

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

Jack Watt, Christopher Brown, Isabel Morris, Pamela Farr, Indira Das, Andrew McHale, Dawn Watts, Betty Keech, Anne Atkins, Philip Melia, 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, Manuel Montoro-Blanch, Gerry Hurst, Maureen Pearson, Marilyn Johnson, Connie van Donck, Bridget & Noel Crompton, and Veronica Chadwick who are sick, those who died recently, especially Dominic Melbourne & Catherine Deegan, and all those with anniversaries this week.

### FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS

First Holy Communion Application forms are now available in both churches. There is an introductory meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 20 September in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's. Preparation for children from both parishes will be on Saturday mornings in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's from 8.45am to 9.45am, starting in September.

### WANT TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Evangelium course is a systematic presentation of the Catholic Faith through Catholic culture. You may be a lifelong Catholic who want to deepen your knowledge of the Faith; or the parent of a child preparing for Holy Communion or Confirmation; maybe you would like to become a Catholic. The course runs at St Wilfrid's from September to May on Mondays in the Upper Room starting on Monday, 18th September. Sessions begin at 7.30pm and include refreshments, a talk, opportunity for questions and informal discussion. We end with the Night Prayer of the Church (Compline) and are finished by 9pm.

### LIFE ASCENDING

The Life Ascending outing is on Wednesday, 27 September, to Cusworth Hall & Gardens. Coach departs St Aelred's (9.15), Memorial Gardens, and Our Lady's (9.40). Return to York at 5.30pm. Contact Maureen Potter (411826) to book and arrange payment (£10).

### PILGRIMAGE TO WELSH AND ENGLISH SHRINES

The Legion of Mary is organizing a Pilgrimage from 24-28 September 2017, to include Pantasaph, Our Lady of the Taper, etc. There is one more space available. If you might be interested please contact Theresa Caddy 07851 518 043 by 15 September.

### PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE

There will be a sale of pre-loved clothing in St Wilfrid's yard and Upper room on Saturday, 30 September 30 with light refreshments. If you are refreshing your wardrobe please donate unwanted items for sale. Leave at Rectory or with one of the community. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated and there will be some bargains to be found!

### GIFT AID AT SAINT JOSEPH'S

A huge thank you to all parishioners at Saint Joseph's whose gift aid contributions meant that the Inland Revenue gave us back £5,800. Please collect your gift aid statements from the back of the church.

## SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

Another reflection prompted by the Gospel narrative is that Matthew responds instantly to Jesus' call: "he rose and followed him". The brevity of the sentence clearly highlights Matthew's readiness in responding to the call. For him it meant leaving everything, especially what guaranteed him a reliable source of income, even if it was often unfair and dishonourable. Evidently, Matthew understood that familiarity with Jesus did not permit him to pursue activities of which God disapproved.

The application to the present day is easy to see: it is not permissible today either to be attached to things that are incompatible with the following of Jesus, as is the case with riches dishonestly achieved.

Jesus once said, mincing no words: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me".

This is exactly what Matthew did: he rose and followed him! In this "he rose", it is legitimate to read detachment from a sinful situation and at the same time, a conscious attachment to a new, upright life in communion with Jesus.

*Pope Benedict XVI on St Matthew*

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# ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

### Monday 18 September

*Feria*

### Tuesday 19 September

*Feria or St Januarius or St Theodore*

### Wednesday 20 September

*St Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions*

### Thursday 21 September

*St Matthew*

### Friday 22 September

*Feria*

### Saturday 23 September

*St Pio of Pietrelcina*

## THE ORATORIAN COMMUNITY

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## ORATORY CLERGY

Fr Richard Duffield *Parish Priest*

Fr Nicholas Edmonds-Smith

Fr Stephen Brown

Br Adam Fairbairn

Br Henry O'Connell

Br David Chadwick

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Saturday	16	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Matthew Joseph
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Molly McLoughlin RIP
Sunday	17	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Philip Twist RIP
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Mrs Lela Comper
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Mary Humphries
		12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Jo Keogh
Monday	18	9:15am	St Joseph's	Renata
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Marjorie Duffield RIP
Tuesday	19	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Fr Richard's Int
Wednesday	20	9:15am	St Joseph's	Sr Cecilia Goodman CJ RIP
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Bridget Murphy RIP
Thursday	21	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Matthew Heimbach
Friday	22	9:15am	St Joseph's	Benefactors
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Marion Daly
Saturday	23	10:00am	Shambles	Oratorian Vocations
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Marjorie Duffield RIP

### ADDITIONAL MASSES (HOLY DAYS, CONVENTS ETC.)

Thursday	21		C&C Purslow
Friday	22		Free