

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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

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SAT	SS Cornelius & Cyprian 24th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Rose Hall	T. McEnaney, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Imelda Graham	A. Blankley, J. McLean T. Wilson, P. Lavery
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 9.00 am - C 7.00 pm - C	St Joseph's Infants Michael & Mary Cleary	
WED	The Korean Martyrs 9.00 am - BS	Minnie & Frank Knott	
THU	St Matthew, Evangelist 12.05 pm - C	Rose Hall	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Eileen Graham	
SAT	St Pius of Pietrelcina 24th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Rose Hall	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Imelda Graham	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan M. Taylor, J. Taylor

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

Sick Rev. Michael Conaty, Ray Stafford, 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 Leila Rose Gibson de Almeida

Marriages Sally Robertson & Gary Annan

Deceased Rev. Anthony Donoghue, Tom Finnigan (son of Ned) in Canada

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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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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MON	18 Sep	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	19 Sep	CMS	
WED	20 Sep	YMG	Business & Bingo.
THU	21 Sep	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
FRI	22 Sep	PM CLUB	Meet as usual.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there is a special collection for HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY This is an opportunity to engage with the mission of the Church helping Catholics to share their faith with those they love and carry in their hearts. Today's special collection is to fund the Home Mission Office, the Catholic Faith Centre and the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

THE PEARL OF AFRICA This is a Ugandan Children's Choir and they will be performing in the Sports Hall of St Leonard's School at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 03 October 2017. Admission is free but seating is limited and so tickets are necessary! These can be reserved at the school office (**0191 384 8575**) or (admin@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk) There will be refreshments and crafts for sale during the evening to help raise funds for the choir. An event not to be missed!

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting, Sunday 08 October at 7.00 pm.

JOURNEY OF FAITH The next Journey of Faith will begin with an information evening at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 19 September in the parish centre. Everyone is welcome including existing parishioners who wish to deepen their Catholic Faith and also those who are enquiring and searching for Faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parents with children in year 4 and above are invited to an information evening at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 27 September in St Joseph's Church. Parents of children who do not attend our Catholic schools but wish to enrol are invited to contact Deacon Peter as soon as possible on 410 2530.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day takes place on Friday 06 October this year. The theme is "Seeds for El Salvadore".

AUTUMN FAYRE This will take place at 1.00 pm on Saturday 07 October in the Parish Centre. From 23 September there will be a box at the back of church for anyone who wishes to make a donation. Please collect for this event: Cakes, Fancy Goods, Bottles, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac etc. There will also be a raffle and other attractions.

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.

ST ELIZABETH'S CONVENT Earlier this week three sisters who have travelled to our Diocese from Minsk in Belarus displayed a selection of icons, crosses and other religious items. If you wish to purchase any of these items and support the sisters in their spiritual and social care of the sick and suffering you can order from their web site (catalog.obitel-minsk.com). Some leaflets are on display at the back of church.

RED BOXES The latest quarterly magazines are at the back of church for people to take.