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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday	25 th	6.00 pm	Hugh McCaffrey RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & Present
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	27 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	28 th	9.30 am	Catherine Bandy RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	29 th	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
Thursday	30 th	7.30 pm	Frank Burns RIP
Friday	1 st	9.30 am	Tim & Angela Ryan
Saturday	2 nd	6.00 pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday	3 rd	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Seamus O'Dea RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

Church: £565 The Cathedral Maintenance Fund: £360 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Mary's Meals.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anne Whitehead, Bernard Bandy, Jeany, Peter, Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Krissie White, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Andrew Kennedy, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Ann Wesley, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen, Edna Catley

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: DONALD MACDONALD and those whose anniversaries occur about now: George Maw, Reginald Austin, William Fleming, Douglas Hastie, Francis Cooke, Maisie Maloney, Joe Gunstone, Nick Sherman, Catherine Bandy, Walter Jackson, Frank Burns, Theresa Rhodes, Margaret Newman,

3. 'CURRY & CAROLS' full of Christmas festivities and a sing-a-long, will take place in the Barn on Saturday 9th December at 7.00 pm (following the 6.00 pm Mass). The proceeds will go to the Parish project in Kalingalinga. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **this** weekend Adult £7.50, Child £4.00. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received

4. THE FAMILY BINGO EVENING is **next** Thursday 30th November from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm in The Barn to support English Martyrs Primary School New Classroom Appeal. This is a joint venture between the Friends of the school and our Parish. Come and have some fun and support this evening. For further information please contact Charles 01903 505546

5. KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Worthing Knights of St Columba will provide Christmas posters to all local parishes and ask that they are displayed as an act of Christian witness. On the same theme, the Royal Mail's Christmas stamps this year, are either Madonna and Child or a snowman. Please ask for the Christian stamps to help get the message of Christmas across. The Royal Mail will only continue to produce Christian stamps at Christmas if there is sufficient demand

6. APF RED BOX HOLDERS please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Sacristy for Teresa. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone the Parish Office 01903 242624 and we will arrange collection

7. STARTING SCHOOL 2018: If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and you wish him/her to attend English Martyrs Catholic Primary School it is necessary for you to complete a Supplementary Application form from the school **as well as** completing the West Sussex Local Authority's on line form by the closing date of Monday 15th January 2018. Please contact English Martyrs School if you require further information.

8. MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & READERS: Rosters for December are now available in the Sacristy.

9. BISHOP RICHARD invites families to join him on a pilgrimage to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families 22nd – 26th August 2018. This event includes; a three day congress exploring themes from Amoris Laetitia. Wonderful international speakers will lead sessions for adults and there are age appropriate activities for children and young people. This is followed by a concert style “Festival of Families” on the Saturday and the event concludes with Sunday Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. For further details please see flyers in the porch or contact wmof2018@dabnet.org

10. HAVE YOU VISITED THE REPOSITORY RECENTLY? We have a wide array of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars & candles, cribs, diaries and items suitable for little Christmas Presents. In addition Madelaine’s popular handmade Christmas card hangers - price is £5.00, with £4.50 going towards CAFOD.

11. MARY’S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases, Colouring Pencils and Flannels. Many thanks to all who help in this way

12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS would be most grateful to receive Christmas Presents for their clients: Shampoo, Shower gel, Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorants men and women, Toothpaste, Single toothbrushes, Hair brushes, Boxer shorts med/large, Knickers 10/12 12/14, Rucksacks, Gift bags, Wrapping paper, Selotape, Sweets, Biscuits **And to Eat...** Turkey, Beef or Gammon Joints, Potatoes & Vegetables, Bread Sauce Mix, Christmas Puds (no alcohol please), Cream, Chocolates, Nibbles, Fresh Fruit. Thank you so much for your continued support

FATHER LIAM SAYS: One of the most important figures at the Synod of Whitby was St. Wilfrid. He is one of the Patrons of our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton which is rather strange. Notable Christians were regarded as Saints in the early Church more easily than today as there was no process of canonisation such as we have now where their lives are subjected to greater scrutiny.

Wilfrid was a monk at Lindisfarne and he was made abbot of the new monastery at Ripon by Alfrid who was the son of King Oswy of Northumbria and later succeeded him. Alfrid was a champion of the Roman tradition while Oswy favoured the Celtic way of organising the life of the Church in England. The Synod of Whitby was called by Oswy in 664 to find a way forward. According to Bede’s account of the Synod, the Roman case was propounded by St Wilfrid who was only thirty years old and already Abbot of Ripon. The Celtic case was argued by St Colman, Abbot of Lindisfarne. King Oswy was swayed by the strength of the Roman argument and the Synod ruled accordingly. No doubt there were many speakers on both sides but St Bede does not go into all the details. St Hilda was Abbess of the Abbey of Whitby and a member of the Synod but her impact is not recorded. Like most of the established figures of the Northumbrian Church she was on the Celtic side. There is no doubt that Hilda would have made a significant contribution to the debate. Bede was not noted for recording the deeds of women but he nevertheless says of Hilda: ‘So great was her prudence that not only the ordinary folk but Kings and Princes used to come and ask her advice in their difficulties and take it.’

Wilfrid in stressing the primacy of St Peter and the Roman way of being Christian was very strident and in the view of many people insulted the memory of St Colman and his followers who were so greatly revered in Lindisfarne and the other Celtic monasteries. St Colman and some of his followers resigned from Lindisfarne and returned to Iona where the Celtic tradition continued to flourish for some time.

Shortly afterwards, following the death of Colman’s successor, Abbot Tuda, Wilfrid became Abbot and Bishop of Lindisfarne. Wilfrid was now very much the prominent figure as the ecclesiastical leader in Anglo-Saxon England. His impulsive and explosive temperament created many difficulties for the Church in England. What greatly offended Colman and his followers at Lindisfarne was Wilfrid’s claim that to follow the Celtic tradition would be a matter of heresy. What Wilfrid said of Columba and his followers was that they may have been ‘true servants of God’, they may have loved God ‘in primitive simplicity but in devout sincerity’ but, he said if Colman and his followers persisted in the same way ‘you and your colleagues are most certainly guilty of sin if you reject the decrees of the Apostolic See.’

Bede has nothing but praise for St Colman as he describes the events surrounding his departure from Lindisfarne. Even Pope Gregory, who had sent Augustine to Kent, had recognised the potential benefits of a variety of Christian practices in different places. Wilfrid is virtually alone in condemning St Colman as a heretic and in his determination to stamp out what he saw as ‘Irish errors.’ The Celtic tradition of course, acknowledged the Pope as having a special role as the overall head of the Church but they did not see the following of their tradition as a challenge to Papal authority.

Having become Abbot of Lindisfarne, Wilfrid went to Paris to be ordained Bishop and he remained there some time. King Oswy, impatient by his long absence appointed Chad, who continued to adhere to the Celtic tradition, as Bishop of York. St Theodore of Tarsus exercised his authority as Archbishop of Canterbury and ruled in Wilfrid’s favour appointing him as Bishop of York. Wilfrid opposed Theodore’s creation of new dioceses in Northumbria as these were carved from Wilfrid’s territory. Once again he went to Rome to plead his case but Theodore was allowed to appoint other bishops in the area. Wilfrid, as one would expect, did not get along with them!

While out of his diocese carrying on various disputes, he came to the South Coast – to Selsey, near Chichester. Much of Selsey at that time including the monastery he established has long since been washed into the sea. It is because of his ministry in West Sussex that he is a secondary Patron of our Diocese. He upset so many people that twenty-six years of his episcopacy were spent in exile. His storming, turbulent life ended in 709 and he was buried in the Cathedral he had built at Ripon.