

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Week Commencing 26th May 2019 Fifth Sunday After Easter (EF)

Saint Joan of Arc

(January 6, 1412 – May 30, 1431)

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically-motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920.

Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiègne the following year, Joan was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed.

On this day in 1431, Joan was burned at the stake in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. A second Church trial 25 years later nullified the earlier verdict, which was reached under political pressure.

Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life “offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action” because her spiritual insight is that there should be a “unity of heaven and earth.”

Feast Day May 30th

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REMEMBER

28th May
Dementia Cafe Launch

29th May
Community Choir 10am

29th May
Evening of music and
worship 7pm

31st May
Good Shepherd 5pm

8th June
Apostleship of the
Sea day of Pilgrimage
and Prayer

9th June
Young Catholic lunch

13th June
Christianity Explored

22nd June
CMUK 8am

7th July
Garden Party @St
Wilfrid's 2-4pm

15th July
Reading Group 7pm

ST WILFRID'S

GARDEN PARTY

Once again St Wilfrid's will be hosting a Garden Party on Sunday 7th July 2-4pm. This was very successful last year and a lovely time was had by all.

Apologies for the mistake with the initial date, we hadn't realised it was a Bank Holiday!! The meeting has now been re-arranged for THIS Wednesday, 29th May, 1pm at Church. Help will be needed in the run up to and on the day-Sunday 7th July-so do come along if you can or if you can't make the meeting give your name to Fr Brown or one of the St Wilfrid's Parishioners if you can help.

ST JOSEPH'S

FUND RAISING. Thank you Paula for leading the way in how to set about raising money for the repairs and development of our church and hall. The next steps appear to be to set up a fund raising committee at the same time as contacting contractors to gain quotes. If you are willing to help in any way with these next two steps please put your name on the lists at the back of the church or give your name to Fr Michael.

Remember Teas and coffees after every sung 10.00 am Mass.

KEYHOLDERS

In the interests of safety and safeguarding everyone who holds a key to the Parish buildings needs to fill in an initial registration form available from Fr Michael, and subsequently record every use of the key in a visitors' log book.

Grandparent, Parent, Carer and pre-school group. Anyone interested in joining, helping, starting a group please put names on list at back of church.

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson, Mary Grieves and Sheila Gibertson.

SICK COMMUNIONS

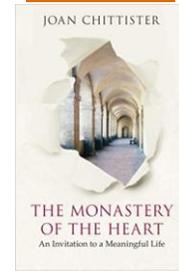
Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in St Joseph's parish.

The Good Shepherd



FRIDAY 31ST MAY at
5.00pm

Book Club



Monday 15th July at 7.00pm

Young Catholic

For ALL young people aged 18 - 36 interested in Catholic Tradition The first meeting proved to be a very enjoyable occasion where we began to get to know each-other and discussed what we hoped to get out of/bring to our group. Please come along and join us for our next event; lunch after midday Mass on the 9th June.

CMUK



Catholic Men

UK, Uniting and encouraging Catholic men in the UK in their faith and in their duties to family life, parish life and public life. **Next Meeting:** June 22nd 8am

Community Choir

We meet on a Wednesday morning in the John Ingram Room off the Sacristy at St Joseph's church at 10.00am. Interested? Just come along and give it a go, new members are always welcome. We sing an eclectic range of music, have great fun during rehearsals and perform in a variety of settings. No previous experience needed and no auditions.

Do you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter? Please email or drop a note into the Presbytery at St Joseph's before Midday on Thursday.

Any ideas for drawing our Parish Community closer together? Always wanted to start a group activity but didn't know where to start? Test your ideas here - you never know until you give it a go.

Remember although you may have a full and varied life there are many of our Parishioners who could do with YOUR support and company.

Weekly peer support group for anyone facing depression or similar on Monday, 7pm at Bensham Grove Community Centre, Sidney Grove, Bensham, NE8 2XD. It's free, friendly and there's no need to book. PeerTalk is the national charity. For more details see <http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups>

"Dementia Café at St Mary's Cathedral

A new Dementia Café in Newcastle City centre will launch May 28th. The café will run every week on Tuesday from 10am to 12noon at **The Mercy Project, St Mary's Cathedral, Neville Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH.**

This central location is easily accessible by public transport being on major bus routes and next to a metro line. The Mercy Project will also cover the costs for people who would like a taxi to bring them to the venue and return them home safely.

What does a Dementia Café do?

A Dementia provides a safe and supportive place to:

- Discuss your own dementia diagnosis, or someone else's, and think about what it means for the future
- Get answers and meet and learn from other people in similar situations
- Keep active, make new friends and feel more confident.

For more information contact: Tel: 07904 881430 or email joe.kirwin@themercyproject.org.uk"

Apostleship of the Sea

Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne Saturday 8th June 2019 led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales.

A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity.

Celtic Prayers on the Beach 12noon

- Mass will be concelebrated in St Mary the Virgin Church at 3pm

Safe Crossing Times 10:15am - 5:25pm

For further information please contact Regional Port Chaplains

Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504)

Come and join in an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by Eight time Grammy nominee, Matt Maher, this **Wednesday 29th May** from 7.00pm - 9.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Tickets are priced at £10 each to cover costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

Tickets will also be on sale on the door.

PLEASE TAKE NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

Christianity Explored: Being a Catholic in the 21st Century

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Catholic School,

- Do you want to know more about Christianity, but are too afraid to ask someone?
- Do you have lots of questions about the Church and its values in our current, ever-changing society?
- Would you like to find out more about Catholicism in a relaxed and friendly environment?
- Do you want to understand more about what your child learns in a Catholic School?

If the answer to any of these questions is *yes*, then please come along to a series of sessions designed for parents to gain a greater understanding of Christianity in our schools in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Each session will be delivered by Mr Fenwick (the School RE Coordinator) and consist of some simple activities, videos, discussions, always ending with a question and answer session followed by a short reflection.

Sessions will take place on Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th June and 4th July from 5pm - 6pm at St Wilfrid's RCVA, Old Fold Road, Gateshead, NE10 0DJ.

Below is an overview of what each session entails. Ideally we'd like you to come to all, but if you can only make one session you are more than welcome.

Session 1: What does it mean to be a Catholic?

- God's ultimate command and the Beatitudes.
- What is the Holy Trinity?
- What is the mission of the Church?
- How is Catholicism different to other branches of Christianity?
- What are the distinctive features of Catholicism?

Session 2: The Bible

- What's the difference between the Old and New Testament?
- What are the Gospels?
- What's the difference between a prophet and an Apostle?

Session 3: Baptism, Holy Communion and the Faith Journey of a Primary School Child.

- What is Baptism and why is it so important?
- How does the sacrament of Holy Communion link to the Mass?
- What does your child learn in a Catholic School?

Session 4: The Sacrament of Marriage and the Catholic Family

- What is the meaning of marriage?
- The Priesthood and dedication to the Religious Life.
- The Church and relationships in contemporary society.

If you are interested in attending or have any further questions please e-mail the school on:

stwilfridsrprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk or call 0191 477 1909.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	MAY 25th		5.00pm		
Sunday	26th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Terry Middleton African Mass	10.00am Mid-Day (EF) 2.00pm
Monday	27th	No Intention	10.00		
Tuesday	28th			James Reid	12.05
Wednesday	29th			Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Lourdes	12.05
Thursday FEAST OF THE ASCENSION HOLY DAY	30th	Fr Cornelius Horan	10.00	People of the Parish A .Turnbull	12.05 7.00pm (EF)
Friday	31st	No Mass	10.00	Gertrude Clark	12.05
Saturday	1 st June	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Terry Middleton	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	2 nd	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish Intentions of Roy and Pat Macgregor	10.00 am Midday (EF)

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

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: THURSDAY 11-11.50AM ST JOSEPH`S
SATURDAY 4.30-4.55 PM AT ST WILFRID`S**

CONFESSIONS:

ST JOSEPH`S: SATURDAY 12-12.30

ST WILFRID`S: BEFORE 5.00PM MASS SATURDAY

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH`S £452.33 EL SHADDAI £820
ST WILFRID`S £220.27 BONUS BALL £80
MANY THANKS