

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 17th November 2019 ≈33rd Sunday (OF) ≈ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honour of [Saint Francis of Assisi](#). Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Reflection

Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when he washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process. We can play games very easily if we don't have someone to challenge us.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is the Patron Saint of:

Bakers
Catholic Charities
Secular Franciscan Order

www.franciscanmedia.org

REMEMBER

Find us on Facebook

16th/17th November

Mission Appeal

18th November

Book Club 7pm

19th November

ROME MEETING 7.30

23rd November

St Joseph's School
Christmas Fayre 12-
3pm

30th November

Curry Night

8th December

Bishop Byrne Says
12 pm Mass
Christmas Tree
blessing 3pm

24th December

Vigil Mass of
Christmas 5pm at both
churches.

Latin Midnight Mass
at St Joseph's

25th December

Christmas Day Mass
10am at St Joseph's

MAY 2020 ROME

4th-8th May

Mission Appeal

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

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

Peter Locke has kindly offered to make some of his delicious famous curries to help raise funds for the Parishes and to help unite parishioners through a welcome social event. Don't miss out on what promises to be an exceptionally wonderful evening, buy your tickets today before they sell out.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL for their achievement of **OUTSTANDING** following their **RE INSPECTION**

The annual school Christmas Fayre will be held in school on Saturday 23rd November from 12 - 3pm. Everyone welcome. The PTA still need donations of bottles for the tombola - anything from a bottle of pop, shampoo, ketchup, alcohol etc can be donated. Please send to the school office by Friday 22nd November at the latest.

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

Piety Stall

There are just a few gift candles & grave candles left on the stall. There are also Christmas cards, calendars and Diaries available

2019 CHRISTMAS DRAW. 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 available during the week

PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN

NEWS/EVENTS

Altar Servers Mass will be held on 23 November at the Cathedral. Please let Fr Michael know if you would like to attend.

YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Robert and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

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

Department for Liturgy

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

Department for Spirituality:

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.

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.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	16 th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm		11.00 (EF)
Sunday	17 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Elizabeth Wright	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	18 th	Bell & Cantwell families	10.00		
Tuesday	19 th			Marie Sharp, Mary Goodfellow, John Goodfellow and Hannah Sharp	12.05
Wednesday	20 th			NO MASS	12.05
Thursday	21 st			James Reid	12.05 EF
Friday	22 nd		10.00	Special Intention	12.05
Saturday	23 rd	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of Pat Turnbull	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	24 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Les Taylder African Mass	10.00 am Midday (EF) 2.00 pm

"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 in Fellingate Home

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 £444.67
 ST WILFRID'S £165.88 DONATIONS £30 POLISH RENT £300

MANY THANKS.