

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

C - Church, BS - St Benet's School, IS - St Joseph's Infant School, JS - St Joseph's School,
PC - Parish Centre, P - Presbytery, SC - Saltwell Crematorium

SAT	St Martin of Tours 32nd Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Patrick Callaghan	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish William & Mary Elliott	W. Thompson, C. Brennan J. Taylor, M. Taylor
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Jack Sables	
WED	St Albert the Great 9.00 am - BS	Holy Souls	
THU	St Margaret of Scotland 12.05 pm - C	Holy Souls	
FRI	St Hilda of Whitby 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday 33rd Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Catherine & Norman Rebair	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Patrick Callaghan	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Duffy, C. Cowie

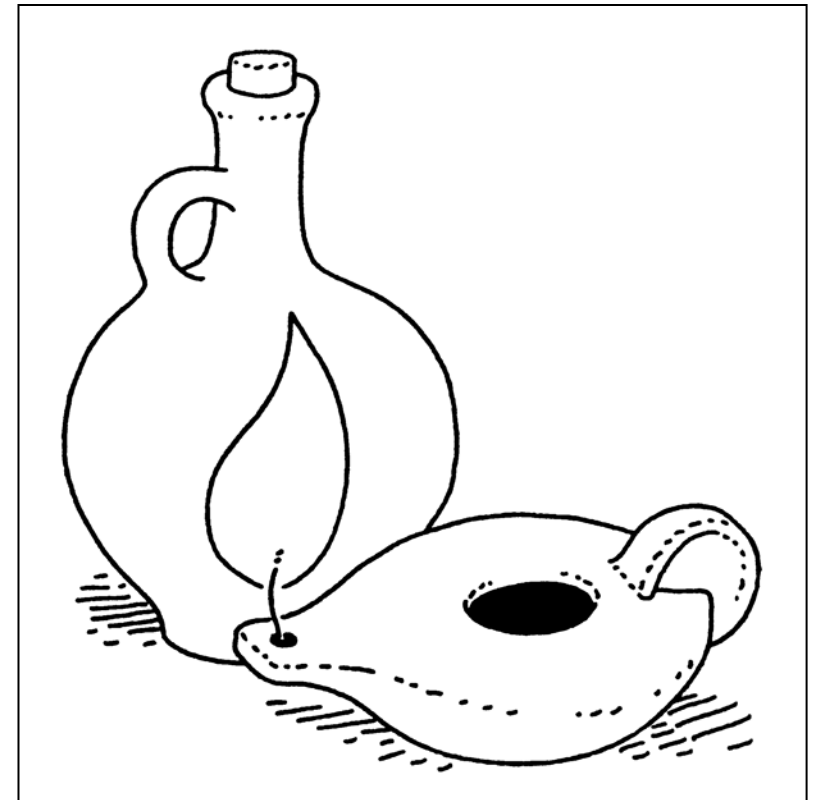
ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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NEWSLETTER - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR A

12 NOVEMBER 2017

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

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

Baptisms

Marriages

Deceased

Hospital Chaplains Please ask the Ward Sister for the ON-CALL Roman Catholic Chaplain if you want a visit for one of your family in hospital. The chaplains' new telephone numbers are:

MON	13 Nov	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	14 Nov	CMS	
WED	15 Nov	YMG	Mock auction.
THU	15 Nov	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	
FRI	16 Nov		

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Birtley Churches Together have organised "Prayers for Birtley" every Monday morning at 9.30 am until Monday 18 December in the church of St John the Evangelist.

PARISH COUNCIL This month's meeting is today, Sunday next, 12 November, at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. **There are letters at the back of church for all members of the Parish Council to collect.**

LOURDES YOUTH SPONSORSHIP If you will be between the ages of 16 and 25 in July 2018 and would like to join the Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes please come along to a meeting in the parish centre at 8.00 pm on Sunday 12 November. You will be able to talk to young people from the parish who went to Lourdes this year and find out what is involved. If you are not sure, just come along and find out more about this wonderful opportunity.

PARTNERSHIP WALK OF WITNESS There will be a WALK OF WITNESS on Saturday 18 November visiting all the churches in our partnership. If you would like to take part please sign one of the sheets at the back of church. There is a chart at the back of church with times, venues and distances for the day. You can partake in one of three activities:

1. Walk half the distance (13.5 miles).
2. Walk from St Joseph's to St John Boste (about 3.5 miles).
3. Help with hospitality or prayers for the walkers as they reach St Joseph's.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This remains open until 26 November; envelopes are available at the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donations.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE This is organised by Birtley Rotary Club. Please help with on-going maintenance work for St Joseph's Church by buying tickets at £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book of five. Try selling tickets to your family, friends and work colleagues. First prize is £1 000, second prize is £500 and there are many other prizes. By selling 200 books we will raise £900 for church funds. Please return money and tickets stubs in the envelope provided by the weekend of 25/26 November. The draw will take place in Birtley Library at 12 noon on Saturday 09 December; all are welcome to attend. Many thanks in anticipation of your support!

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will soon begin to train new altar servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar at St Joseph's please give your name to Michael Davison (0777 476 8578) or Deacon Peter.

RED BOXES The 2018 Mill Hill calendars are now at the back of church for box holders to take as required.

AUTUMN FAYRE Photographs of the Autumn Fayre are now available on the parish web site. Click on the "Photographs" link to view them.

CAFOD The CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas are now at the back of church. The total amount donated for Harvest Fats Day will soon appear here (still counting!!)

SVP The St Vincent de Paul Society has opened a community café, **Vinnie's**, at the Blackfriars Support Centre in New Bridge Street, Newcastle. It is open every Tuesday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm and offers a wholesome meal, free of charge, to those in need. To run successfully Vinnie's needs volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact Helen Haywood (**0748 426 8356** or **Helen.m.haywood@btinternet.com**) or Fiona Murray (**fionam@svp.org.uk**)