

## St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Blessed Angela Salawa

(September 9, 1881 – March 12, 1922)

Angela served Christ and Christ's little ones with all her strength.

Born in Siepraw, near Kraków, Poland, she was the 11th child of Bartłomiej and Ewa Salawa. In 1897, she moved to Kraków where her older sister Therese lived. Angela immediately began to gather together and instruct young women domestic workers. During World War I, she helped prisoners of war without regard for their nationality or religion. The writings of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross were a great comfort to her.

Angela gave great service in caring for soldiers wounded in World War I. After 1918, her health did not permit her to exercise her customary apostolate. Addressing herself to Christ, she wrote in her diary, "I want you to be adored as much as you were destroyed." In another place, she wrote, "Lord, I live by your will. I shall die when you desire; save me because you can."

At her 1991 beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said: "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of [Saint Francis](#), she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit" (*L'Osservatore Romano*, volume 34, number 4, 1991).

### DATES for DIARIES

Confirmation  
Preparation  
11<sup>th</sup> March

CMUK  
21<sup>st</sup> March  
Sung Vespers  
19<sup>th</sup> March

Book Club  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

ROME Pilgrimage  
4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May

### A VERY BIG THANK YOU

To everyone for their prayers, thoughts, best wishes, support and help whilst I have been in hospital .I am making a steady recovery and hope to be back to providing normal service very soon. Thank you for your patience. Fr Michael

### Cathedral Chapter of Canons

Fr Michael writes: Bishop Robert has decided to restore the cathedral chapter after many years in abeyance. He has named 10 new canons and I am delighted and honoured to be among those chosen.

### WELCOME

We welcome back Fr Graham Williams who is saying 10am Mass at St Joseph's and to Fr Paul Tully who is saying Mass at 5pm at St Wilfrid's and mid-day at St Joseph's.

### ST WILFRID'S

**Confessions:** Before Mass on Saturdays

**Exposition:** Saturday 4.30 - 4.55

### Piety Stall

Open every Saturday before and after Mass  
Have a look at our new stock.

### ST JOSEPH'S

**Confessions:** Non this week

**Exposition:** non this week

**Toilets are available in the church hall for use during Sunday Mass**

### NEW to the Parishes of St Joseph and St Wilfrid?

If you have just moved into the area and St Joseph's or St Wilfrid's have become your new Parish please make yourself known to Fr Michael on his return to health.

### Parishioners Contact Details

Does Fr Michael have your current details? Perhaps you have moved house recently or changed your phone number? Had an addition to the family perhaps? Please let Fr know.

### PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

**The balance for this pilgrimage is due on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

### LEPRA APPEAL

There will be a talk and appeal made at every Mass next weekend



### COMMUNITY CHOIR

New members are always welcome, come along on Wednesday morning at 10 to the John Ingram Room, just ring the bell at the back of the presbytery and someone will let you in!

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### 'THE MUSIC MAKERS'



**No auditions, no experience, all standards welcome. We make music happen!! Join us; if you sing or play a musical instrument. Please see Teresa Dewhurst or Fr Michael for more information.**

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Friday at 5pm**

All children aged 3-6 are welcome

For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

### BOOK CLUB

New members always welcome. We are reading 'No Place For God'. Copies available £10. Next meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

### CMUK

meets every third Saturday Next Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March

### Confirmation preparation

Next Session Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Theme - Baptism

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**EL SHADDAI** the biggest Catholic charismatic movement in the Philippines **Meet every Sunday in St Joseph's Church Hall.**

### **AFRICAN MASS**

Takes place at St Joseph's every last Sunday of the month at 2pm.

### **PARTNERSHIP and DIOCESAN NEWS**

#### **CORONAVIRUS**

*The Bishops of England and Wales have advised that at this time*

- *Distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended.*
- *Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are to wash their hands in hot soapy water or use sanitised gel before and after they distribute Holy Communion.*
- *The Sign of Peace is suspended.*
- *Holy Water stoups are to be emptied and/or removed.*
- *Everyone attending Mass is asked to sanitise their hands before coming into church.*
- *Everyone is asked to maintain good personal hygiene, especially at Mass and parish gatherings.*

#### **Rededication of England to Mary**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon we are asked to celebrate the rededication of England to Our Blessed Lady.

#### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

31<sup>st</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August Information now available on the diocesan website

#### **HOLY FAMILY GUILD**

Speak to Angela or Paul Hammond for more information

Re-Encounter Following on from the successful Mission last term, an opportunity for adults and young people to re-encounter each other and to share faith and conversation will take place on Tuesday 24th March 6.00pm - 8.00pm in St Peter's Church Hall. Students from Cardinal Hume School will lead the evening which will conclude with refreshments. Everyone is welcome and we need adults of all ages to come along. Please support our young people by sharing this time with them.

### **Bishop Schneider: The Rite of Holy Communion in times of a pandemic**

Communion in the hand is no more hygienic than Communion in the mouth. Indeed, it can be dangerous for contagion. From a hygienic point of view, the hand carries a huge amount of bacteria. Many pathogens are transmitted through the hands. Whether by shaking other people's hands or frequently touching objects, such as door handles or handrails and grab bars in public transport, germs can quickly pass from hand to hand; and with these unhygienic hands and fingers people then touch often their nose and mouth. Also, germs can sometimes survive on the surface of the touched objects for days.

Many people who come to church and then receive Holy Communion in their hands have first touched door handles or handrails and grab bars in public transport or other buildings. Thus, viruses are imprinted on the palm and fingers of their hands. And then during Holy Mass with these hands and fingers they are sometimes touching their nose or mouth. With these hands and fingers they touch the consecrated host, thus impressing the virus also on the host, thus transporting the viruses through the host into their mouth.

Communion in the mouth is certainly less dangerous and more hygienic compared to Communion in the hand. In fact, the palm and the fingers of the hand, without intense washing, undeniably contain an accumulation of viruses. The ban on Communion in the mouth is unfounded compared to the great health risks of Communion in the hand in the time of a pandemic. Such a ban constitutes an abuse of authority.

Then there is also the fact that during the Church's 2,000-year history there were no proven cases of contagion due to the reception of Holy Communion. In the Byzantine Church the priest gives Communion to the faithful even with a spoon, the same spoon for everyone. And then, the priest or deacon drinks the wine and water with which he purified the spoon, which was sometimes even touched with the tongue of a faithful during the reception of Holy Communion. Many faithful of the Eastern churches are scandalized, when they see the lack of faith of bishops and priests of the Latin Rite, as they introduce the ban on receiving Communion in the mouth, a ban made ultimately for lack of faith in the sacred and Divine character of the Body and Blood of the Eucharistic Christ. If the Church in our day does not endeavor again with the utmost zeal to increase the faith, reverence and security measures for the Body of Christ, all security measures for humans will be in vain. If the Church in our day will not convert and turn to Christ, giving primacy to Jesus, and namely to Eucharistic Jesus, God will show the truth of His Word which says: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, he watches in vain that keeps it" (Psalm 126:1-2). The following prayer for making a Spiritual Communion is recommended: At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself, and I offer Thee the repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental Communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! The love embraces my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen+ Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of St. Mary in Astana

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>		5.00pm		
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am		10.00am Mid-Day (EF)
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	10.00		
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>			Service of The Word and Holy Communion	12.05
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>			Anointing Mass	12.05
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>			NO MASS	12.05
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	10.00	Service of The Word and Holy Communion	12.05
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Intentions of Aidan Macgregor	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Mass	11.00am	Cresswell and Shirley Smith and family People of the Parish	10.00 am Mid-Day (EF)

*"EF" = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL*

### **Priest`s sick communions:**

**Remember in your prayers those who are sick;** especially- Fr Michael Brown, Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson and Sheila Gibertson.

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £ N/A  
ST WILFRID'S £208.21 SPUC £26.60

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PLEASE NOTE ALL NOTICES FOR BULLETIN MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDDAY ON WEDNESDAY