

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 10th November 2019 ~32nd Sunday (OF) ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

ST MARTIN OF TOURS

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

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REMEMBER

Find us on Facebook

10th November
Young Catholics Lunch

16th/17th November
Mission Appeal

18th November
Book Club

19th November
ROME MEETING

23rd November
St Joseph's School
Christmas Fayre

30th November
Curry Night

8th December
Bishop Byrne Says
12 pm Mass
Christmas Tree
blessing 3pm

MAY 2020 ROME
4th-8th May

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All Masses this weekend will be Requiems for the fallen of two world wars.

Mission Appeal

Next weekend Br Andrew of the Society of the Sacred Heart will be making the annual mission appeal at all Masses

Clergy Training Fund

Remains open until 24th November. Envelopes available at the back of church for contributions

Curry Night

November 30th tickets £5 on sale now
More information to follow

YOUTH CHOIR

**Aged 7-17yrs? Enjoy singing? Like to join a choir?
Put your name on the list in the porch and watch
this space!**

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

BOOK CLUB

New members are always welcome, just read the book and turn up to discuss it!! We are reading Newman's novel Loss & Gain. Our next meeting is
Monday 18th November at 7pm

BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Next Session Friday 15th November 5pm

Christmas is Coming!

Date for your diary **8th December 3pm**, blessing of the Christmas tree, Carols, music, mince pies!

If you play a musical instrument and/or sing and would like to be involved in this event please speak to
Teresa Dewhurst

PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

**ALL THOSE INTENDING TO GO NEED TO COME TO
A 'FINALISATION' MEETING AT 7.30pm ON
TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER AT ST JOSEPH'S**

ST JOSEPH'S

Confessions: Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

Exposition: Thursday 11.00 – 12.00

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Robert Byrne will be saying the 12.00 O'clock Mass on
Sunday 8th December

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 Paul Hammond for your photo!

Volunteer Money Counters

If anyone would like to join the team of counters please give your name to Fr Michael

Gift Aid

Forms and boxes are available now, please see Fr Michael or Alan Young

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

SAFEGUARDING

There will be a drop-in visit by members of the diocesan safeguarding team after Mass for those who need to complete checks.

NOVEMBER CANDLES.

Over 200 candles have been lit for our family, friends and Parishioners who have gone before us. To see them all around Church is quite beautiful and is such a lovely testament for our love for them. In this month of November please Pray for all who have died, especially those Holy Souls who have no one to Pray for them. At the end of the month you are more than welcome to take them home.

Piety Stall

There are just a few gift candles & grave candles left on the stall. There are also Christmas cards, calendars and Diaries available as well as other items so do have a look.

2019 CHRISTMAS DRAW.

Yes it's that time of year again and we will shortly be selling our Raffle Tickets. The 1st Prize is £100 followed by other prizes including Hampers, chocolates and bottles of Spirits. Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends. Donations for prizes are still needed so please do bring them into Church at any of our Masses. Raffle Tickets will also be available during the week. Many Thanks for the donations we have received so far.

**PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN
NEWS/EVENTS**

The Year of the Word: “The God Who Speaks” will launch on Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. This year is devoted to raising the profile of Scripture amongst Catholics in England and Wales. For information about what has been planned so far please visit the special page on our Diocesan Website: The year begins with a celebration of Vespers on Sunday 1st December. Five venues have been chosen and Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 4.30 pm in each place so that there is a real sense of praying together as a diocese. The five places are:

- St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle ☒
 - St Paul’s, Alnwick
 - St Mary’s, Hexham
 - Ushaw College, Durham
- English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Stockton

Dates for Diary:

‘**Common Humanity**’ conference takes place during National Interfaith Week on Wednesday 13 November at the University of Northumbria.

The focus of the conference will be on three topics each discussed from a range of faith perspectives:

- Living Well Together
- The Media and Fake News
- Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

Schools are invited to send groups of students for the 1.30pm session members of faith communities from 6.00pm, refreshments will be provided.

Department for Liturgy:

- Courses for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be held in Lanchester and Bishop Auckland during September then Sunderland and Billingham during November. For further information and booking, please view our [webpage](#).

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Vacancy

Head of Communications

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for the delivery of our Communications Strategy. You will have experience of identifying the resources and infrastructure required to take this from concept through to implementation. This new senior role is an opportunity for someone to join the charity, establish a plan and identify the team to deliver the strategy.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk Closing date for applications: 5pm on 18 November.

Department for Spirituality:

Advent 2019

Diocesan Advent resources will be available online shortly and on CD from the Department. As usual, there are a wealth of ideas for leading prayer/scripture groups in Advent, the 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](#) or phone on 0191 243 3302.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	9 th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	10 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	Veronica Young People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	11 th	Harry Richardson	10.00		
Tuesday	12 th			Veronica, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Wednesday	13 th			James Reid	12.05
Thursday	14 th			Patricia Purvis	12.05 EF
Friday	15 th	Priest`s Intention	10.00	George & Mary Wright	12.05
Saturday	16 th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Private intention for T & RC	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	17 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Elizabeth Wright	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 Catholic residents of St Mark`s Court 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 £651.39
 ST WILFRID'S £179.11 DONATIONS £45 BONUS BALL £92

MANY THANKS.