

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, and all those with anniversaries this week.

MUSIC CONSULTATION

Fr Richard writes: Thank you to everyone who has submitted responses to the music consultation. I will try to do what I did with the Mass Times Consultation a few years ago and put the anonymised responses in a folder in the porch together with a response to the issues raised. One thing is clear that people want to continue to have music at the Masses that already have it. I will consult with those who already provide us with music and with the brothers when they return for Christmas and I hope we will have something in place in the new year.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Envelopes are available from the back of church for you place the names of deceased loved ones in. Mass will be celebrated each week in November for the repose of the souls of those of the list. The Masses in both churches on Monday, 20 November will be Requiem Masses for the November List.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Young people aged 13 or 14 who would like to be confirmed next year are asked to send an email to Fr Richard. We will then get together to work out a good time for all to start meeting regularly for preparation.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's joint Christmas Fair is taking place in St Joseph's Church Hall on Saturday, 2 December 11am until 2pm. We need volunteers and donations please. Bottles and prizes for a tombola, any books and bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts which can be resold and cakes. If you can help please contact Fr Richard or Fr Stephen. Please could you bring your donations to mass the weekend of the 25 November. Please bring cakes to the church hall on the morning of the Fair.

JOINT PARISHES FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Family Christmas Party at Melodie Park, Wigginton Road, YO32 2RJ, on Saturday, 9 December from 6.30pm until Midnight. All welcome. Tickets (available at the back of both churches) only £5. Supper is included. Donations for the raffle can be given to Shirley, Gloria or one of the Fathers or Brothers.

YORK NEWMAN CIRCLE

Meetings at the Bar Convent 7.30pm. Members £1, non-members £2, students free. Monday, 20 November: Professor Alec Ryrrie, Durham University: *What 'Catholicism' meant to Protestants in the Age of Reformation.* Monday 11 December: Dr Chris Maunder, York St John University: *Apparitions of Mary today: Popular and official Theologies in Tension.* For further information please contact Judith Smeaton 01904 704525 judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

In the well known Parable of the Talents - recounted by the Evangelist Matthew - Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom their master entrusted his property, before setting out on a long journey. Two of them behaved impeccably, doubling the value of what they had received. On the contrary, the third buried the money he had received in a hole. On his return, the master asked his servants to account for what he had entrusted to them and while he was pleased with the first two he was disappointed with the third.

Indeed, the servant who had hidden his talent and failed to make it increase in worth, had calculated badly. He behaved as if his master were never to return, as if there would never be a day on which he would be asked to account for his actions. With this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of his gifts: God calls every person and offers talents to all, at the same time entrusting each one with a mission to carry out. It would be foolish to presume that these gifts are an entitlement, just as failing to use them would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

In commenting on this Gospel passage St Gregory the Great noted that the Lord does not let anyone lack the gift of his charity, of his love. He wrote: "brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do". After explaining that true charity consists in loving enemies as well as friends, he added: "if someone lacks this virtue, he loses every good he possesses, he is deprived of the talent he received and is cast out into the darkness".

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, Sunday, 13 November, 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. **THIS WEEK**
- **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.
- **Brothers of the Secular Oratory** Men's group for prayer, scriptural meditation and recreation in St Philip's tradition. Every other Wednesday evening.
- **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 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an evening of reflection and training for Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, 21 November, from 7.30 - 9pm, starting in the Upper Room.

CHRISTMAS CARD

A card is available in the porches with details of services at St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's for Christmas and the New Year. Please take one for yourself and some for friends and neighbours.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Every first Saturday of the month the St Wilfrid's Legion of Mary will be leading the recitation of the Rosary at 11.30am in church. Confessions will be available from 10.45am and there is Mass at 12.10pm. This allows for the conditions of the devotion (Confession, Holy Communion and fifteen minutes of meditation) to be fulfilled.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

	Plate	Gift Aid	Total	Second
St Wilfrid's	619.34	275.00	894.34	
St Joseph's	144.83	216.00	260.83	

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

ST JOSEPH'S YORK ST WILFRID'S

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SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 1
Divine Office Week 1

Monday 20 November

Feria

Tuesday 21 November

Presentation of Our Lady

Wednesday 22 November

St Cecilia

Thursday 23 November

Feria, or St Clement, or St Columban

Friday 24 November

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Saturday 18 November

Feria or Dedication of St Peter's

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

Saturday	18	5:00pm	St Joseph's	Pro Populo
		6:30pm	St Wilfrid's	John & Margaret Flanagan
Sunday	19	8:30am	St Wilfrid's	Robinson Intention
		9:30am	St Joseph's	Damian McInerney's Father RIP
		10:30am	St Wilfrid's	Benefactors
		12:00pm	St Wilfrid's	Margaret Lambe
Monday	20	9:15am	St Joseph's	November List
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	November List
Tuesday	21	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Pauline Richardson
Wednesday	22	9:15am	St Joseph's	Special Intention
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Special Intention
Thursday	23	12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Holy Souls
Friday	24	9:15am	St Joseph's	Neville Duffield RIP
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Special Intention
Saturday	25	10:00am	Shambles	Holy Souls
		12:10pm	St Wilfrid's	Oratorian Vocations

OTHER MASSES (CONVENTS, HOLY DAYS ETC.)

Tuesday	21		Free
Thursday	23		Free
Friday	24	PCs	Free