

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	Weekday 33rd Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Catherine & Norman Rebair	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Patrick Callaghan	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Duffy, C. Cowie
MON	St Edmund		
TUE	Presentation of the BVM 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	St Cecilia 9.00 am - BS	Eucharistic Service	
THU	St Columban 12.05 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
FRI	The Martyrs of Vietnam 9.00 am - JS	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	St Catherine of Alexandria Our Lord Jesus Christ the King 6.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	T. McEnaney, T. Quigley
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Linda Webster	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 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

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

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

(Part of the St Benedict Partnership of Parishes)

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NEWSLETTER - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A

19 NOVEMBER 2017

MON 20 Nov CWG Meet as usual.
 TUE 21 Nov CMS
 WED 22 Nov YMG Beetle Drive.
 THU 23 Nov SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
 FRI 24 Nov PM CLUB

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. Next week there will be a special collection for the Youth Ministry Trust.

APPEAL There is an appeal for the Foreign Missions this weekend.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Birtley Churches Together have organised "Prayers for Birtley" every Monday morning at 9.30 am until Monday 18 December in the church of St John the Evangelist.

YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Séamus and the YMT wish to thank you for your generous contribution to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their journey of faith. There will be a collection next week to support the work of the YMT (Youth Ministry Trust); envelopes are available this weekend if you wish to give a donation.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This remains open until 26 November; envelopes are available at the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donations.

ST ROBERT'S MISSION As part of the Mission taking place in St Robert's School Ian Mearns MP will be speaking on Social Justice (food banks, housing etc) in the Catholic Club at Penshaw at 7.00 pm on Thursday 20 November.

PIETY STALL The Piety Stall will be open at the back of church for at Masses on the weekend 02/-3 December.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE Many thanks for buying and selling tickets. Please return money and tickets stubs in the envelope provided by the weekend of 25/26 November. The draw will take place in Birtley Library at 12 noon on Saturday 09 December; all are welcome to attend. The total raised will be announced when all monies are returned and there will be a list of winners at the back of church and in the parish centre.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held on Sunday 10 December 2017 at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. At the November meeting a new chair and secretary were put in place. Information about progress in St Benedict's Partnership was given while several parishioners had also come forward in response to the Call to Discipleship a few weeks ago. Confirmations would take place on 21 March 2018 and a list of Advent and Christmas Services was compiled.

CAFOD The CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas are now at the back of church. The total amount donated for Harvest Fats Day will soon appear here (still counting!!)

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Many thanks for your support at the recent coffee morning. £200 was raised! There is a picture at the back of church.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will soon begin to train new altar servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar at St Joseph's please give your name to Michael Davison (0777 476 8578) or Deacon Peter.

SVP The St Vincent de Paul Society has opened a community café, **Vinnie's**, at the Blackfriars Support Centre in New Bridge Street, Newcastle. It is open every Tuesday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm and offers a wholesome meal, free of charge, to those in need. To run successfully Vinnie's needs volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact Helen Haywood (0748 426 8356 or Helen.m.haywood@btinternet.com) or Fiona Murray (fionam@svp.org.uk)

POSADA This is an invitation to take part in the Parish Posada during Advent. A representation of Mary and Joseph, travelling to Bethlehem, is taken from home to home. A short liturgy is shared and then refreshments, perhaps tea and biscuits. Please leave your details on the list at the back of church if you would like to participate. For more information contact Margaret Taylor or Christine Johnson.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

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| 03 December at 6.00 pm. | Birtley Churches Together
Advent Service in St Joseph's. |
| 07 December at 2.00 pm. | Jesse Tree Service in church. |
| 18 December at 6.00 pm. | School Nativity Play in Church. |
| 17 December at 5.00 pm. | Parish Service of
Reconciliation in Church (this
is the third Sunday of Advent.) |
| 21 December at 6.30 pm. | Carol Service in Church. |

Masses on Christmas Day will be at 00.00 (midnight), 8.30 am and 10.00 am.

(Please note that from the First Sunday of Advent (03 December) the lectionary readings are from Year B.)