

## 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 Callistus I 28th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Margaret & Lawrence Reed	C. Cowie, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Linda Webster	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh E. Fenton, T. Wilson
MON	St Margaret Mary Alacoque		
TUE	St Ignatius of Antioch 7.00 pm - C	Martin Loughlin	
WED	St Luke, Evangelist 9.00 am - BS	John O'Connell	
THU	St Paul of the Cross 12.05 pm - C	Rose Hall	
FRI	Weekday 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish - Schools Harvest Mass	
SAT	Weekday 28th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	T. Quigley, T. McEnaney
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Vocations	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** 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** Thomas Evans

**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:

Durham 0191 333 2333, Gateshead 0191 482 0000 Newcastle 0191 233 6161

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**NEWSLETTER - TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**15 OCTOBER 2017**

MON	16 Oct	<b>CWG</b>	Meet as usual.
TUE	17 Oct	<b>CMS</b>	
WED	18 Oct	<b>YMG</b>	Fish & Chip Supper.
THU	19 Oct	<b>SVP</b>	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in
	20 Oct		The Presbytery.
FRI		<b>PM CLUB</b>	Meet as usual.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. Next week is MISSION SUNDAY (APF). This is a day of special prayer for the evangelisation of the world and an opportunity to express solidarity with our brethren in Christ who are living in poverty, violence and oppression. The collection will make a difference to people in countries like South Sudan where the church is the only trusted organisation where help and hope for the future of the country can be found.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Fr Duffy will enrol the children at the 10.00 am Mass today, Sunday 15 October, and present each with a copy of MY MASS BOOK. Please welcome them warmly into our parish community.

JOURNEY OF FAITH This will begin at 6.00 pm next Wednesday 18 October in Caroline's Library at St Benet's School. If you wish to join please contact Deacon Peter.

PASTORAL DAY With Bill Huebsch. This is a pastoral workshop which will allow us to explore our responsibility to be open and trained so that we can befriend and accompany others on their journeys of faith. It will be held in the Sunderland Marriott Hotel, Seaburn, from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm on Thursday 26 October. A lunch donation of £10 is payable on the day. Deacon Peter will arrange transport for anyone wishing to attend.

YOUTH SUNDAY There will be a meeting at 6.00 pm on Friday 10 November in the lounge of the parish centre for any young people (Year 6 and above) and supportive adults in order to prepare for Youth Sunday celebrations on 26 November. Contact Sophie Taylor or Hannah Bartlett on 0755 794 2416 if you wish to take part.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting Sunday 12 November at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. At this month's meeting matters discussed included: arrangements for Youth Sunday; developing discipleship, in response to the Bishop's pastoral letter, and how to involve more parishioners in ministries in the parish; future repair and work on the church fabric and future developments in our partnership of churches.

PARISH FAYRE A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made the Fayre such a success! A total of £2 554.90 was raised which will go into our parish funds!

PARISH GARDENS Volunteers are needed to help with the garden around the church - mainly helping to cut the grass. The garden behind the presbytery could be available as an allotment. The people doing the work now are finding it is becoming difficult. Can you help please?

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.

READING MINISTRY If you would like to read at any of the weekend Masses please contact Wyn Thompson (387 1509) or Deacon Peter (410 2530).