

NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

All those who are sick, especially Frances Cole, Elaine Brighton and John Knowles; and for Connie van Donck who died recently, and for all with anniversaries this week. *We can no longer mention specific names unless we have their personal permission because of Data Protection Legislation. If any sick person would like to give permission in person to be mentioned on the sick list, please let us know in writing.*

10.30 MASS CHOIR

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm in the Upper Room for those interested in the music at the 10.30 Sunday Mass. This will consist of a short talk followed by an opportunity to have a go at singing in the new choir. No previous experience in necessary and we're keen to get lots of new recruits! Speak to Br Adam or email mollyereinker@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

WOMEN'S ORATORY

Meets on the first Monday of each month. There is adoration at 11.30am followed by Mass and the blessing of the relic of St Philip. There will be some social time after in the Upper Room. A light lunch is available for a contribution of £2. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together and pray and enjoy some social time. New members are always welcome.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Br Henry will be ordained to the Diaconate at St Wilfrid's on Saturday, 6 July at 12 noon by Bishop Terence. Please keep this special date free!

CATHOLICISM AND THE ARTS

February Seminar: *The Language of Grace? The Action of God's Love in Poetry and Art*

Elizabeth Powell (Durham): *Grace and the Poetics of David Jones*
Katherine Hinzman (Oxford, York): *Full of Grace? The Desire of Art for God*

Upper Room, Wednesday, 6 February, 2019, 18.00 - 19:45

OUR LADY OF LOURDES/WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

A Half Day Reflection led by York Carmelite Spirituality Group and HCPT Group 122 is to be held at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery, YO19 6DE, on Saturday, 9 February, 9.30 - 13.00. The speaker will be Dr Johan Bergstrom-Allen. There is no need to register in advance, and all are welcome. Suggested donation £15 towards the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. For more information carmelitecommunications@gmail.com or see poster in church porch.

REQUIEM MASS

The Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Connie van Donck will be at 2pm on Thursday, 14 February, at St Wilfrid's.

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.
- **Coffee and Cake** are served for parishioners and visitors on Sundays after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's and the 10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's, sometimes in support of approved charities.
- **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.
- **Read the Catechism in 18 Months** aims to read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* at a relaxed pace and meets once a month. More information from Syra on syracheeseman@gmail.com or 07961997553.
- **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** meets on the 1st Monday of each month. There is adoration at 11.30am followed by Mass and the blessing of the relic of St Philip. After Mass there is social time in the Upper Room. A light lunch is available for a £2 donation to church funds.
- **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

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS AT ST WILFRID'S AND ST JOSEPH'S

All are welcome, parishioners and visitors for coffee after the 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's and the 10.30 Mass at St Wilfrid's. If you would be willing to go on the rota for St Wilfrid's please contact Grace Abell: grace@abelldesign.co.uk

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

	Plate	Gift Aid	Total	Second
St Wilfrid's	673.01	228.50	901.51	
St Joseph's	236.20	124.80	361.00	

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

In this Sunday's Liturgy we read one of the most beautiful passages of the New Testament and of the whole Bible: the Apostle Paul's "hymn to love." In his First Letter to the Corinthians, after explaining through the image of the body that the different gifts of the Holy Spirit contribute to the good of the one Church, Paul shows the "way" of perfection. It does not, he says, consist in possessing exceptional qualities: in speaking new languages, understanding all the mysteries, having a prodigious faith or doing heroic deeds. Rather, it consists in love, that is in authentic love which God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Love is the "greatest gift" which gives value to all the others and yet it "is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant"; on the contrary it "rejoices in the right" and in the good of others. Whoever truly loves "does not insist on [his or her] own way", "is not irritable or resentful" but "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". In the end, when we find ourselves face to face with God, all the other gifts will no longer matter; the only one that will last forever is love, because God is love and we will be like him, in perfect communion with him.

For now, while we are in this world, love is the sign of Christians. It sums up their entire life: what they believe and what they do. This is why at the beginning of my Pontificate I chose to dedicate my first Encyclical to this very subject of love: *Deus Caritas Est*. As you will remember, this Encyclical is made up of two parts that correspond to the two aspects of charity: its meaning and hence its practice. Love is the essence of God himself, it is the meaning of creation and of history, it is the light that brings goodness and beauty into every person's existence. At the same time love is, so to speak, the "style" of God and of believers, it is the behaviour of those who, in response to God's love, make their life a gift of themselves to God and to their neighbour. In Jesus Christ these two aspects form a perfect unity: he is Love incarnate. This Love has been fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Fixing our gaze on him, we can confess with the Apostle John: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us".

Pope Benedict XVI, Fourth Sunday of the Year, 2010

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ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: Year 1

Divine Office Week 4

Monday 4 February

Feria

Tuesday 5 February

St Agatha

Wednesday 6 February

St Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday 7 February

Feria

Friday 8 February

St Jerome Emiliani or St Josephin Bakhita

Saturday 9 February

Feria

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ORATORY CLERGY

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Fr Nicholas Edmonds-Smith

Fr Stephen Brown

Br Adam Fairbairn

Br Henry O'Connell

Br David Chadwick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY EVENING, 2 FEBRUARY

Saturday	2	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Pat Adams RIP
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Vocations to the Oratory
Sunday	3	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Benefactors of the Oratory
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Pro populo
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
Monday	4	12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	James Carroll RIP
		9:15am	St Joseph's	M & N Keane RIP
Tuesday	5	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Raju P Varghese RIP
			St Wilfrid's	Monica Kennedy RIP
Wednesday	6	9:15am	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
Thursday	7	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
			St Joseph's	Holy Souls
Friday	8	9:15am	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Elizabeth Hutton RIP
Saturday	9	10:00am	Shambles	Fr Bernard Forshaw
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls

OTHER MASSES (HOLY DAYS, CONVENTS ETC.)

Tuesday	5	Free		Christopher Dibb RIP
Thursday	7	Free		
Friday	8	10:30	PCs	Holy Souls