

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	Isobel McClory	T. Quigley, T. McEnaey
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish NBF	J. McLean, A. Blankley P. Lavery, E. Fenton
MON	Weekday		
TUE	St Peter Damian 1.45 pm 7.00 pm - C	Funeral Service - Margaret Ann McKale NBF	
WED	The Chair of St Peter 9.00 am - C	Jeff Mason	
THU	St Polycarp 12.05 pm - C	Tony Middleton	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	Harry White	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Linda Webster	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh S. Tweddy, D. Tweedy

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

Sick Eileen Miller, 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, Marie Rees, 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 Charlie Joyce-Gibbons

Marriages Margaret Ann McKale

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.

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19 FEBRUARY 2017

MON	20 Feb	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	21 Feb	CMS	
WED	22 Feb	YMG	On holiday.
THU	23 Feb	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. There is a special collection today for the SVP.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE Eighteen new partnerships have been announced within the Diocese; our Parish forms a grouping with the following parishes: **St Cuthbert - Chester le Street, St Mary - Easington Lane, St Michael - Houghton le Spring, Our Lady Queen of Peace - Penshaw, St Bede - Sacriston, Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, St Bede, and St John Boste - all in Washington.** There is a message from the Bishop and a map of our partnership area on the notice board at the back of church. It is also available on the Diocesan web site: www.rcdhn.org.uk. What happens next is not yet clear but much change is coming in the next months and years and we all need to be open to this. There is a Deanery meeting next week and this may make things clearer.

SPECIAL PRAYER From now until Lent we are asked to pray for peace on earth, Christian unity, the sick and their carers, the unemployed and victims of trafficking.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will begin training new servers today, Sunday 19 February at 11.00 am (after 10.00 am Mass). If you have already put your name down to be a server come to the first practice that Sunday. If you have not put your name down yet, it is not too late give your name to Mick Davison (410 6823) or Deacon Peter.

HOLY HOUR Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 3.00 pm next Sunday, 26 February, followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year this wonderful event takes place at 2.00 pm on Friday 03 March in St John's Church. Please support us!

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday, 12 March 2017, in the Presbytery. At the February meeting it was decided to hold a Mass in thanksgiving for the work of the Catholic Women's League in the parish; music will be played before the 6.00 pm and 10.00 am Masses on the First Sunday in Lent - volunteers are asked for to help provide this service; during Lent there will be no morning prayers in church as this will clash with morning prayer of Birtley Churches Together; the AGM of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 02 May in the Parish Centre starting with Mass celebrating the feast of St Joseph the Worker.

LOURDES YOUTH GROUP The Lourdes Youth Group invite you to a fundraising afternoon tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 19 March from 3.00 until 5.00 p.m. Tickets are £3 and available from Hannah and Bernadette Bartlett, Christine Johnson and Margaret Taylor. We would welcome any contributions to the raffle or tombola.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM with St Anne's Ladies. The pilgrimage leaves on Friday morning, 05 May 2017, returning Sunday evening, 07 May. The cost is £136.00 which includes B&B for 2 nights plus Sunday lunch and coach travel. If you are interested contact Pat Watson (01207 581 847 or 07711 091 563). There are 6 vacancies and a deposit of £22 is required.

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).