

NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

Neville Barnett, Louise Croce, Anthony Healey, Maureen Wright, Rosalie Aquino, Jack Watt, Christopher Brown, Isabel Morris, Pamela Farr, Indira Das, Andrew McHale, Dawn Watts, Betty Keech, Anne Atkins, Rosanna Connolly, Valerie Cleary, Christopher McQuade, Chris Smith, Frances Cole, Moira Wileman, Diane Lyons, Joe Hudson, Wendy Binns, Sharon Gray, Rachel McHale, Ann Bamford, Ken Whitehead, Elaine Brighton, Imelda Dunne, Gerry Hurst, Maureen Pearson, Marilyn Johnson, Connie van Donck, Bridget & Noel Crompton, and Veronica Chadwick who are sick, those who died recently, especially Margaret Coxon, and all with anniversaries this week.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, 29 June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15am and at St Wilfrid's at 10am, 12.10am and 6pm (said Latin EF Mass).

ORDINATIONS

Please pray for Br Oliver Craddock of the Oxford Oratory who will be ordained priest in Oxford on Friday, 29 June, and for Richard Marsden (nephew of Fr Michael) who will be ordained priest for the diocese in Middlesbrough Cathedral on Saturday, 21 July.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS AT ST WILFRID'S

Coffee after Mass will begin again from the first Sunday in August. If you would be willing to go on the rota please contact Grace Abell grace@abelldesign.co.uk

LIFE ASCENDING SUMMER TRIP

Life Ascending Summer trip to Hutton-le-Hole and Whitby. Wednesday, 27 June. £10. Depart: Our Lady's Acomb, 9.30 am, Memorial Gardens, 9.45 am, St Aelred's 10am. Return approx. 6pm. Booking and information from Margaret 790169, Maureen 411826 or Catherine 415859 or 07950 488685.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The York Walsingham Association invite you to join their annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, departing 13 August and returning 16 August. You would be there for the Family Week, and for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady at her shrine with a chance to spend some time at the Norfolk seaside. Comfortable coach throughout and half-board accommodation. Cost approx. £246. Contact Ed Sheridan on York 337325.

ANNUAL POSTGATE RALLY

At St Anne's Ugthorpe (outdoors, weather permitting) in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the English and Welsh Martyrs on Sunday, 1 July. Hymns from 2.30pm, Mass at 3.00pm. Principal Celebrant: Rt Revd Terence Patrick Drainey (Bishop of Middlesbrough).

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

Today, 24 June, we are celebrating the Solemnity of St John the Baptist. He is the only saint - with the exception of the Virgin Mary - whose birth the liturgy celebrates and it does so because it is closely connected with the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. In fact, from the time when he was in his mother's womb John was the precursor of Jesus: the Angel announced to Mary his miraculous conception as a sign that "nothing is impossible to God", six months before the great miracle that brings us salvation, God's union with man brought about by the Holy Spirit. The four Gospels place great emphasis on the figure of John the Baptist, the prophet who concludes the Old Testament and inaugurates the New, by identifying Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Anointed One of the Lord. In fact, Jesus himself was to speak of John in these terms: "This is he of whom it is written 'Behold I send my messenger before your face, / who shall prepare your way before you. Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he!'".

John's father, Zechariah - Elizabeth's husband and a relative of Mary - was a priest of Old Testament worship, he did not immediately believe in the announcement of such an unexpected fatherhood. This is why he was left mute until the day of the circumcision of the child to whom he and his wife gave the name God had indicated to them, that is, John, which means "graced by God". Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Zechariah spoke thus of his son's mission: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins".

All this came to pass 30 years later when John began baptizing people in the River Jordan, calling them to prepare themselves with this act of penance for the imminent coming of the Messiah, which God had revealed to them during their wanderings in the desert of Judaea. This is why he was called the "Baptist", the "Baptizer". When one day Jesus himself came from Nazareth to be baptized, John at first refused but then consented; he saw the Holy Spirit settle on Jesus and heard the voice of the heavenly Father proclaiming him his Son. However, the Baptist's mission was not yet complete. Shortly afterwards he was also asked to precede Jesus in a violent death: John was beheaded in King Herod's prison and thus bore a full witness to the Lamb of God who had recognized him and publicly pointed him out beforehand. Dear friends, the Virgin Mary helped her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth when she was expecting John to bring her pregnancy to completion. May she help all people to follow Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, whom the Baptist proclaimed with deep humility and prophetic fervour.

Pope Benedict, Nativity of St John the Baptist, 2012

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND GROUPS AT ST WILFRID'S

- **Evangelium/RCIA** for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholics. Mondays at 7:30pm in the Upper Room. **BEGINS AGAIN IN AUTUMN**
- **Coffee and Cake** are served for parishioners and visitors after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays, sometimes in support of approved charities. **BEGINS AGAIN IN AUGUST** stwilfridsrefreshments@outlook.com
- **Legion of Mary** is a worldwide group fostering spiritual formation in the spirit of Our Lady and offering practical and spiritual help to others. At the moment this group is not meeting but we hope to revive it if anyone would like to support it.
- **Life Ascending** a group for older people, meets in the Upper Room at 12.45pm the last Wednesday each month.
- **Newman's Group (Young Adults)** (17-30) for prayer, growth in faith, and social activities. Second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30pm in the Upper Room.
- **Mums & Toddlers** for children under school age to allow them to get to a weekday Mass and have social and playtime after. Please contact oliviaeuesden@gmail.com for more information.
- **SVP** for helping those in our city with various difficulties especially loneliness or material deprivation. Please call 07933 599270. We are here to help.
- **St Wilfrid's Bellringers** ring for the main Sunday services and on special occasions. Practice is on Thursday evenings. Contact Jacqueline Ward.
- **Women's Oratory** for prayer, scriptural meditation & recreation in St Philip's tradition. Third Friday of the Month at 7:30pm starting in the rectory and moving to church.
- **York Aquinas Reading Group** to discover & discuss the teaching of St Thomas. Upper Room, 7:30pm, the third Friday each month.
- **Young Oratory** for young people aged 13-17, for prayer friendship and service. Meets on Wednesdays at 4pm in the Upper Room. Please see Br Adam if interested.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND GROUPS AT ST JOSEPH'S

- **Ladies' Group** please contact Hilary Topham
- **Parish Hall** please contact Dinu Abraham 07737 207552 abraham_dinu@yahoo.co.uk or Fr Richard

ANNUAL WALK FOR VOCATIONS

from St Hedda's Church Egton Bridge (10.45am) to Ugthorpe in time for Mass. Terrain not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

	Plate	Gift Aid	Total	Second
St Wilfrid's	717.77	254.50	972.27	
St Joseph's	228.50	165.50	394.00	125.88

Thank you very much for your continued generosity

ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018

BIRTHDAY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year B
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Divine Office Week 4

Monday 25 June

Feria

Tuesday 26 June

Feria or St Romuald

Wednesday 27 June

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday 28 June

St Irenaeus

Friday 29 June

Ss Peter and Paul

Saturday 30 June

Feria or First Martyrs of Rome, or Our Lady

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Br Henry O'Connell
Br David Chadwick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING EVENING SATURDAY, 16 JUNE

Saturday	23	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Pro Populo
Sunday	24	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Fr Nicholas Edmonds-Smith
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Pauline Richardson
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Vocations
Monday	25	12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Benefactors
		9:15am	St Joseph's	Mary McKeever
Tuesday	26	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Dan Nolan
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Stefan & Anna Lipa
Wednesday	27	9:15am	St Joseph's	Fr Joseph anniversary
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Pat Adams
Thursday	28	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
Friday	29	9:15am	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
Saturday	30	10:00am	Shambles	Br Oliver Craddock on his ordination as a priest
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls

OTHER MASSES (HOLY DAYS, CONVENTS ETC.)

Tuesday	26	Free		-
Thursday	28	Free		-
Friday	29	10	School	Pro Populo