

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 6.00 pm	Susan Towns	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Maureen Moodie	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh E. Fenton, T. Wilson
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Kitty & Jack Jaques	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Maureen Moddie	
THU	HOLY THURSDAY 11.15 am 7.30 pm - C - Mass of the Lord's Supper	Funeral Service - Alan Graham Chris Baggott	
FRI	GOOD FRIDAY 3.00 pm - C - Veneration of the Cross		
SAT	Holy Saturday EASTER SUNDAY 8.30 pm - The Easter Vigil	People of the Parish	C. Cowie, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Linda Webster	C. Brennan, W. Thompson D. Tweedy, S. Tweedy

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

Sick Marion Slavin, 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

Marriages

Deceased Alan Graham

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

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PASSION (PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A)

09 APRIL 2017

MON 10 April CWG On holiday until 24 April.  
TUE 11 April CMS  
WED 12 April YMG 12 & 19 April - on holiday. 26 April - Business & Bingo.  
THU 13 April SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in  
The Presbytery.  
PM CLUB On holiday until Friday 28 April.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. Today there is a special collection for the HOLY PLACES.

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

### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES - THE EASTER TRIDUUM

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 until midnight.  
3.00 pm on Good Friday, 14 April - Celebration of the Lord's Passion. **(Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence).**  
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.

*There are lists at the back of church for the Holy week and Easter Ministries and watching before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evening - please consider volunteering for these ministries by putting your name on the lists.*

ALTAR SERVERS All servers are asked to collect a letter about the Holy Week / Easter services from the Sacristy, Practices for servers will be as follows:  
Maundy Thursday evening Mass - practice at 3pm on Thursday afternoon.  
Good Friday afternoon service - practice at 10am on Friday morning.  
Saturday Easter Vigil - practice at 10am on Saturday morning.  
Holy Week and Easter Ministries.

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 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).

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!

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT NEWCASTLE Those working with refugees and asylum seekers are always thankful for the donations received from St Joseph's. Apart from our normal food donations they would also welcome cooking oil, tinned tomatoes and corned beef. They have a shortage of toiletries, including toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo. Many young men in their twenties and thirties would be grateful for jeans, shirts, T shirts, shoes and trainers. If you can help, please leave any items as the back of church at any of the weekend Masses.

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.

CAFOD Many thanks for all donations for our Lent Fast Day Appeal for Zambia. We have sent a cheque off to CAFOD for £957.23 together with £400.00 Gift Aid slips.

AUTUMN FAYRE 07 OCTOBER 2017 Thank you to all who attended last Monday's meeting. We hope that parishioners will start to collect items over the next few months; arrangements can be made for large items on request. There will be a further meeting over the summer.

INFANT SCHOOL RE INSPECTION St Joseph's Infant School had its denominational inspection last week. The official report is not yet published but both staff and governors are extremely happy with the outcome. We are very proud of our hard-working children who have demonstrated outstanding knowledge and behaviour at all times. We are also very grateful to our parents and their families, Fr Duffy and Deacon Peter who support and work with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. Many thanks to all in the parish for your on-going support. We will share the full report with you when we receive it.