

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week commencing 16th February 2020 6th Sunday in ordinary time (OF) Sexagesima (EF)

Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

Gilbert was born in Sempringham, England, into a wealthy family, but he followed a path quite different from that expected of him as the son of a Norman knight. Sent to France for his higher education, he decided to pursue seminary studies.

He returned to England not yet ordained a priest, and inherited several estates from his father. But Gilbert avoided the easy life he could have led under the circumstances. Instead he lived a simple life at a parish, sharing as much as possible with the poor. Following his ordination to the priesthood he served as parish priest at Sempringham.

Among the congregation were seven young women who had expressed to him their desire to live in religious life. In response, Gilbert had a house built for them adjacent to the Church. There they lived an austere life, but one which attracted ever more numbers; eventually lay sisters and lay brothers were added to work the land. The religious order formed eventually became known as the Gilbertines, though Gilbert had hoped the Cistercians or some other existing order would take on the responsibility of establishing a rule of life for the new order. The Gilbertines, the only religious order of English origin founded during the Middle Ages, continued to thrive. But the order came to an end when King Henry VIII suppressed all Catholic monasteries.

Over the years a special custom grew up in the houses of the order called "the plate of the Lord Jesus." The best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the poor, reflecting Gilbert's lifelong concern for less fortunate people.

Throughout his life, Gilbert lived simply, consumed little food, and spent a good portion of many nights in prayer. Despite the rigors of such a life he died at well over age 100.

Reflection

When he came into his father's wealth, Gilbert could have lived a life of luxury, as many of his fellow priests did at the time. Instead, he chose to share his wealth with the poor. The charming habit of filling "the plate of the Lord Jesus" in the monasteries he established reflected his concern. Today's Operation Rice Bowl echoes that habit: eating a simpler meal and letting the difference in the grocery bill help feed the hungry.

DATES for DIARIES

Youth Choir
16th FEB 10.45 -
11.45

Curry Night
22nd February

Speaking Truth to
Power
23rd Feb

REGINA CAELI
29th February

SPUC Conference 7th
March

Sung Vespers 19th
March

MAY 2020 ROME
4th-8th May

ST WILFRID'S

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Exposition: Saturday 4.30 - 4.55

Baptism Mass

There will be a group of children Baptised during Mass next Saturday evening; we welcome these new members of our parish and their families. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Piety Stall

Open every Saturday before and after Mass
New Stock is now available including various medals, candles, Rosaries and lapel brooches. Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards are available in the kitchen.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the cleaning of the church please speak to Jenny Parkins

ST JOSEPH'S

Confessions: Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

Exposition: Thursday 11.30am

Mass on Wednesday and Thursday in the downstairs in the Presbytery. Enter by black door on High West Street

PLEASE NOTE if you require use of a **TOILET** during **MASS** the toilets in the **CHURCH HALL** are **AVAILABLE** at **BOTH SUNDAY MASSES**. **PLEASE DO NOT USE** toilet in the **SACRISTY**. Thank you

Parish Meeting

A copy of the Agenda and the minutes can be seen on the notice board.

GIFT AID

Mr Alan Young will be talking about Gift Aid next Sunday

NEW to the Parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid?

If you have just moved into the area and St Joseph's or St Wilfrid's have become your new Parish please make yourself known to Fr Michael.

Parishioners Contact Details

Does Fr Michael have your current details? Perhaps you have moved house recently or changed your phone number? Had an addition to the family perhaps? Please let Fr know.



YOUTH CHOIR

SUNDAY 16th FEB 10.45 - 11.45, meet in St Joseph's church porch. **ALL** young people **aged 7yrs - 18yrs** are welcome, **BRING** your **FRIENDS**.

NO COMMUNITY CHOIR THIS WEEK



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday at 5pm

All children aged 3-6 are welcome

For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

INVITATION to VESPERS

For the Patronal Feast of St Joseph on March 19th, we are this year, celebrating the feast with

'SUNG LATIN VESPERS'

Vespers, (evening prayer), is a beautiful service, consisting of five psalms and a hymn. The climax of the service is the singing of the Magnificat, (the hymn of Mary).

Vespers, which begins at 7.00pm, will conclude with the much loved service of Benediction.

There will be refreshments available afterwards.

Everyone is most welcome

BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Fridays 5pm

BOOK CLUB

New members always welcome. We are reading 'No Place For God'. Copies available £10. Next meeting on March 9th at 7pm

CMUK

meets every third Saturday Next Meeting 21st March

Curry Night

Saturday 22nd February. Tickets on sale now £8 per adult and £5 per child, includes a raffle and soft drink.
Bring your own alcohol.

Confirmation preparation

Next Session Wednesday 11th March - Theme -
Baptism

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

A collection for this worthy cause will be taken at each Mass

PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

There are still some places remaining, if you are interested please speak to Fr Michael

PARTNERSHIP and DIOCESAN NEWS

CORONA VIRUS

The Bishops of England and Wales have said that anyone who is feeling unwell at any time needs to be mindful of fellow parishioners and refrain from receiving Communion on the tongue or partaking in the Chalice as well as opting out of the sign of peace.

Fatima Mass at Ashington

A Mass to commemorate the centenary of the death of Saint Jacinta Marto, visionary of Fatima, will be held at St Aidan's Ashington on Thursday 20th February.

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.45 and Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by veneration of the relic of St Jacinta.

Association of the Eucharist

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at **St. Andrew's**, Newcastle on the **first Sunday** of the month from 3pm to 4pm followed by refreshment and raffle.

Rededication of England to Mary

On Sunday 29th March at 12 noon we are asked to celebrate the rededication of England to Our Blessed Lady.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

31st July - 7th August Information now available on the diocesan website

HOLY FAMILY GUILD

Please see posters in church porch
Especially those with pre and school aged children

REGINA CAELI

Information Afternoon about a hybrid Academy in the Catholic Tradition in the North of England on 29th February

Vacancies

Head of Communications

The Diocese is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for shaping and delivering its Communication Strategy. The appointed person will lead on Diocesan communications activity and be passionate about the positive impact the Church can make. Full-time. 12 month contract with the potential for the role to become permanent.

Finance Assistant - St Joseph's, Sunderland (based at St Anne's, Sunderland)

3 hours per week. Closing date: 21 February 2020

Parish Secretary - St Matthew's, Jarrow

10 hours per week. Closing date for applications 18 February 2020

Parish Secretary - Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, Berwick
6 hours per week. Closing date for applications 17 February

Speaking Truth to Power

23rd February @ St Peter's Gateshead, an event organised by Church Action Poverty

Come and hear those in need or homeless giving witness to their plight

For more information please see posters in church porch

Building a Culture of Life

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding a one day conference and training event on Saturday 7th March 2020 9.30am - 4.00pm, at the Tyneside Irish Centre, 43 Gallowgate Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne Ne1 4SG. The cost of the conference is £30 per person, including lunch and refreshments.

Please come to this event if you would like to learn more about the threat of abortion decriminalisation and assisted suicide, how to take effective pro-life action locally and how to lobby to make a difference.

You can book a place using the booking form in the conference leaflet at the back of church, or you can call SPUC on 02070917091

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	15 th	People of the Parish	5.00pm		
Sunday	16 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	Priest`s Intention Intentions of Latin Mass Society	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	17 th	Margaret Iveson	10.00		
Tuesday	18 th			Pat Wallace	12.05
Wednesday	19 th			Nicholas Porteous	12.05
Thursday	20 th			Bernard McGuigan	12.05
Friday	21 st		10.00	John Connelly	12.05
Saturday	22 nd	Vocations to priesthood and religious life	5.00pm	AT	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	23 rd	Polish Mass	11.00am	Angela Gardiner People of the Parish	10.00 am Mid-Day (EF)

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

Priest`s sick communions: On Friday morning Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in St Joseph`s parish..

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

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £711.25

ST WILFRID'S £169.75

MANY THANKS.

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