

NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

Neville Barnett, Louise Croce, Anthony Healey, Maureen Wright, Bishop Terence Patrick, 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 and all with anniversaries this week.

FRIDAY LENT LUNCHESES

Lent Soup Lunches take place every Friday in Lent in the Upper Room after the 12.10pm Mass. Volunteers still needed for later in Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross take place at St Wilfrid's every Friday in Lent starting at 11.30am.

YOUNG ORATORY

A new group for young people aged 13-17, for prayer friendship and service. To meet on Wednesdays at 4pm in the Upper Room. Please see Br Adam if interested.

MUSICAL ORATORY

There will be a musical oratory for Lent on Friday, 16 March. Starting at 5.30pm and lasting around 45 minutes. Hymns and readings followed by Benediction. Confession will be available throughout.

10.30 MASS CHOIR

A new choir is being formed to support the singing at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We will practice the hymns and learn some new Mass settings and are looking for both male and female voices. Please see Br Adam if interested.

YORK IRISH ASSOCIATION

The York Irish Association proudly presents its annual York Irish St Patrick's Weekend Festival. Now in its fourth year, celebrations will take place in a marquee in St Sampson's Square. Activities are all about Irish tradition and culture in York, bringing fun and enjoyment to the city for people of all ages and celebrating the unique connections between York and Ireland. Taking place on the Friday evening from 5pm and all day and evening on the Saturday, St Patrick's Day itself, the festival will include music performances from Roisin Ban and the Flying Donkeys, Irish Dancing performances from the O'Connor Academy of Irish Dance and St Aelred's School of Irish Dance, and a *celidh* with Fiddler's Wreck. There will also be Irish food and drink served and face-painting throughout the weekend. Everyone is welcome and it's free to attend!

CATHOLICISM AND THE ARTS SEMINAR

The next meeting will be in the Upper Room on Wednesday, 21 February, from 6pm to 7.30pm. 'Conflicting Identities? Catholicism, Culture and Britishness in 19th and 20th Century Prose and Practice' Dr. Martin Potter (University of York): *Evelyn Waugh, Muriel Spark and David Jones: Three Twentieth-Century Writers on Catholic Identity* Fr. Richard Duffield (St. Wilfrid's, York Oratory): *"What then does Dr. Newman mean?" 20th-Century Writers' Reactions to Newman*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

After last year's successful York/Oxford pilgrimage to Fatima, we are planning another to Rome, Assisi and Loreto. The dates will be from 17-24 September and the cost between £745 and £792 per person (depending on the numbers booking). Flights for the York pilgrims will be from Manchester. Further details are available on the website and forms will shortly be available at the back of both churches.

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

This is the First Sunday of Lent, the liturgical Season of forty days which constitutes a spiritual journey in the Church of preparation for Easter. Essentially it is a matter of following Jesus who is walking with determination towards the Cross, the culmination of his mission of salvation. If we ask ourselves: "Why Lent? Why the Cross?", the answer in radical terms is this: because evil exists, indeed sin, which according to the Scriptures is the profound cause of all evil. However this affirmation is far from being taken for granted and the very word "sin" is not accepted by many because it implies a religious vision of the world and of the human being. In fact it is true: if God is eliminated from the world's horizon, one cannot speak of sin. As when the sun is hidden, shadows disappear. Shadows only appear if the sun is out; hence the eclipse of God necessarily entails the eclipse of sin. Therefore the sense of sin — which is something different from the "sense of guilt" as psychology understands it — is acquired by rediscovering the sense of God. This is expressed by the Miserere Psalm, attributed to King David on the occasion of his double sin of adultery and homicide: "Against you", David says, addressing God, "against you only have I sinned". In the face of moral evil God's attitude is to oppose sin and to save the sinner. God does not tolerate evil because he is Love, Justice and Fidelity; and for this very reason he does not desire the death of the sinner but wants the sinner to convert and to live. To save humanity God intervenes: we see him throughout the history of the Jewish people, beginning with the liberation from Egypt. God is determined to deliver his children from slavery in order to lead them to freedom. And the most serious and profound slavery is precisely that of sin. *Benedict XVI, 2011*

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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.
- **Life Ascending** a group for older people, meets in the Upper Room at 12.45pm the last Wednesday each month.
- **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 early in 2018.
- **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.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND GROUPS AT ST JOSEPH'S

- **Ladies' Group** please contact Hilary Topham
- **Parish Hall** please contact Fr Richard or Justin Lancaster
- **SVP** as above, please see Margaret Dobson or Fr Richard

SCRIPTURE EVENING

There will be an evening reflecting on Scripture on Tuesday, 20 February at 7.30pm in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's. The evening is principally aimed at Readers in our parish, but other parishioners may attend if they wish. Please let Br Adam know if you plan on coming.

SVP RAFFLE TICKETS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Raffle tickets in support of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be sold at St Joseph's this weekend and for the following two weekends. Tickets are £1 each and the top prize is £3000

SVP CONTACT

St Wilfrid's Society of St Vincent de Paul has got a new mobile telephone helpline for people in need, especially for help with material deprivation. The number is 07933 599270.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday, 17 March. Mass will be concelebrated at 12 noon at St George's Church, Walmgate. Light refreshments will be available in the Sacristy after Mass so as to give people a chance to enjoy the *craic* at the St Patrick's Festival in Parliament Street. All very welcome.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

	Plate	Gift Aid	Total	Second
St Wilfrid's	713.69	251.90	965.59	
St Joseph's	160.95	227.55	388.50	

COLLECTIONS PREVIOUS WEEK

	Plate	Gift Aid	Total	Second
St Wilfrid's	595.81	188.50	784.31	
St Joseph's	150.01	205.02	355.03	

Thank you very much for your continued generosity

ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year 2

Divine Office Week 1

Monday 19 February

Lent Feria

Tuesday 20 February

Lent Feria

Wednesday 21 February

Lent Feria (St Peter Damian)

Thursday 22 February

The Chair of St Peter

Friday 23 February

Lent Feria (St Polycarp)

Saturday 24 February

Lent Feria

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Br Adam Fairbairn

Br Henry O'Connell

Br David Chadwick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

Saturday	17	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Betty Murray
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Pro Populo
Sunday	18	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Dorothy Barnes
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Enid Muir
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
		12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Private Int (BH)
Monday	19	9:15am	St Joseph's	Jayrenrolf Cuaresma
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Brian William Ball
Tuesday	20	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Stella Scully
Wednesday	21	9:15am	St Joseph's	Pauline Richardson
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Vera Lomas (MW)
Thursday	22	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Peter Mitchell
Friday	23	9:15am	St Joseph's	Brigid O'Sullivan
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Crookall Family
Saturday	24	10:00am	Shambles	Liam Hasson
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Tommy Fortune

OTHER MASSES (HOLY DAYS, CONVENTS ETC.)

Tuesday	20		Arthur Stuart Ramsden
Thursday	22		Thanksgiving
Friday	23	10.30am	PCs Private (MK)