

St Joseph and St Wilfrid Weekly Newsletter

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Week Commencing 27th October 2019 ~30th Sunday (OF) ~ Feast of Christ the King (EF)

Saints Simon and Jude

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Feast Day October 28th

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REMEMBER

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October 27th

Bishop saying African
Mass 2pm

1st November

Remembrance candles
lit

2nd November

Blessing of Graves

3rd November

HFG All Saints
Celebration

8th November

Good Shepherd and
Becoming Catholic
Resume

11th November

Book Club

16th/17th November

Mission Appeal

23rd November

St Joseph's School
Christmas Fayre

30th November

Curry Night

8th December

Bishop Byrne Says
12 pm Mass
Christmas Tree
blessing 3pm

MAY 2020 ROME

4th-8th May

Bishop Robert will be saying the African Mass at 2pm on Sunday 27th October at St Joseph's

All are welcome

FRIDAY IS THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION WHEN CATHOLICS ARE TO GO TO MASS.

Fr Michael Will be Blessing Graves on November 2nd please join him

Saltwell cemetery (meet at gate opposite the park entrance) at 2pm, Heworth cemetery at 2.30pm (meet at Sunderland Road gate), followed by Heworth Burn. There is a plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, between November 1st-8th, applicable to all the Holy Souls under the usual conditions.

Curry Night

November 30th tickets £5 on sale next week
More information to follow

YOUTH CHOIR

**Aged 7-17yrs? Enjoy singing? Like to join a choir?
Put your name on the list in the porch and watch this space!**

COMMUNITY CHOIR

We meet every Wednesday at 10am in the John Ingram room. New members are always welcome, no previous experience needed, just a love of singing and a sense of fun. For more information speak to Mrs Teresa Dewhurst.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

None for this Friday

All children aged 3-6 are welcome
For more information speak to Fr Michael or Peter Armstrong

BOOK CLUB

New members are always welcome, just read the book and turn up to discuss it!! We are reading Newman's novel Loss & Gain. Our next meeting is

Monday 11th November at 7pm

BECOMING a CATHOLIC

Next Session Friday 8th November 5pm

Christmas is Coming!

Date for your diary **8th December 3pm**, blessing of the Christmas tree, Carols, music, mince pies!

If you play a musical instrument and/or sing and would like to be involved in this event please speak to Teresa Dewhurst

PILGRIMAGE to ROME 2020

The dates proposed are 4th - 8th May and the cost of £675 (or £790 for single room supplement) dinner, Bed and breakfast, transfers, guide and coach throughout was agreed to be a fair price. Some people have dropped out while others have expressed an interest so to make things clear as to who is thinking of going please re-sign the list at the back of church.

ST JOSEPH'S

Confessions: Wednesday after Mass & Saturday 12-12.30pm

Exposition: Thursday 11.00 - 12.00

November Candles

Light a candle in memory of your loved ones and friends who have died. Please write name/s of loved ones on an envelope and hand them into Verina or Father by Friday 1st November. The cost is £1 per candle.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Robert Byrne will be saying the 12.00 O'clock Mass on **Sunday 8th December**

Photographs

Please would all those who have a prominent role within the parish, (*choir leaders, organists, CMUK, HFG organisers etc*) see Fr about displaying their portraits in order to be recognised by all parishioners and visitors. Thank you Paul Hammond for your photo!

Volunteer Money Counters

If anyone would like to join the team of counters please give your name to Fr Michael

Gift Aid

Forms and boxes are available now, please see Fr Michael or Alan Young

Piety Stall

Will be open **EVERY Sunday** from after **10am Mass until 11.45am**

ST WILFRID'S

Confessions: Before Mass on Saturdays

Exposition: Saturday 4.30 - 4.55

Bonus Ball.

There are numbers available for both the Wednesday and the Saturday. This provides good income for the Parish. Please see Richard at the back of Church.

November Candles

Last year over 180 candles were lit in memory of our loved ones and friends who have died. Please write name/s of loved ones on an envelope and hand them into Sandra or anyone at the back of Church by **SATURDAY 26th October**. The cost is £1 per candle.

Piety Stall

There are just a few gift candles & grave candles left on the stall. There are also Christmas cards, calendars and Diaries available as well as other items so do have a look.

2019 CHRISTMAS DRAW.

Yes it's that time of year again and we will shortly be selling our Raffle Tickets. The 1st Prize is £100 followed by other prizes including Hampers, chocolates and bottles of Spirits. Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends. Donations for prizes are still needed so please do bring them into Church at any of our Masses. Raffle Tickets will also be available during the week. Many Thanks for the donations we have received so far.

DBS CHECKS

We have 11 people recorded as needing their safeguarding details renewed. A member of the diocesan safeguarding team will be here after Mass on Saturday November 9th to help bring things up to date

PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

Holy Family Guild

All Saints The Little Sisters of the Poor have kindly agreed to let us hold our celebration at St. Joseph's, Westmorland Road again this year.

This would be on Sunday 3rd November at 3.30pm.

We will have children dressed for a Saints Parade (there's a month to prepare costumes!), prayers and procession for All Souls then hot dogs, bonfire, fireworks and games. We need to know if there will be enough to go ahead as last year numbers were down and it costs a lot of hold this event plus a lot of work. We also need **volunteers to arrive early with us about 2.30pm and prepare the fire** (then guard later!) and food as the Macgregors who usually help will be away this year.

Please let us know ASAP if you can come, we really hope lots of you can and we can go ahead as it was a great venue last year and lots of fun for the children celebrating this alternative to the secular celebrations

Property and Community Review All parishes must now complete a review of their properties (church, Presbytery, car parks, church halls etc). We are asked to consider the needs of the wider community as well as those of the parish alone. An information meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23 October, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Anne's, Harlow Green.**

It will be led by Jeremy Brock, who is supporting parishes throughout the Diocese, to undertake this review. If you have an interest in helping to reflect on our property needs and consider its potential to help our mission to reach out to others, then please come to this meeting to find out what we are being asked to do. **Each parish is asked to recruit 2 or 3 volunteers.** Please consider volunteering and let Fr Michael know if you might assist with this. Attending the information meeting may help you to decide whether to volunteer.

Dates for Diary:

'**Common Humanity**' conference takes place during National Interfaith Week on Wednesday 13 November at the University of Northumbria.

The focus of the conference will be on three topics each discussed from a range of faith perspectives:

- Living Well Together
- The Media and Fake News
- Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

Schools are invited to send groups of students for the 1.30pm session members of faith communities from 6.00pm, refreshments will be provided.

Department for Liturgy:

- Courses for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be held in Lanchester and Bishop Auckland during September then Sunderland and Billingham during November. For further information and booking, please view our [webpage](#).

RCIA / Journey in Faith Discussion Evenings

A questionnaire has been sent out to Partnership Deans and following their return two discussion evenings are to be held to bring together RCIA / Journey in Faith Groups to understand the changing needs of these groups. Two evenings will be held in the North and the South of the Diocese during October as follows:

- Wednesday 23 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St. Joseph's, Norton. To attend and other enquiries please email: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk.

Department for Spirituality:

Advent 2019

Diocesan Advent resources will be available online shortly and on CD from the Department. As usual, there are a wealth of ideas for leading prayer/scripture groups in Advent, the Daily Reflections in booklet form, Prayer Stations and more. To obtain a copy of the CD or for more information, please contact the Department by [email](#) or phone on 0191 243 3302.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND SERVICE TIMES

Day	DATE	St Wilfrid's	TIME	St Joseph's	TIME
Saturday	26th	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm		
Sunday	27 th	Polish Mass	11.00am	People of the Parish All Souls in Purgatory African Mass with bishop Byrne	10.00am Mid-Day (EF) 2.00
Monday	28th	Kathleen Butler	10.00		
Tuesday	29th			Valerie, Catherine and John Wall	12.05
Wednesday	30th			REQUIEM Patricia Purvis REQUIEM Les Taylder	10.00 12.05
Thursday	31st			David Askew	12.05 EF
Friday	NOV 1st	People of the Parish	10.00	Dobson family Marie Fanning	12.05 7.00pm EF
Saturday	2nd	Priest`s Intention	5.00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory	11.00 (EF)
Sunday	3rd	Polish Mass	11.00am	Ray Nicholson People of the Parish	10.00 am Midday (EF)

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

Priest's sick communions:

Fr Brown will take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners

Remember in your prayers those who are sick; especially Pat Palmer, Bernadette Hand, Albert Hanley, Jeanette Brenkley, Eva Barnwell, Mona Richardson and Sheila Gibertson.

And pray for

Les Taylder who died on Friday and his family

COLLECTIONS: - ST JOSEPH'S £ N/A
 ST WILFRID'S £207.20 DONATIONS £35

MANY THANKS.