

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

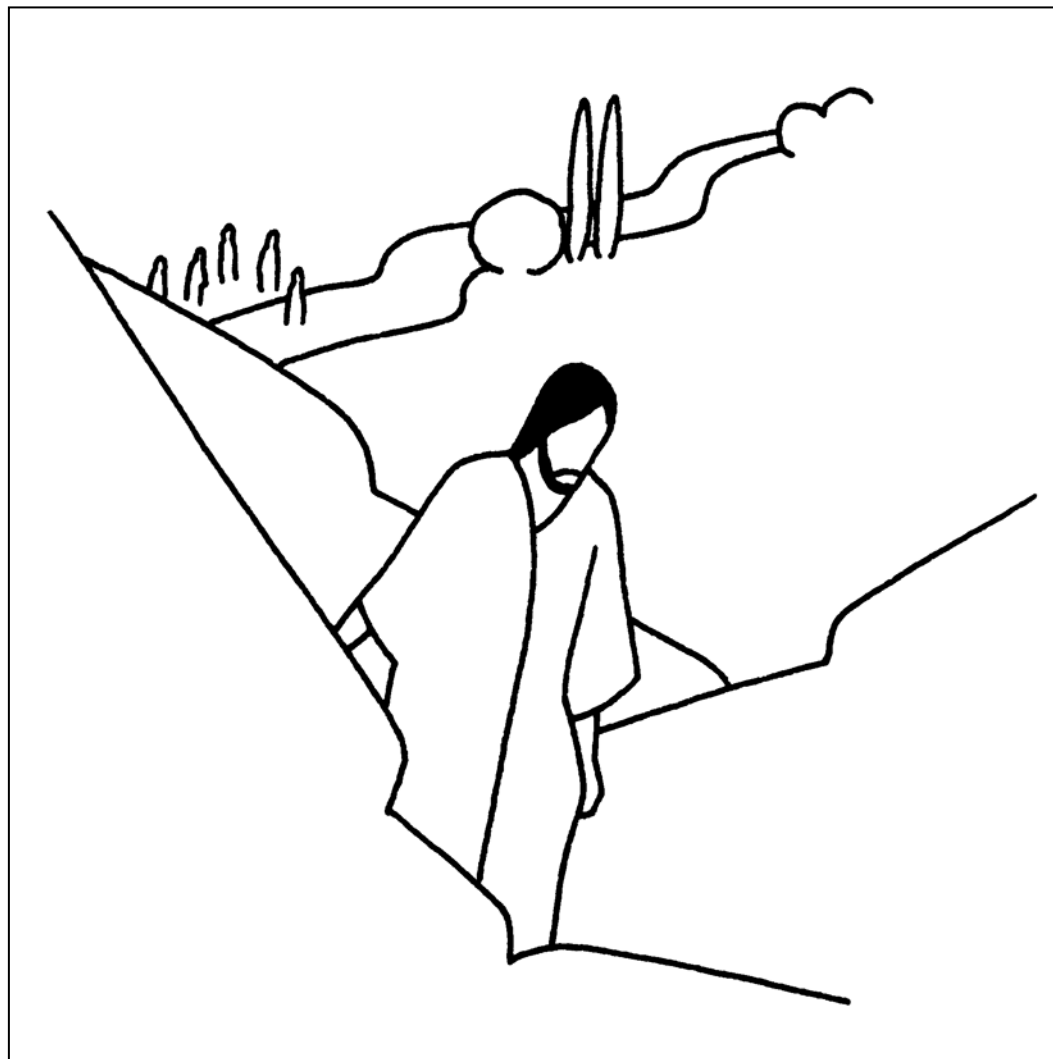
SAT	St Casimir FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Eileen Fenton	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish George Smith	C. Brennan, W. Thompson J. Sexton, L. Cree
MON	Weekday		
TUE	SS Perpetua & Felicity 7.00 pm - C	Fred Farrer	
WED	St John of God 9.00 am - BS	Margaret McKale	
THU	St Francis of Rome 12.05 pm - C	Smith & Longstaff Families	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Northern Brethren Fund	
SAT	Weekday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Rev. Séamus Doyle	C. Cowie, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Linda Webster	A. Blankley, J. McLean T. Wilson, P. Lavery

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

05 MARCH 2017

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

Sick Wendy Stringer, 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

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	06 Mar	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	07 Mar	CMS	
WED	08 Mar	YMG	Beetle Drive at 7.30 pm at Bartley Golf Club.
THU	09 Mar	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. Next week there will be a special collection for CAFOD - Family Fast Day.

GIFT AID Envelopes are available at the back of church. From 06 April the personal income tax allowance will rise to £11 500 per annum; the diocese can claim 25p for every £1 given under gift aid. If you are donating under this scheme please check that you are paying sufficient income tax to cover the amount reclaimed from HMRC in relation to your donations. If your box is missing, if you have changed address or you are no longer a tax payer please contact Lucy Rutherford (Parish Gift Aid Organiser) on 410 0507.

LENT The posters at the back of church give details of a wide range of opportunities to help us during this time of preparation for Easter. During Lent we are asked to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy & Hungry of the world and Penitents & Wanderers. There are six Lenten talks after the 7.00 pm Tuesday evening Mass, (until 9.00 pm) in the Parish Centre. This week's talk, by Deacon Peter, will reflect on Pope Francis' call for us to be "missionary disciples". Leaflets are available, at the back of church and in the side chapel, for Lenten reflection. More resources are available at www.rcdhn.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm and Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm in church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is held this Friday, 10 March; it is also a day of special prayer for the needy and hungry of the world. Please be generous in your support for our brothers and sisters.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK The Parish Penitential Service will be held at 5.00 pm on Palm Sunday, 09 April.

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).

RED BOXES The Spring edition of the quarterly magazine is at the back of church for box holders to take.