

# ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

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SAT	St Jane Francis de Chantal 19th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Susan Towns	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Tom Callaghan	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan D. Duffy, C. Cowie
MON	St Maximilian Kolbe		
TUE	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM 12 noon 7.00 pm - C	Imelda Graham Holy Souls	
WED	St Stephen oh Hungary 9.00 am - C	Holy Souls	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Vocations to the priesthood	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Holy Souls	
SAT	St Oswin 20th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Brian Lee & Isabella Dryden	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish NBF	W. Thompson, C. Brennan K. Ojoki, S. Neal

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, Rose Hall, Jordan Daniels, Louise 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 Theo Adam Small, Gracie Anne Stevenson, Willow Margaret Wilson

Marriages

Deceased

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 333 2333, Gateshead 0191 482 0000 Newcastle 0191 233 6161



NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

13 AUGUST 2017

MON 14 Aug CWG On holiday until September  
TUE 15 Aug CMS  
WED 16 Aug YMG On holiday for the next 5 weeks.  
THU 17 Aug SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in  
The Presbytery.  
PM CLUB On holiday until September.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection.

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Please note mass times.

BIRTLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER We are holding a cake stall for BIRTLEY FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY at Ravensworth Community Centre next Saturday, 19 August. Please help us by baking cakes and leaving them with Fr Duffy in the Presbytery. Many thanks.

CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB A day of reflection for Eucharistic Ministers led by Father Shaun Purdy on Saturday 09 September from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm at Ushaw College. No cost: Tea, Coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Please contact Anne Welsh on 0191 388 9741 or Deacon Peter on 0191 410 2530 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting, Sunday 10 September at 7.00 pm.

CYCLE OF PRAYER During summer we are asked to pray for a deeper understanding between Christians & Jews, those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights, Europe, human life and seafarers.

MUSIC AT USHAW COLLEGE A series of concerts are scheduled to take place at Ushaw College over the summer weeks, including the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra and a visiting choir from Canada; tickets can be obtained from [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org) or by calling (0191) 373 8500 between 10.00 am and 12 noon. There is a poster at the back of church detailing the world class performers coming to the college! An opportunity not to be missed!

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS Please note the new telephone numbers on the back page of this bulletin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS The Parish Preparation Program begins in September. Any parents, whose children attend a non-catholic school and who wish to enrol in the program, should contact Deacon Peter.

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 at the back of church at any of the weekend Masses.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS In October 2018, bishops will gather in Rome to consider "YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH & VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT". In preparation the bishops of England & Wales would like to hear from young people and those regularly in contact with them. If you are aged 13-29 please take part in the Mega Youth Poll at:  
[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/parish-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/parish-youth-poll)  
Parents, teachers, catechists and youth leaders can participate at:  
[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview)

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN Many thanks to all who have volunteered to work with this charity; it works hand-in-hand with children's services to link families in need with local volunteers who can offer help and support. Please see the review at the back of church for this work - copies are also available to take home. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact Deacon Peter.