

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 Jerome 26th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Julia Grant	J. Mulcahy, S. Neal
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Eileen Gannon	W. Thompson, C. Brennan C. Cowie, D. Duffy
MON	The Holy Guardian Angels 3.00 pm - SC - Funeral	Derek Elston	
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Fred Farrer	
WED	St Francis of Assisi 9.00 am - BS	Michael & Mary Cleary	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C 2.30 pm - SC - Funeral	Ray Stafford & Family Joseph McGorrigan	
FRI	St Bruno (Family Fast Day) 9.00 am - JS 3.00 pm - SC - Funeral	Eileen Gannon Ray Stafford	
SAT	Our Lady of the Rosary 27th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Rose Hall	W. Thompson, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Vocations to the priesthood	J. McLean, A. Blankley S. Neal, K. Okoji

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 Jake Stefan Trzpil, Isla & Ayda Towell, Oliver Robinson

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

Rev. Fr Tony Duffy 0191 410 2923

Deacon Peter Lavery 0191 410 2530

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NEWSLETTER - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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MON	02 Oct	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	03 Oct	CMS	
WED	04 Oct	YMG	Jewelry Party.
THU	05 Oct	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
FRI	06 Oct	PM CLUB	Meet as usual.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there is a special collection for the SVP. Next weekend is CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY.

DAY OF PRAYER We are asked to pray for and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who provide ministry of support.

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

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING For Macmillan Cancer Support from 11.00 am until 12 noon **TODAY** in the parish centre. Come along for "a nibble and a natter", a raffle and "Guess the height of the cake" competition.

THE PEARL OF AFRICA This Ugandan Children's Choir will be performing in the Sports Hall of St Leonard's School at 7.00 pm this 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!

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day takes place next 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. There is 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 COUNCIL Next meeting, Sunday 08 October at 7.00 pm.

JOURNEY OF FAITH This will begin at 6.00 pm on 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 befriend and accompany others on their journeys of faith. It will be held in the Sunderland Marriott Hotel from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm on Thursday 26 October. Deacon Peter will arrange transport for anyone wishing to attend.

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.