

# St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday (OF) ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

## SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



The Miracle of his converted life shows us not simply the man, but God through the man. In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Henry Newman upon authentication of a first miracle in which a man was healed of an incurable spinal disease by the benefits of the Venerable Newman's intercessions. Last year, a woman with unstoppable bleeding was cured through the intercessions of the Oxford convert. And so, with two authenticated miracles, Pope Francis will canonize Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman this Sunday, October 13, 2019 — and his Feast will be celebrated by the universal Church on October 9th in perpetuity.

Yet it is important to note, for the whole watching world, that it is God who makes saints. The Catholic Church, and the successor of Saint Peter as Christ's Vicar, has been given keys to heaven, and a sacred deposit of faith by which to make true judgments, to recognize the actions of God in time. It does this also by tests of virtue and sanctity, and most especially by way of miracles.

What sort of evidence is a miracle, and why should we need that sort of evidence to confirm a saint? In the early church, it was commonly said that what makes Christianity so credible is its very incredibility. Indeed, it is often the case that people come to believe that Christianity is true because of the most incredible things. It is incredible to think of Christ turning water into wine, healing a haemorrhaging woman, governing the canonization of scripture, making possible the witness of the martyr, or miraculously healing others through the agency of Christ's servants, that is, out of the prayers of saints in heaven.

The whole of Christianity may be understood as the miraculous presence of God in our time. The saint and the miracle converge as incredible public signs which make credible the claim that Christianity is not a mere human construction but the power and wisdom and presence of the one true God, active in history.

The great blaze of publicity for Saint John Henry Newman will rightly attend to his life and works, his virtue and sanctity. But his life, it must be said, is a miraculous sign which points to its divine cause. What the miracle of his converted life, and the miracles effected by his prayers, show us is not simply the man, but God through the man.

Since the early church, the relics of the martyrs, and the prayers of the saints, have all been inextricably united to the miracle of miracles, Jesus Christ, true Man and true God. It is by this graced union to the Lord that we may see John Henry Newman as he is, as sanctified, deiform, an agent of God's active power and presence with us now, and for all eternity.

Every person, old and young, lay and clergy, believer and unbeliever, who watches the canonization of John Henry Cardinal Newman this Sunday will not simply be watching the end of a process of canonization. They will be witnesses to God. God is present in history, God is at work in His Church, and God is at work among the citizens of His City on pilgrimage.

What does it prove? What does the world care of Saint John Henry Newman? It proves something incredible. It proves by miraculous signs that the Church then is the Church now, and that God will not cease to gather a people unto Himself until the end of time. And it is by such incredible signs that Christianity is now, and shall always remain, credible.

## REMEMBER

Find us on Facebook

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
HFG Rosary and  
Benediction

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Book Club 7pm

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Family Celebration  
Night

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
CMUK

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Young Catholic Lunch

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
HFG All Saints  
Celebration

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
St Joseph's School  
Christmas Fayre

**30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Curry Night

**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Bishop Byrne Says  
12 pm Mass  
Christmas Tree  
blessing

**MAY 2020 ROME**

### PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Tuesday, the dates proposed are 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May and the cost of £675 (or £790 for single room supplement) dinner, Bed and breakfast, transfers, guide and coach throughout was agreed to be a fair price. Fifteen people are committed to the trip; we NEED at least FIVE more for it to go ahead. If ANYONE else would be interested PLEASE see Fr as soon as possible.

### YOUNG CATHOLIC (aged 18-35)

Join Fr Michael at the Station Hotel for good food and good conversation with like minded young adults. After the midday Mass circa 1.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### 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.

We meet on the third Sunday of Every Month

For more information speak to Fr Michael or Paul Hammond

### COMMUNITY CHOIR

We meet every Wednesday at 10am in the John Ingram room. New members are always welcome, no previous experience needed, just a love of singing and a sense of fun. For more information speak to Mrs Teresa Dewhurst.

### 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!

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Fridays 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 John Ingram by Fr Paul Zielinski our next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

### BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5pm

### FAMILY CELEBRATION NIGHT

Cardinal Hume School is having a special Mission Week from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. As part of this exciting week, the students and staff would like to invite you to come to our Mission Family Celebration Night on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. It will be led by the Youth Ministry Team from the diocese and there will be some great input from the young people of the school and partnership. The evening will be filled with lots of fun, faith, food and even fireworks. We would love you to join us for this special night.

### Christmas is Coming!

Date for your diary 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### ST JOSEPH'S

Confessions: Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

Exposition: Thursday 11.00 – 12.00

### Music at 10.00 Mass

After a show of hands consultation last Sunday it was decided to have Hymns every week.

### Cardinal Newman Display

A big thank you to Paul Dewhurst for providing us with this informative display, please take time to view it at the back of St Joseph's Church near the side entrance.

### Bishop's Visit

Bishop Robert Byrne will be saying the 12.00 O'clock Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Volunteer Money Counters

Please would ALL money counters attend the training session tomorrow, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am. If anyone would like to join the team of counters please give your name to Fr Michael and try to attend the training session

### Gift Aid

Forms and boxes are available now, please see Fr Michael

### Piety Stall

Will be open EVERY Sunday from after 10am Mass until 11.45am

**REMEMBER PARK ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING BAYS NOT DOWN THE CENTRE OF THE CAR PARK < ALLOW ACCESS TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.**

### ST WILFRID'S

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Exposition: Saturday 4.30 – 4.55

### Bonus Ball.

There are numbers available for both the Wednesday and the Saturday. This provides good income for the Parish. Please see Richard at the back of Church.

### November Candles

Last year over 180 candles were lit in memory of our loved ones and friends who have died. Please write name/s of loved ones on an envelope and hand them into Sandra or anyone at the back of Church by SATURDAY 26th October. The cost is £1 per candle.

### 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.

## PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

### Holy Family Guild

**All Saints** The Little Sisters of the Poor have kindly agreed to let us hold our celebration at St. Joseph's, Westmorland Road again this year.

**This would be on Sunday 3rd November at 3.30pm.**

We will have children dressed for a Saints Parade (there's a month to prepare costumes!), prayers and procession for All Souls then hot dogs, bonfire, fireworks and games. We need to know if there will be enough to go ahead as last year numbers were down and it costs a lot of hold this event plus a lot of work. We also need **volunteers to arrive early with us about 2.30pm and prepare the fire (then guard later!) and food as the Macgregors who usually help will be away this year.** Please let us know ASAP if you can come, we really hope lots of you can and we can go ahead as it was a great venue last year and lots of fun for the children celebrating this alternative to the secular celebrations

**Property and Community Review** All parishes must now complete a review of their properties (church, Presbytery, car parks, church halls etc). We are asked to consider the needs of the wider community as well as those of the parish alone. An information meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23 October, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Anne's, Harlow Green.** It will be led by Jeremy Brock, who is supporting parishes throughout the Diocese, to undertake this review. If you have an interest in helping to reflect on our property needs and consider its potential to help our mission to reach out to others, then please come to this meeting to find out what we are being asked to do. **Each parish is asked to recruit 2 or 3 volunteers.** Please consider volunteering and let Fr Michael know if you might assist with this. Attending the information meeting may help you to decide whether to volunteer.

**Diocesan Church Music Association** The Diocesan Church Music Association have set up a link on their page of the Diocesan website, asking parish musicians to sign up to give them an idea of the resources around the Diocese and to keep people up to date with news of workshops etc. If you would like to sign up the form can be found on the Diocesan website, clicking on 'Departments', then 'Liturgy', then Diocesan Church Music Association. Scrolling down will reveal a paragraph headed *'Join our mailing list'*.

### 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. **Sunderland Interfaith Forum** are also holding events during Interfaith week details of which will appear in November's newsletter.

Visit the [Diocesan website](#) for more information on all these events and the latest news from the Department for Interreligious Relations.

### Department for Liturgy:

- A course for new Sacristans will be held in Jarrow on Tuesday 24 October.
- 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](#).

### RCIA / Journey in Faith Discussion Evenings

A questionnaire has been sent out to Partnership Deans and following their return two discussion evenings are to be held to bring together RCIA / Journey in Faith Groups to understand the changing needs of these groups. Two evenings will be held in the North and the South of the Diocese during October as follows:

- Wednesday 16 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St. Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle.
- Wednesday 23 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St. Joseph's, Norton. To attend and other enquiries please email: [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk).

### Department for Spirituality:

#### **Advent 2019**

The 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	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct		5.00pm		
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Tracy Lawler	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>		10.00		
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>			Requiem Monica Dodds	12.05
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>			NO MASS Requiem Fr Bill Rooke at Cathedral	
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>			No MASS Fr At Canon Law Conference	12.05
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>		10.00		12.05
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>		5.00pm		11.00 (EF)
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am		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 Sunderland Road

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

**And pray for**

Fr Bill Rooke aged 73, a priest of our Diocese who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the 49th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 in St Mary's Cathedral.

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S	£366.97	MID- WEEK £88.95
ST WILFRID'S	£214.25	DONATIONS £25

MANY THANKS.