

Weekly Newsletter St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's

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Saint Casimir

(1458 – 1483)

Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home. His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Feast Day March 4th www.franciscanmedia.org

REMEMBER

3rd March after
12 Mass

Catholic Men
UK

7th March 10am
Community
Choir

8th March 5pm
Good
Shepherd for
ages 3-6

10th March 5pm
Servers
Training and
social

11th March
7.30pm
Reading Group

Services for Bishop Robert's Installation (all held at St

Mary's Cathedral)
Sunday 24th March -
4.30 pm Solemn
Vespers

Everybody in the
Diocese is invited to
attend.

Monday 25th March
- 12 noon Episcopal
Installation Mass
Entry by invitation
only, you will **not** be
permitted without a
ticket.

Tuesday 26th March
- 2.00 pm Diocesan
Schools Event

Diocesan schools will
welcome Bishop Byrne

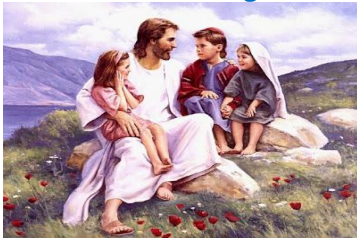
Retirement of Bishop Seamus

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.
Mass times overleaf.



Community Choir

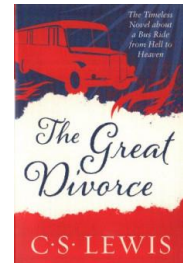
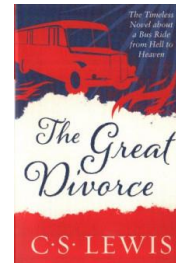
For more information contact Fr Michael or Mrs Theresa Dewhirst or just come and join us, new members are always welcome, no experience needed, just enthusiasm and a positive attitude!

Rehearsal this week is on Thursday 7th 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 Westgate 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 housebound parishioners in St Joseph's parish, on Friday morning

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 WILFRID'S

PIETY STALL. Is open at all Masses. Easter Cards are now available. We also have Stations of The Cross Booklets: as we are entering the season of Lent they are lovely source of meditation.

BONUS BALL. There are still numbers available: please see Richard at the back of Church. This provides good income for our Parish.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There will be a training session for altar servers from both Parishes followed by a social on Sunday 10th March at 5.00pm 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!

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. Under the patronage of the Holy Family (St Joseph the Worker, The Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Interested?

COME AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT ON SUNDAY 3RD MARCH JOIN US AFTER MIDDAY MASS IN THE INGRAM ROOM

If you look at the following page, you'll be able to see what the others groups already in existence have been doing:

<http://www.catholicman.uk/mens-groups/4594185577>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/382715068876250/>,
www.catholicman.uk

Vacancies:- The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Cleaner, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – 20 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 4 March.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	2nd	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	<i>El Shaddai</i>	3-8pm
Sunday	3rd	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Elizabeth and Joseph Noon Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction	10.00 am Mid-Day (EF) 4pm
Monday	4th	Mona and George McGowan	10.00am		
Tuesday	5th			Bernard McGuigan	12.05
Wednesday	6th	Fr C Horan	10.00am	Nicholas McGuigan Priest`s Intention	12.05 7pm (EF)
Thursday	7th			Monica Micallef	12.05
Friday	8th	Thanksgiving for appointment of new bishop	10.00am	Peggy & Billy Mohan	12.05
Saturday	9th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of LMS <i>El Shaddai</i>	11.00am 3pm-8pm
Sunday	4th	Polish Mass	11..00am	Joseph McGuigan People of the Parish	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 : £513.62. MIDWEEK £79.97

ST WILFRID`S: £167.60

MANY THANKS