

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Our Lady of Fatima FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6.00 pm	Susan Towns	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Gladys & Anthony Carey	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Duffy, C. Cowie
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Eucharistic Service	
THU	St John I 12.05 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
FRI	St Dunstan 9.00 am - JS	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	St Bernadine SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6.00 pm	Susan Towns	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Marie Rees	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh K. Okoji, S. Neal

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, 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 Abigail Hill, Amelia Hill & Leah Hill

Marriages

Deceased Gloria Ross

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.

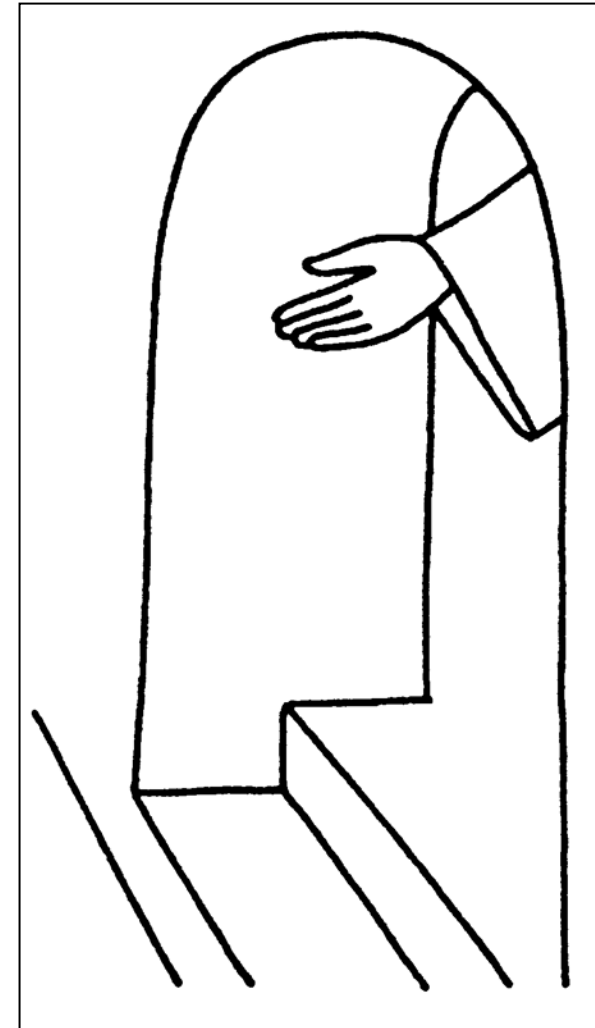
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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MON	15 May	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	16 May	CMS	
WED	17 May	YMG	Theatre or club.
THU	18 May	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. Next week there will be a special collection for the SVP.

BIRTLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayer is now being held in St Joseph's every Tuesday morning at 10.00 am; all are welcome.

CYCLE OF PRAYER From Easter until Pentecost we are asked to pray for new members of the church, vocations, the correct use of the media, the church, human work.

PARISH CENTRE Following our recent appeal, if you would like to help run the Parish Centre please attend an informal meeting in the Committee Room at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 16 May.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 11 June 2017, in the Presbytery. (Please note that the May meeting has been cancelled). The main item at the AGM was a report on Forward Together in Hope (FTH). There will be a special liturgy on the feast of Pentecost (04 June) when we will find out the name of our partnership. It is aimed to keep you fully informed as to progress as FTH proceeds in the next 2 years as we cement ties with our partner parishes. 18 converts entered the Faith as parishioners of St Joseph's. The CMS needs all your support and several parishioners have come forward with the intention of joining the CMS committee. Please help this valuable resource in our parish and partnership! Many attempts have been made, without success, to contact our sister parish in Uganda. It is hoped to arrange a Quiz Night, Games Night and other social events in the Parish Centre later in the year.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION There will be a day on this ministry focussing on support for those terminally ill or suffering from dementia. It will be held at Ushaw College (10.00 am for 10.30 am start on Saturday 10 June 2017.) There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided. Booking by 02 June is vital - please see **Deacon Peter**, or **spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk** or call **0191 243 3302**. There is a poster at the back of church.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 10 June to give thanks for the Sacrament of Matrimony. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of church and contact Deacon Peter if you need transport.

CAFOD Please put in your diary:
10 June - Social Night in the Parish Centre. Mainly sixties music to the 2nd Wind Band.
01 July - Pilgrimage to Holy Island; details later.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA The annual pilgrimage to Holy Island will be held on Saturday 17 June 2017.

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).

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.