

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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

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SAT	St Oswin 20th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Brian Lee & Isabella Dryden	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish NBF	W. Thompson, C. Brennan K. Ojoki, S. Neal
MON	Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral		
TUE	The Queenship of Mary 7.00 pm - C	Imelda Graham	
WED	St Rose of Lima 9.00 am - C	Chris Baggott	
THU	St Bartholemew, Apostle 12.05 pm - C	Veronica Walker	
FRI	St Louis 9.00 am - C	Holy Souls	
SAT	St Ninian 21st Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Bob Bailes	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Margaret Williams	J. McLean, A. Blankley P. Lavery, E. Fenton

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, Paul Younger, Terry Gorman, 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, 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 Rev. Michael Marr

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 333 2333, Gateshead 0191 482 0000 Newcastle 0191 233 6161



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

20 AUGUST 2017

MON 21 Aug CWG On holiday until September
TUE 22 Aug CMS
WED 23 Aug YMG On holiday for the next 5 weeks.
THU 24 Aug SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in
The Presbytery.
PM CLUB On holiday until September.

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

LOURDES FUNDRAISING NIGHT Saturday 26 August in the parish centre with music from "Second Wind". Tickets are £5.00 from Mick Davison (07774 768 578 or mdavison1953@gmail.com).

HOLY HOUR There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 3.00 pm on 03 September, followed by afternoon tea in the parish centre; all are welcome.

CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB A day of reflection for Eucharistic Ministers led by Father Shaun Purdy on Saturday 09 September from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm at Ushaw College. No cost: tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Please contact Anne Welsh on 0191 388 9741 or Deacon Peter on 0191 410 2530 as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting, Sunday 10 September at 7.00 pm.

AUTUMN FAYRE This will take place at 1.00 pm on Saturday 07 October in the Parish Centre. Please help by collecting items for the usual stalls and raffle. There will be a meeting at 7.00 pm on Monday 04 September in the parish centre for stall holders and anyone wishing to help. There will also be a QUIZ NIGHT from 8.00 until 11.00 pm on Friday 15 September in the parish centre, together with a raffle and bingo. Tickets are £3.00 and all proceeds will go the the Autumn Fayre also.

MUSIC AT USHAW COLLEGE A series of concerts are scheduled to take place at Ushaw College over the summer weeks, including the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra and a visiting choir from Canada; tickets can be obtained from www.ushaw.org or by calling (0191) 373 8500 between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

There is a poster at the back of church detailing the world class performers coming to the college! An opportunity not to be missed.

CYCLE OF PRAYER During summer we are asked to pray for a deeper understanding between Christians & Jews, those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights, Europe, human life and seafarers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS The Parish Preparation Program begins in September. Any parents, whose children attend a non-catholic school and who wish to enrol in the program, should contact Deacon Peter.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS Please note the new telephone numbers on the last page of this bulletin.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT NEWCASTLE Those working with refugees and asylum seekers are always thankful for the donations received from St Joseph's. Apart from our normal food donations they would also welcome cooking oil, tinned tomatoes and corned beef. They have a shortage of toiletries, including toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo. Many young men in their twenties and thirties would be grateful for jeans, shirts, T shirts, shoes and trainers. If you can help, please leave any items at the back of church at any of the weekend Masses.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS In October 2018, bishops will gather in Rome to consider "YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH & VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT". In preparation the bishops of England & Wales would like to hear from young people and those regularly in contact with them. If you are aged 13-29 please take part in the Mega Youth Poll at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/parish-youth-poll

Parents, teachers, catechists and youth leaders can participate at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview

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.