

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

JS - St Joseph's School , IS - St Joseph's Infant School, BS - St Benet's School , C - Church

SAT	The Annunciation of the Lord FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Rev. Leo Coughlin	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Holy Souls	W. Thompson, C. Brennan C. Cowie, D. Duffy
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Gladys & Anthony Carey	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	NBF	
THU	Weekday 11.00 am - C	Requiem - John Edward Lafferty	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Kitty & Jack Jacques	J. Mulcahy, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	Maureen Moody People of the Parish	J. McLean, A. Blankley S. Neal, K. Okoji

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00 am - 12 noon). Please see notice at the back of church for extended times in nearby parishes.

Sick Imelda Graham, Paul Younger, Terry Gorman, Reg Hattam, David Tanner, Cliff Burton, Ron Fryer, Margaret Cookson, Rose Hall, Jordan Daniels, Louise Lonsdell, Margaret Whittleton, James Ruddick, Doris Hunter, Mary Elston, Shirley Ward, Deidre Turner, Dennis Duffy, Marie Rees, Godfrey Keefe, Arthur Wardle, Betty Green, Mary Brennan, Millie McCormack, Molly Menim, Sarah Sables, Christopher Browne, Laurie Falloon and all our long-term sick and housebound.

Baptisms Liah Patricia Taylor

Marriages

Deceased John Edward Lafferty

Hospital Chaplains You must ask the Ward Sister for the ON-CALL Roman Catholic Chaplain if you want a visit for one of your family in hospital.

Durham 0191 526 5131, Gateshead 0191 445 2072, Newcastle 0191 232 6953

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

Rev. Fr Tony Duffy 0191 410 2923

Deacon Peter Lavery 0191 410 2530

<http://www.stjosephs-birtley.co.uk>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

26 MARCH 2017

MON	27Mar	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	28 Mar	CMS	
WED	29 Mar	YMG	8.15 pm - Talk with Peter Lavery.
THU	30 Mar	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there is a special collection for the SVP.

RNLI Many thanks to all those who have contributed postage stamps for the RNLI. You have been very generous; please keep on donating your stamps for this wonderful charity.

LENT This week's discussion will be led by Deacon Peter on the Sacrament of the Sick and how the parish can serve those who suffer from illness and old age. It will take place after 7.00 pm Mass on Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm and Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm in church.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY In the Parish Centre from 8.00 until 11.00 pm on Thursday 06 April. A great night out with Maureen Hall & Rendezvous Jazz. Bring your "strictly come dancin' shoes" for trad jazz at its best! £3.00 for guests and £2.50 for members.

ST LEONARD'S SCHOOL present "Mostly Mozart" at 7.00 pm on Thursday 06 April. Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under 19s - including refreshments. Tickets are available from the school office by calling 0191 385 8575 or admin@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 09 April 2017, in the Presbytery.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

5.00 pm on Palm Sunday, 09 April - Parish Penitential Service.
 7.30 pm on Holy Thursday, 13 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper - followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament.
 3.00 pm on Good Friday, 14 April - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday, 15 April - The Easter Vigil.
 Masses on Easter Sunday morning will be at the normal times of 8.15 am and 10.00 am.

A list for volunteers to take part in the ministries of the Holy Week ceremonies (reading, offertory procession etc) and for watching before the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will soon be available at the back of church. Please help as much as you can.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM with St Anne's Ladies. The pilgrimage leaves on Friday morning, 05 May 2017, returning Sunday evening, 07 May. The cost is £136.00 which includes B&B for 2 nights plus Sunday lunch and coach travel. If you are interested contact Pat Watson (01207 581 847 or 07711 091 563). There are 6 vacancies and a deposit of £22 is required.

PARISH LOURDES YOUTH SPONSORSHIP Will you be between the ages of 16 and 25 on Friday 28 July 2017? Would you like to join over 100 other young people to share a week of hard work, prayer and fun? Then why not join the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017? The parish will support you in raising funds to subsidise your fare. If you want to know more contact Mick Davison (410 6823) or Margaret Taylor (410 0776).

GIFT AID Envelopes are available at the back of church. If your box is missing, if you have changed address or you are no longer a tax payer please contact Lucy Rutherford (Parish Gift Aid Organiser) on 410 0507.

AUTUMN FAYRE This year the Autumn Fayre will be held at 1.00 pm on 07 October (not 01 October as stated erroneously last week) in the Parish Centre. There will be a short meeting in the Parish Centre at 2.00 pm tomorrow, Monday 27 March, for anyone willing to help in any way. We welcome any new ideas to make the fayre a success.

GATESHEAD FOOD BANK We are now feeding 125 people and are facing shortages. Please help us with tinned fruit, jam, pasta sauce, curry sauce, coffee and noodles. Once again, many thanks!

LOURDES YOUTH AFTERNOON TEA Many thanks to those who supported the Lourdes Youth Afternoon Tea last Sunday. You raised £470. Once again, many thanks for your generosity!

CAFOD Many thanks for your generous donations; this week we have sent £409 for the suffering people of Yemen. Once again, many thanks!