SPIRITUAL THEME THIS WEEK

In these days following the liturgical commemoration of the faithful departed it is fitting to remember our loved ones in prayer and to meditate on the reality of death, which the so-called "affluent society" often seeks to remove from the consciousness of people, totally taken up by the concerns of daily life. Jesus resuscitated the meaning of death. He did so with his teaching, but especially by facing death himself. “By dying he destroyed our death,” the liturgy of the Easter Season says. Since then, death has not been the same: it was transformed into a grace and a new meaning to the whole of human existence, and thus transformed death as well. If, in Christ, human life is a “departure from this world to the Father”, the house of God does not mean to be concretely brought about once and for all. Everything that happens to us is a food from the fear of death, which no longer shows the sarcastic sneer of an enemy but, as Francis wrote in his Canticle of the Creatures, the friendly face of a “sister” for whom one can also bless the Lord. “Pray for the Lord for our Sister, bodily Death”. Faith reminds us that there is no need to be afraid of the death of the body. Nevertheless, if we die and live again, we will be greater than when we lived. Everything will have changed. Everything will have been transformed. Everything will have been renewed. Out of death, we will give birth to the new life of the resurrection. A life of eternal happiness in the presence of the Lord, in the company of the Virgins and other deceased people, in the happy company of all the deceased who lead their lives imitating our Lord Jesus Christ.

MOURNDAY, 14 NOVEMBER
York Justice & Peace group meeting 7.30 in St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Oxford. Details at the back of church. If you interested in finding out more about Pastoral Care for those in prison please email heresa Caddy.

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ORATORY CLERGY
Fr Richard Duffield Parish Priest Fr Bryan Edmunds-Smith Fr Stephen Brown Br Adam Fairbairn Br Henry O’Connell Br David Chadwick

REGULAR MEETINGS AND GROUPS AT ST WILFRID’S

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NEW TENANT/CARETAKER AT ST JOSEPH’S PRESBYTERY
There is a new tenant/caretaker resident at St Joseph’s. His name is Justin Lancaster and he is looking after St Joseph’s Motherhouse and other St Joseph’s Institutes or after this weekend’s Messes so people can meet him. Please note that the old St Joseph’s telephone number is now Justin’s private number so for the clergy please call the number below.

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