

NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

Christopher Brown, Isabel Morris, Pamela Farr, Indira Das, Andrew McHale, Dawn Watts, Betty Keech, Anne Atkins, Paul Phelan, Philip Melia, Rosanna Connolly, Valerie Cleary, Christopher McQuade, Chris Smith, Frances Cole, Moira Wileman, Diane Lyons, Joe Hudson, Wendy Binns, Sharon Gray, Dominic Melbourne, Rachel McHale, William Finnerty, 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, and all those with anniversaries this week.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT ST WILFRID'S AND ST JOSEPH'S

First Holy Communion Preparation for children from St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's will take place on Saturday mornings in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's from 8.45am to 9.45am, starting in September. Application forms will be available in both churches from August. We have picked this time so that the rest of Saturday can still be free for family activities. We are announcing this early so that this important spiritual milestone can be given the priority it deserves when next year's diaries are being worked out. If you would like to know more before the forms appear, please email the First Holy Communion Catechist, Mrs Sarah Kurdziel sarahkurdziel46@gmail.com

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, 15 August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at St Joseph's at 9.15am, at St Wilfrid's at 12.10pm with a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at St Wilfrid's at 6pm

INSPIRATIONAL DAY IN SCARBOROUGH

Inspirational Day for Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion, Saturday, 9th September, beginning at 9.30am at The Spa, Scarborough. Please put your name on the list at the back of church as soon as possible. Travel to Scarborough is by coach. This is paid for by the parish but it is helpful if those able to pay the £25 cost can reimburse the parish.

FLATMATE WANTED

Flatmate wanted from September onwards in a spacious two bedroom flat with modern interior; fully furnished; on a regular bus route into town; with good access to local shops and ring road. £455 per month (including bills, internet etc). Address: 30 President House, Dukes Court, York, YO26 5SZ. 07943538074 duncan_scott@live.co.uk

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. **STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER**
- **Life Ascending** a group for older people, meets in the Upper Room at 12.45pm the last Wednesday each month. **THIS WEEK**
- **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.
- **Brothers of the Secular Oratory** Men's group for prayer, scriptural meditation and recreation in St Philip's tradition. Every other Wednesday evening.
- **Parents & Toddlers** for children under school age to allow them to get to a weekday Mass and have social and playtime after. After 12:10 Mass on Mondays in term. **STARTS AGAIN SEPTEMBER**
- **SVP** for helping those in our city with various difficulties especially loneliness or material deprivation. Please see Angela Breffitt or Fr Richard to get involved.
- **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

COFFEE AFTER MASSES

There will be coffee and cake or biscuits after the 9.30am Mas at St Joseph's and the 10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's Parishioners and especially visitors most welcome.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Collection figures will be available next week.

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

In this Sunday's Gospel we find Jesus who, after withdrawing to the mountain, prays throughout the night. The Lord, having distanced himself from the people and the disciples, manifests his communion with the Father and the need to pray in solitude, far from the commotion of the world.

This distancing, however, must not be seen as a lack of interest in individuals or trust in the Apostles. On the contrary, Matthew recounts, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, "and go before him to the other side", where he would see them again. In the meantime the boat "was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them". And so in the fourth watch of the night [Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea"; the disciples were terrified, mistaking him for a ghost and "cried out for fear". They did not recognize him, they did not realize that it was the Lord.

Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life's adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb "in a still small voice" [the whispering of a gentle breeze].

The passage then continues with the action of the Apostle Peter, who, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water. "But when he saw the wind was strong, Peter was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"

St Augustine, imagining that he was addressing the Apostle, commented: the Lord "leaned down and took you by the hand. With your strength alone you cannot rise. Hold tight to the hand of the One who reaches down to you", and he did not say this to Peter alone but also to us.

Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher's words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

Dear friends, the experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers Heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.

Let us call on the Virgin Mary, model of total entrustment to God, so that amidst the plethora of anxieties, problems and difficulties which churn up the sea of our life, may our hearts resonate with the reassuring words of Jesus who also says to us "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!"; and may our faith in him grow.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, Sunday, 7 August 2011, 19th Sunday of the Year A

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ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Divine Office Week 3

Monday 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday 15 August

The Assumption of Our Lady

Wednesday 16 August

Feria or St Stephen of Hungary

Thursday 17 August

Feria

Friday 18 August

Feria

Saturday 19 August

Feria or St John Eudes or Our Lady

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ORATORY CLERGY

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Fr Stephen Brown
Br Adam Fairbairn
Br Henry O'Connell
Br David Chadwick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

Saturday	12	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Deceased Duffield Family
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Mrs M Duffield
Sunday	13	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Private Int (MK)
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Celestin Touch
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Thanksgiving
		12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Benefactors
Monday	14	9:15am	St Joseph's	Special Int
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Jean Morrissey
Tuesday	15	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Ken Trew
Wednesday	16	9:15am	St Joseph's	Thanksgiving for Poppy
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Paul Grogan
Thursday	17	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Ash
Friday	18	9:15am	St Joseph's	Denis Barker
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Mary Westerman
Saturday	19	10:00am	Shambles	Marjorie Duffield
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Mr & Mrs M Keane

ADDITIONAL MASSES (HOLY DAYS, CONVENTS ETC.)
