

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Bonaventure 2.30 pm - C 15th SUNDAY OF YEAR A 6.00 pm	Mass for the Housebound	J. Mulcahy, W. Thompson
		Reg Hattam	
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Joe Brooks	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Tweedy, S. Tweedy
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - PC	Eucharistic Service	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Leavers Mass	
THU	St Apollinaris 12.05 pm - JS	Leavers Mass	
FRI	St Camillus de Lellis 9.00 am - IS	Leavers Mass	
SAT	St Lawrence of Brindisi 16th SUNDAY OF YEAR A 6.00 pm	Reg Hattam	B. Bailes, S. Neal
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	Joe Brooks People of the Parish	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh L. Cree, J. Sexton

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

16 JULY 2017

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, 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 Jacob Wright & Sebastian Foster-Bowater

Marriages

Deceased Irene Armstrong

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

MON	17 July	CWG	On holiday until September
TUE	18 July	CMS	
WED	19 July	YMG	Faith Supper.
THU	20 July	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual. Fish & Chips on Friday 21 July at 12.30 pm.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection.

CHURCH SERVICES On Tuesday next at 7.00 pm there will be a Service of Readings and Eucharist in the parish centre. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there will be Masses in the parish schools. Please note all changes this coming week and the week after.

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

FATHER DUFFY will be on holiday for the next two weeks. We wish him an enjoyable and relaxing time. We are grateful to Fr Peter Martin who will be saying Mass for us this week.

PARTNERSHIP MASS Thanks to all who attended the Partnership Mass last Tuesday evening. For the feasts of St Benedict. It was a special occasion and a wonderful way to inaugurate our new partnership. We CAN look forward together in hope!

CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers are needed to clean the church on Saturday mornings for weekend Masses. Please come along at 9.30 am to lend a hand as "many hands make light work".

LOURDES PETITIONS If you would like a petition taken to Lourdes please put it in an envelope and push through the presbytery letterbox. Those going to Lourdes from the parish will ensure petitions are taken to the grotto in Lourdes.

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.

CHURCH CLOSURE The church will be closed Monday to Friday for the next three weeks while work goes on to remove the insulation panels from the ceiling. This involves scaffolding and work taking place at a high level. For safety reasons there will be **STRICTLY NO ADMITTANCE!**

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!

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)