# **St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter**

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Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup>September 2019 ≈ 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday (OF) ≈ 16<sup>th</sup> St Michael Archangel (EF)

# Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

(January 2, 1873 – September 30, 1897)

"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Her parents, Louis and Zélie, were beatified in 2008, and canonized in 2015.

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**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Belarus Sisters @ St Wilfrid's

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** Belarus Sisters @ St Joseph's

October 4<sup>th</sup> Becoming a Catholic 5pm

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** Pro-life Pilgrimage

October 8<sup>th</sup> Rome meeting 7pm

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

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

October 19<sup>th</sup> CMUK

26<sup>th</sup> October St Wilfrid's Reunion

8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree blessing

# **A VERY BIG THANK YOU to ALL PARISHIONERS**

Fr Michael says: I was overwhelmed by your generosity for my 6oth birthday: I had absolutely no idea a collection was taking place and couldn't believe the amount given. I was humbled by the number of cards, presents and well wishes I received and will be ever grateful to this affirmation of my role as your Parish Priest.

A grateful thanks especially to Verina Telford for organising the collection and celebration after Tuesday's Mass and to Bernadette, Conrad and the choir.

### Partnership Mass

The partnership Mass at St Patrick's Felling on Friday evening was a great success; Bishop Byrne spoke about our Parishes being communities within a community, echoing the words of Pope Francis. This is even more pertinent to the parishes of St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's, we are two communities joined through our Parish Priest and within those communities we welcome the communities of El Shaddai, African Mass, Polish Mass, Extraordinary Form and Ordinary Form Mass attendees, communities all united together in One Apostolic Faith.

#### Pilgrimage to Rome 2020

Meeting for all those interested TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 7pm

# <u>CMUK</u>

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 SATURDAY OF THE 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.

#### The Good Shepherd

Fridays at 5pm All children aged 3-6 are welcome For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

#### <u>Book Club</u>

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 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

#### **Becoming a Catholic**

Next session Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5pm

# **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

**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.

#### Priest`s sick communions:

Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to Catholic residents of Fellingate home.

#### ST WILFRID'S

CONFESSIONS: BEFORE SATURDAY MASS EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY 4.30-4.55PM

# <u>Bonus Ball.</u>

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.

#### Sale of Works Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Belarus sisters visit with goods to sell please support their charities

# ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL/CHURCH REUNION.

This will take place on Saturday 26th October at Valente's, Coldwell St, Felling 7pm-Midnight. Music and buffet provided. In the past these have been lovely events. But please note it will take place upstairs in the new function room.

#### ST JOSEPH'S

**Confessions** Wednesday: after Mass. Saturday 12-12.30pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Thursday 11.00 – 12.00

12.00

# Sale of Works Tuesday 1st October

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#### Music at 10.00 Mass

We are thinking of having some music at every 10am Mass instead of every other week, if anyone has any strong objections to this please let Fr Michael know but do not bite his head off!!!

#### 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

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING BAYS NOT DOWN THE CENTRE OF THE CAR PARK< NOT ONLY DOES THIS BLOCK PEOPLE IN BUT ALSO DENIES ACCESS TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

# PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

**Pro-life Pilgrimage** of Prayer and Reparation for sanctity of life and family at Osmotherly on **Sunday October 6th** 2019. Booking essential by coach£15: Contact Marileine on 0191 2854395 or 07813180340

#### **Rosary Rally**

During the medieval era Jesmond, (Jesus Mound), was an important place of pilgrimage, centred around St. Mary's Chapel, now an historical shrine on the westbank of Jesmond Dene.

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are invited to join our diocesan family in a rosary rally at St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

We will meet at Holy name Church in Jesmond at 2.45pm, before processing together to the shrine to pray the rosary and to sing hymns to Our Lady. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church hall.

#### Holy Family Guild

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3pm at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Gateshead prayers in the garden for faith, life and peace in Scotland England and Wales followed

### **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT**

2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email <u>reservations@medirishcentre.com</u>.

#### <u>St. Alban's, Pelaw</u>

As from Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the Vigil Mass in St. Alban's Church, Pelaw will be celebrated at **18.00** 

<u>Youth Ministry Module</u> All\_those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module.

The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 12<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Emmaus Village. Further information or to book a place, email <u>education@diocesehn.org.uk</u>



# Dementia Café Tuesdays at the Cathedral We

understand that transport can be difficult when you are with someone living with dementia. Therefore, we have secured funding to help cover the costs of a taxi to bring you to the Café and return you home safely

<u>Peer Talk</u> a support group for anyone facing depression or similar meets every Monday, 7pm at Bensham Grove Community Centre, Sidney Grove, Bensham, NE8 2XD. It's free, friendly and there's no need to book. PeerTalk is a national organisation.

http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/supportgroups

#### **Vacancies**

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website <u>http://www.rcdhn.org.uk</u> us on 0191 243 3301 email <u>office @rcdhn.org.uk</u>

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>				
			5.00pm		
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish	10.00am Mid-Day
				Deceased Members of the Noon Family	(EF)
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	For the unborn	10.00		
Tuesday	1 <sup>s†</sup> Oc†			Winifred and Deceased Members of the Lang and Conway Families	12.05
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>			In Honour of St Joseph patron of the unemployed	12.05
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>			Patricia Dodson	12.05
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3&4 join us at Mass today	10.00	Special Intention	12.05
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Private Intention	5.00pm	Conversion of J.O"K	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	Ray Ward People of the Parish	10.00 am Midday (EF)

"EF" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S	£526.72	MID- WEEK £80.09	
ST WILFRID'S	£215.44	DONATIONS £35	
MANY THANKS.			