

ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

Monday 29 May

Feria

Tuesday 30 May

Feria

Wednesday 31 May

The Visitation

Thursday 1 June

St Justin Martyr

Friday 2 June

Feria or Ss Marcellinus & Peter

Saturday 3 June

St Charles Lwanga & Companions

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NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

Indira Das, Pamela Farr, Andrew McHale, Dawn Watts, Betty Keech, Anne Atkins, Paul Phelan, Philip Melia, Rosanna Connolly, Valerie Cleary, Christopher McQuade, Chris Smith, Frances Cole, Moira Wileman, Janine Harris, Diane Lyons, Joe Hudson, Wendy Binns, Sharon Gray, Bridget Murphy, Fr John Wood, Dominic Melbourne, Rachel McHale, William Finnerty, Ann Bamford, Ken Whitehead, Elaine Brighton, Imelda Dunne, Manuel Montoro-Blanch, George Knight, Gerry Hurst, Maureen Pearson, Marilyn Johnson, Sigvaldi Sigvaldason, Connie van Donck, Bridget & Noel Crompton, and Veronica Chadwick who are sick, those who died recently, and those with anniversaries at this time.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions on the first Saturday of the month were asked for by Our Lady of Fatima. This year is the centenary of the Fatima apparitions. We are having a Parish Pilgrimage in September and the Pilgrim Statue and relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco will be visiting St Wilfrid's from 11 – 13 of that month. Every First Saturday between May and October the St Wilfrid's Legion of Mary will be leading the recitation of the Rosary at 11.30am. Confession will be available from 10.45am and there is Mass at 12.10pm. This allows for the conditions of the devotion (Confession, Rosary, Holy Communion and fifteen minutes of meditation) all to be fulfilled at the same time every month and in company with others. Please come to take part if you can.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS ABOUT THE ELECTION

There is a letter to Catholics from the Bishops of England and Wales on the responsibilities of voters in the forthcoming General Election. Copies are in the porches of both churches.

CATHOLIC PAPERS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Catholic Papers are now all delivered to St Wilfrid's. Would St Joseph's parishioners please let Shirley or one of the Fathers know if they want a particular paper bringing up.

SINGERS AT THE 10am MASS

The Choral Scholars and the Schola will sing at the 10am Mass today.

ASSISTANCE WITH CHURCH LAUNDRY

The parish is still in need of at least two new volunteers to assist with the monthly laundering and ironing of church linen. Please approach one of the Fathers or Brothers.

PRAYER FOR YORK

Talk to God. A day of prayer with Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8am - 10pm at St Wilfrid's on 23 June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Confessions from 11-12, 5-6, and 8-10. There will be other events for schools and groups. Please see the website for details.

UPPER ROOM TOWELS

We are missing a significant number of tea towels from the upper room. If you have any that belong to the parish at home, please kindly return them as soon as possible. Similarly, if you would like to donate any, we would welcome your contribution very much indeed. Thank you to all who work to keep this space tidy.

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

In his farewell discourses to the disciples, Jesus stressed the importance of his "return to the Father", the culmination of his whole mission: indeed, he came into the world to bring man back to God, not on the ideal level - like a philosopher or a master of wisdom - but really, like a shepherd who wants to lead his sheep back to the fold. This "exodus" toward the heavenly Homeland which Jesus lived in the first person, he faced solely for us. It was for our sake that he came down from Heaven and for our sake that he ascended to it, after making himself in all things like men, humbling himself even to death on a cross and after having touched the abyss of the greatest distance from God. For this very reason the Father was pleased with him and "highly exalted" him, restoring to him the fullness of his glory, but now with our humanity. God in man - man in God: this is even now a reality, not a theoretical truth. Therefore, Christian hope, founded on Christ, is not an illusion but, as the Letter to the Hebrews says, "we have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul", an anchor that penetrates Heaven where Christ has gone before us. And what does the human person in every epoch need other than this: a firm anchorage in life? Here once again is the wonderful meaning of Mary's presence among us. Turning our gaze to her, like the first disciples, we are immediately directed to the reality of Jesus: the Mother points to the Son who is no longer physically among us but awaits us in the Father's house. Jesus invites us not to linger looking upwards, but to be united in prayer together, to invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, only those who are "born from on high", that is, from God's Spirit, have access to the Kingdom of Heaven, and the first to be "born from on high" was, precisely, the Virgin Mary. To her, therefore, let us turn in the fullness of Easter joy.

Pope Benedict, Regina Caeli, Seventh Sunday of Easter, 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. **STARTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER**
- **Legion of Mary** for the spiritual formation in the spirit of Our Lady and practical and spiritual help to others. Wednesday at 10:30am in the Upper Room.
- **Life Ascending** a group for older people, meets in the Upper Room at 12.45pm the last Wednesday each month. **THIS WEEK**
- **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.
- **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

NOVENAS OF PREPARATION

The novena of preparation for Pentecost (4 Jun) continues after every 12.10pm Mass Monday to Saturday and at Sunday Benediction.

LIFE ASCENDING EVENTS

The Life Ascending Summer outing this year is to Sledmere House and Bridlington on Wednesday 28 June. Cost £10. Details on the posters.

SATURDAY 10 JUNE ACCESS

Duncombe Place will be closed to traffic from 10.30am until 12.15pm on Saturday 10 June.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

St Wilfrid's: Loose Plate, 790.15; Gift Aid, 236.50; Total, 1095.77
St Joseph's: Loose Plate, 140.25; Gift Aid, 239.65; Total, 379.90
Missionary Sisters, both parishes, 1095.77 Thank you very much.....

COFFEE AFTER 10.30am MASS

There will be coffee 7 cake after the 10.30am Mass as usual on Sunday. Parishioners and especially visitors most welcome. This week the collection will be for the Klis family of the York Polish Community who lost their parents in the Manchester Bomb.

for the week beginning Saturday, 27 May		
Saturday 5:00pm	St Joseph's	Holy Souls
Saturday 6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	Benefactors
Sunday 8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Oratorian Vocations
Sunday 9:30am	St Joseph's	Gerry Barker
Sunday 10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Pro Populo
Sunday 12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Private Intention
Monday 9:15am	St Joseph's	Clifford Fee
Monday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Jean Armitage RIP
Tuesday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Glenda Bunn RIP
Wednesday 9:15am	St Joseph's	Marian Heron RIP
Wednesday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Steve
Thursday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Mollie Stuart RIP
Friday 9:15am	St Joseph's	Gerry Barker
Friday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Patricia Ballantyne RIP
Saturday 10:00am	Shambles	Holy Souls
Saturday 12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Lucasz Urban