

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Bernadine SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6.00 pm	Tim Waggott	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Marie Rees	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh K. Okoji, S. Neal
MON	St Rita of Cascia		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Tom & Joan McManus	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Tom Callaghan	
THU	St Bede the Venerable 12.05 pm - C	People of the Parish	
FRI	St Philip Neri 9.00 am - C	Smith & Longstaff Families	
SAT	St Augustine of Canterbury THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 6.00 pm	Susan Towns	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish CAFOD & Its Work	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Duffy, C. Cowie

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

Sick Imelda Graham, 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, 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 Nathan Pilichowski

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.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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MON	22 May	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	23 May	CMS	
WED	24 May	YMG	Theatre or club.
THU	25 May	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. This week there is be a special collection for the SVP. Next week there will be a special collection for WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY.

OUR LADY'S GROTTA St Joseph's Infant School held their May Procession in honour of Our Lady to the Grotto on Thursday last. Photographs are at the back of church.

BIRTLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayer is now being held in St Joseph's every Tuesday morning at 10.00 am; all are welcome.

CYCLE OF PRAYER From Easter until Pentecost we are asked to pray for new members of the church, vocations, the correct use of the media, the church, human work. This weekend there is a day of special prayer for the dignity of human work.

GENERAL ELECTION The Bishops of England & Wales, in an open letter, encourage us to play an active part in the General Election; while our votes are a matter of conscience, we are urged to approach the election with positive determination and to consider what is at stake. We are reminded of key principles to guide our thinking in Pope Francis's THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL. Copies are at the back of church or it can be read online.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION There will be a day on this ministry focussing on support for those terminally ill or suffering from dementia. It will be held at Ushaw College (10.00 am for 10.30 am start on Saturday 10 June 2017.) There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided. Booking by 02 June is vital - please see **Deacon Peter**, or **spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk** or call **0191 243 3302**. There is a poster at the back of church.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 10 June to give thanks for the Sacrament of Matrimony. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of church and contact Deacon Peter if you need transport.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 11 June 2017, in the Presbytery.

CAFOD Please put in your diary:
10 June - Social Night in the Parish Centre. Mainly sixties music to the 2nd Wind Band.
01 July - Pilgrimage to Holy Island; details later.

PRIESTHOOD Fr Duffy will celebrate 55 years of priesthood on Saturday 15 June. On the same day Fr Brian Murphy will celebrate 50 years of priesthood (his Golden Jubilee). If anyone wants to contact him his address is Our Lady & St Thomas, Cumberland Terrace, Willington, Crook, DL15 0PB.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA The annual pilgrimage to Holy Island will be held on Saturday 17 June 2017.

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).

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.