

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Sylvester I THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 6.00 pm	Dennis Duffy	T. Quigley, T. McEnaney
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Ann Price	W. Thompson, C. Brennan S. Neal, K. Okoji
MON	SS Basil & Gregory		
TUE	The Holy Name of Jesus 7.00 pm - C	Ann Price	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Edward Ilderton	
THU	Weekday 1.30 pm Requiem - C	Margaret Simpson	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Moira Hare	
SAT	St Raymond of Peñafort THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6.00 pm	Veronica Walker	P. Pestell, K. Baggott
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish DM Cody Family	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Tweedy, S. Tweedy

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MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, YEAR A

01 JANUARY 2017

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, 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

Marriages

Deceased Margaret Simpson

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	02 Jan	CWG	On holiday.
TUE	03 Jan	CMS	
WED	04 Jan	YMG	Next meeting 11 January 2017. Happy Christmas to all.
THU	05 Jan	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	On holiday until 12 January.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection.

MARRIAGES IN 2017 There is a marriage preparation day on Sunday 15 January for all of the engaged couples from our parish and St Cuthbert's. There is a list of their names at the back of church. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on 12 February 2017 in the Presbytery. At the December meeting an update on FTH was presented and it appears that our parish will go into partnership with St Cuthbert's, Chester le Street and St Bede's, Sacriston. The final decision will come in 2017. In addition it was noted with sadness that the CWL St Joseph's branch will close on 31 December 2016 after many decades of charitable work in the parish. Quiet, reflective music will be played before Mass in future as an aid to prayer.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND St Cuthbert's Parish have invited us to join them from 11 - 15 September 2017 as Fr Chris Jackson leads a pilgrimage to Poland - "Walking in the footsteps of St John Paul II". There is a poster at the back of church with full details; see Deacon Peter for booking forms if you are interested.

COFFEE MORNINGS There is a new coffee morning rota at the back of church. Please join us after every Sunday 10.00 am Mass in the Parish Centre for a cup of coffee and also to support many good causes.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY From this month prayers will continue at St John's.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE (FTH) The partnership proposal with St Cuthbert's, Chester le Street and St Bede's, Sacriston has been submitted to the Diocese. The full proposal is on the parish web site, on the notice board at the back of church and on the display board in the Parish Centre. Please keep FTH in your prayers.

RED BOXES Thanks to all who brought their red boxes to be emptied during the last two weeks. The 2017 MISSION TODAY Calendar is now available at the back of church for any box holders who want one.

POSTAGE STAMPS One of our parishioners makes up packets of used postage stamps of all countries for the RNLI to sell at Seahouses RNLI shop. It would be much appreciated that, if you have used stamps, you could put them in the box at the back of church.

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).

MANY THANKS to all who contributed to a great Christmas: Vigil, Midnight and Sunday Masses. Thanks, too, for your great generosity, especially the person who left £100 by the crib. May 2017 bring you all the blessings of Christ; good health and happiness.

