stations of the Cross. 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.  
St Wilfrid's 6pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

**HOLY SATURDAY** - St Joseph's: Confessions 12-12.30pm Easter Vigil Mass 7pm  
St Wilfrid's: Easter Vigil Mass 7pm (Polish)

**EASTER SUNDAY** - St Wilfrid's Mass 9.30am; St Joseph's: Latin Mass 12 noon

#### SHALOM MAGAZINE.

There are free copies of this magazine for Catholic families available at the back of church.

**Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish** our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

**SICK COMMUNIONS. Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in St Mark's Court on Friday morning.**

Please remember in your prayers Fr James Doherty, aged 92years, and uncle of our safeguarding rep Shauna Devitt, who died on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Pray too for his family, he was an amazing man, a true gentleman, a wonderful compassionate Priest who gave 63 years of dedicated service to our Diocese and an inspiration to his large extended family. He will be sadly missed. RIP

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	APRIL 13th	People of the Parish	5.00pm	<i>El Shaddai</i>	3-8pm
Sunday	14th	Polish Mass	11.00am	Fr James Keane M Dixon	10.00 am  Mid-Day (EF) Sung Mass
Monday	15th	Intentions of Shirley & Cresswell Smith	10.00		
Tuesday	16th			Isabella Sanderson	12.05
Wednesday	17th			Moira Brown	12.05
Thursday	18th	Bridget Connolly	7.00pm		
Friday	19th			Stations of the Cross  Liturgy of the Lord`s Passion	11.00am  3,00pm
Saturday	20th			Priest`s Intention	7.00pm
Sunday	21st	People of the Parish Polish Mass	9.30am 11.00am	A Kirkley	Mid-Day (EF)

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

NONE THIS WEEK

### CONFESSIONS:

ST JOSEPH'S: AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID'S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £476.27

MIDWEEK £41

ST WILFRID'S £196.89

BONUS

BALL

£101.

DONATION

£10

MANY THANKS