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## St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 ≈ (OF) ~ Gaudete Sunday Third of Advent ≈ (EF)

### Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (Gaudete - Rejoice). The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. The introduction of the Advent fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of Christmas being kept on 25 December before the end of the fourth century, and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, the first allusion to the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians, and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the Advent season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of Advent. In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of France observed five as late as the thirteenth century. Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, Advent still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential seasons which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday corresponding with Laetare or Mid-Lent Sunday. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were, permitted to be used; rose-coloured vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); the deacon and sub deacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-colour instead of purple. All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the Latin Church. Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker like Laetare Sunday, about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. Of the "stations" kept in Rome the four Sundays of Advent, that at the Vatican basilica is assigned to Gaudete, as being the most important and imposing of the four. In both Office and Mass throughout Advent continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the third Sunday by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day. Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the Church no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come", but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand". The Nocturne lessons from the Prophecy of Isaias describe the Lord's coming and the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at Vespers re-echo the prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the Introit "Gaudete in Domino semper" strikes the same note, and gives its name to the day. The Epistle again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Saviour with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption which should never be absent from the heart of the faithful.

### **REMEMBER**

Find us on Facebook

**18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Open Door @ St  
Joseph's

**21<sup>st</sup> December**  
8am CMUK

**24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Vigil Mass  
5pm at both  
churches.

**Latin Midnight Mass**  
at St Joseph's

**25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Day Mass  
10am at St Joseph's

**13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Book Club 7pm

**MAY 2020 ROME**  
4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May

### Bishop's Mass

Thank you so much to all those who attended this historic and auspicious occasion, the Bishop clearly enjoyed the whole experience, capping his visit off with the Blessing of a motorbike!!

#### **A huge thank you to Paul and Teresa**

**Dewhurst** for the wonderful music both for the Mass and for the Advent Tree Blessing. The Bishop was impressed with the high standard of the music and the choir, well done everyone.

Thank you to all who attended the Blessing of the Christmas tree, especially the St Joseph's Players, The Community Choir, Zak Joseph and the Polish Choir, we had a splendid afternoon topped off with mince pies and mulled wine thanks to Pat McGregor and Terri MacDonald

### Christmas Gifts for Foodbank

Sincere thanks for the generosity of those who donated items to fill our Gift Bags for the Gateshead Foodbank. Your generous gifts will be distributed to those in need at Christmas.

### Open Door at Christmas

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December the Christmas Dinner for those who come to Joe's Place will be served. The Church will open its doors from 11.30am till 1.30pm for anyone to come in to see our beautiful church and to light a candle.

Everyone will be welcomed in and for many it may be their first visit to any church.

We are inviting parishioners to come into church that day to pray alongside our volunteers and visitors.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Aged 7-17yrs? Enjoy singing? Like to join a choir? There will be a meeting for all interested parties in the New Year.

### COMMUNITY CHOIR

We meet **every Wednesday at 10am** in the John Ingram room. For more information speak to Mrs. Teresa Dewhurst.

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Friday at 5pm**

All children aged 3-6 are welcome  
For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

### ST JOSEPH'S

**Confessions:** Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

**Exposition:** Thursday 11-11.55am

### Photographs

Please would all those who have a prominent role within the parish, (*choir leaders, organists, CMUK, HFG organisers etc*) see Fr about displaying their portraits in order to be recognised by all parishioners and visitors. Thank you for all those sent.

### School Carol Service

The carol service on Monday at 5 has been cancelled as the school will be closed until the boiler is fixed

### Piety Stall

Will be open **EVERY Sunday** from after **10am Mass until 11.45am**

### ST WILFRID'S

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

**Exposition:** Saturday 4.30 - 4.55

### Christmas Draw

There will be a shared table so please bring something along. The list of winners will be available at the back of Church from Monday, on our Facebook Page and in the bulletin next week. Good Luck.

### POINSETTIA PLANTS.

It has become somewhat of a tradition here at St Wilfrid's that we have these plants in Church to remember our loved ones and friends during the festive season. They also really enhance the decorations in Church. You can bring them in anytime but we ask please that you bring medium size or small ones because the larger ones don't fit on the window sills.

### CANDLES.

As you can see we have Christmas Candles on some window sills in Church with the names of our loved ones and friends who have died. You can take them home on Christmas Eve if you wish. Many Thanks to Sandra for her hard work in organising all the candles.

PLEASE NOTE ALL NOTICES FOR BULLETIN MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDDAY ON THURSDAY

### PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May. Booking Forms will be given out at the beginning of the New Year when a deposit of £200 per person will also be required.

**Northern Catholic Calendar** now available at the back of church. Ring bound £3.50/Flat £3.00

### CMUK

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8am

Come along and find out more about the 90-day spiritual exercise that has been helping thousands of men gain freedom from the things that distract us from our vocations to love and serve. Including testimonies from those who have done the programme, plus a time for questions.

Even if you know you can't undertake Ex90 yourself, still come along so you can go and tell others about it.

A group from the Hexham & Newcastle Chapter of Catholic Man UK will be doing Ex90 from 13<sup>th</sup> Jan to 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020. Come and be part of it!

### BOOK CLUB

New members always welcome. We are reading 'The Day is Now Far Spent' by Cardinal Robert Sarah, books now available from the sacristy at discounted price of £14.85 courtesy of the cathedral bookshop - see Fr Michael. We will meet to discuss it on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**

### BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Next Session Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

### PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

### EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATION

#### St ANDREW'S WORSWICK STREET

Please note the change of venue for the Holy Hour formerly held at St Joseph's on the first Sunday of the month

### Holy Family Guild

Join us this afternoon Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 for carol singing around the village green in Great Usworth. Please see poster at back of church.

*Admission Appeals Panel Members: The Diocesan Department for Education welcomes applications from Catholic persons willing to be considered as lay or non-lay members of appeal panels for school admissions. Suitable appeal panels for school admissions. Suitable persons will be appointed to serve on panels hearing appeals for Catholic schools within The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.*

*Please see poster for more details or the Diocesan vacancies website.*

### MISSION CHRISTMAS.

#### 1 IN 3 CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN POVERTY

you can help make sure they have presents to open on Christmas morning. St. Mary's Cathedral Mercy Hub is collecting gifts (not cash!) on behalf of the charity "Cash for Kids". Please bring any donations, new and unwrapped, to our main entrance on Neville Street, over the road from the railway station. We'll always be there weekdays from 8.30 till 10am and then from 4 to 6pm but may be there other times too- there'll be a sign outside if we are. If you'd prefer to collect gifts in your parish first, ring us on 07904881430 and we can arrange collection. Thank you for your support.

### MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

#### APRIL - OCT 2020:

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel.

020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

### Department for Spirituality:

Diocesan Advent resources available online and on CD from the Department. Daily Reflections in booklet form, Prayer Stations and more. To obtain a copy of the CD or for more information, please contact the Department by [email](mailto:email) or phone on 0191 243 3302.

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Priest's Intention	5.00pm		
Guadete Sunday Third of Advent	15 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	Elsie and George Dalton People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Southern	10.00		
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>			Pauline Pharoh	12.05
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>		1.00pm	NO MASS open Door 11.30-1.30	
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>			Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>		10.00	Tommy Matthews	12.05
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of Nancy O` Sullivan	11.00 (EF)
Fourth Sunday of Advent	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Fr M Withoos	10.00 am Midday (EF)

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

**Priest's sick communions:** Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to household parishioners in the Snuderland Road area on Friday morning

**Remember in your prayers those who are sick;** especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson and Sheila Gibertson.

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £747.08

ST WILFRID'S £189.86 DONATIONS £5 BONUS BALL £115

MANY THANKS.