

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 20th October 2019 ~ 29th Sunday (OF) ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Saint Hilarion

Despite his best efforts to live in prayer and solitude, today's saint found it difficult to achieve his deepest desire. People were naturally drawn to Hilarion as a source of spiritual wisdom and peace. He had reached such fame by the time of his death that his body had to be secretly removed so that a shrine would not be built in his honour. Instead, he was buried in his home village.

Saint Hilarion the Great, as he is sometimes called, was born in Palestine. After his conversion to Christianity, he spent some time with Saint Anthony of Egypt, another holy man drawn to solitude. Hilarion lived a life of hardship and simplicity in the desert, where he also experienced spiritual dryness that included temptations to despair. At the same time, miracles were attributed to him.

As his fame grew, a small group of disciples wanted to follow Hilarion. He began a series of journeys to find a place where he could live away from the world. He finally settled on Cyprus, where he died in 371 at about age 80.

Hilarion is celebrated as the founder of monasticism in Palestine. Much of his fame flows from the biography of him written by Saint Jerome.

Reflection

We can learn the value of solitude from Saint Hilarion. Unlike loneliness, solitude is a positive condition in which we are alone with God. In today's busy and noisy world, we could all use a little solitude.

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REMEMBER

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October 20th

Young Catholic Lunch

October 23rd

Property Review

6.30pm

October 27th

Bishop saying African

Mass 2pm

1st November

Remembrance candles

lit

2nd November

Blessing of Graves

3rd November

HFG All Saints

Celebration

8th November

Good Shepherd and

Becoming Catholic

Resume

11th November

Book Club

23rd November

St Joseph's School

Christmas Fayre

30th November

Curry Night

8th December

Bishop Byrne Says

12 pm Mass

Christmas Tree

blessing 3pm

**Bishop Robert will be saying the African Mass
at 2pm on Sunday 27th October at St Joseph's**
All are welcome

**Fr Michael Will be Blessing Graves on
November 2nd please join him**

Saltwell cemetery (meet at gate opposite the park entrance) at 2pm, Heworth cemetery at 2.30pm (meet at Sunderland Road gate), followed by Heworth Burn. There is a plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, between November 1st-8th, applicable to all the Holy Souls under the usual conditions.

Curry Night

November 30th tickets £5 on sale next week
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!**

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 20th October

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.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Non for next two Fridays

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 11th November at 7pm

BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Next Session Friday 8th 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

The dates proposed are 4th - 8th 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.

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 it was decided to have hymns every week.

November Candles

Light a candle in memory of your loved ones and friends who have died. Please write name/s of loved ones on an envelope and hand them into Verina or Father by Friday 1st November. The cost is £1 per candle.

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

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.

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

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.

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 23 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St. Joseph's, Norton. To attend and other enquiries please email: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk.

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	19 th	For Vocations	5.00pm		
Sunday	20 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	For the Unborn People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	21 st	Harry Richardson	10.00		
Tuesday	22 nd			Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Wednesday	23 rd			Terry and Dorothy Lamb	12.05
Thursday	24 th			In Honour of St Joseph Patron of the Unemployed	12.05
Friday	25 th	Special Intention	10.00		12.05
Saturday	26 th		5.00pm	Intention of LMS	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	27 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish All Souls in Purgatory	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 housebound parishioners

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

And pray for

Les Taydler who died on Friday and his family

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £503.66
 ST WILFRID'S £215.82 DONATIONS £35 POLISH RENT £250

MANY THANKS.