

Weekly Newsletter St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

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Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Feast Day 20th February

Retirement of Bishop Seamus

To mark the retirement of Bishop Seamus, a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 22nd February 2019, Feast of The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.

Everybody is welcome to this Mass which will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. The Cathedral will be open to everyone and tickets are NOT required.

The diocese has sent envelopes out for anyone who would like to contribute to bishop Seamus' retirement gift. You will find them at the back of church.

Installation of Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 25th March 2019, Feast of the Annunciation.

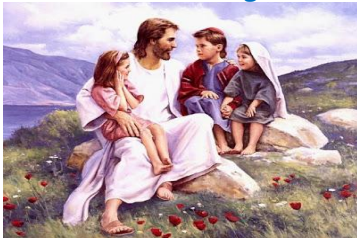
Entry to the Cathedral for this Mass will be by invitation and ticket only.

Please pray for Bishop Seamus and Bishop Robert as they each prepare for the next phase of their ministry.

The Good Shepherd Needs You



Can you use a paintbrush? Are you able to sew? Have you any carpentry skills? Are you able to spare some time helping to make equipment for our Atrium? PLEASE speak to Fr Brown or Peter Armstrong.



The next session for any child aged 3-6yrs will be held on **Friday 8th March** at 5.00pm in the Atrium situated downstairs in what use to be the centre for St Cuthbert's Care. Please come to the front door on High West Street where our group leader, Mr Peter Armstrong, will greet you.

Anyone interested in becoming a group leader or assistant please give your name to Fr Michael Brown.

First Holy Communion

If you have a child aged 8 years or above who is not attending a Catholic school and you would like them to make First Holy Communion please give your child's details to Fr Michael

Community Choir

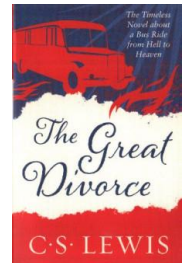
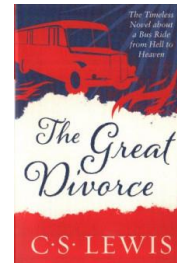
For more information contact Fr Michael or Mrs Theresa Dewhirst or just come and join us, new members are always welcome, no experience needed, just enthusiasm and a positive attitude!

There will be **NO** rehearsal this week. We will meet again on **THURSDAY 28th February** at 10.00am in the Ingram room.



We are singing an eclectic range of songs, preparing for a performance for the elderly residing at St Joseph's Care Home on Westate Road.

READING GROUP: We continue to read



and will meet on **Monday 11th March** at 7.30 (please note new date) in the Ingram room off the Sacristy to discuss the book. There is still time to buy it and read most of it as it isn't too long, (not all of us finish the book anyway!).

Go on, give it a go- come and join us at our informal gathering, chat over a bottle of wine (tea and coffee available too) and some nibbles.

SICK COMMUNIONS: Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents in St Mark's Court, Split Crow Road, on Friday morning

Please 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.

ST JOSEPH'S

SAFEGUARDING: Thank you to all those who took the time to add their name and role to the list. It isn't too late, if you are volunteering in ANY capacity within the Church or surroundings we NEED to have your details on file please check the list at the back of church and ensure your name is there if you 'help out' in ANY way at all. If your name isn't on the list please add your details and Shauna will let you know if your particular role requires any further action.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There will be a training session for altar servers from both Parishes followed by a social on Sunday 10th March at 5.00m at St Joseph's.



Not an Altar Server? Aged seven or over? Come along and find out what it is all about and join our social activities afterwards. No obligations to become a server, but you never know it may interest you!

DIOCESE

SAFEGUARDING The Diocesan safeguarding rules and regulations are in force **NOT** to victimise, penalise, criticise or in any other way treat people unfairly or with discrimination, they are there PURELY and SIMPLY to PROTECT everyone.

PLEASE ensure you have registered your intentions to/ your current role as, volunteer with your parish Priest and/or your Safeguarding Representative. A list of volunteers needs to be kept by all parishes and from this list SOME people, DEPENDING upon their ROLE will need to also complete a form to gain DBS clearance. Even those Parishioners who only occasionally help out – Servers, Choir leaders, cleaners ought to register along the correct guidelines.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE IT IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF ANYBODY OTHER THAN THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVE TO KNOW WHO HAS OR HAS NOT A DBS. If you are concerned about someone volunteering in the parish speak directly to your Parish Priest initially.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	Saint Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	16th	Fr Bill Bellamy	5.00pm	<i>El Shaddai</i>	3-8pm
Sunday	17th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the parish Antony Frain and James Outhwaite	10.00 am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	18th	Margaret Iveson	10.00am		
Tuesday	19th			Deceased Members of Tuesday Club	12.05
Wednesday	20th			REQUIEM: Doris Hazeldine	12.05
Thursday	21st			Holy Souls	12.05
Friday	22nd	Scullion Family	10.00am	Hannah Moore	12.05
Saturday	23rd	Fr Bill Bellamy	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS <i>El Shaddai prayer group</i>	11.00am 3pm-8pm
Sunday	24 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Elizabeth Turnbull	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)

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

CONFESSIONS:

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

ST WILFRID'S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY: 4.30-5.00PM @ ST WILFRID'S

THURSDAY AFTER MASS UNTIL 1.30PM ST JOSEPH'S

COLLECTIONS: ST JOSEPH'S : £455.60. MIDWEEK £66.09

ST WILFRID'S: £178.50 HEATING COLLECTION £36.16