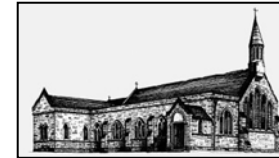


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MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

C - Church, BS - St Benet's School, IS - St Joseph's Infant School, JS - St Joseph's School,
PC - Parish Centre, P - Presbytery

SAT	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 25th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Rose Hall	K.Baggott, P.Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Imelda Graham	A.Welsh, P. Monaghan M. Taylor, J. Taylor
MON	Weekday		
TUE	SS Cosmas & Damian 7.00 pm - C	Fred Farrer	
WED	St Vincent de Paul 9.00 am - BS	Rose Hall	
THU	St Wenceslaus 12.05 pm - C	Minnie & Frank Knott	
FRI	SS Gabriel & Raphael 9.00 am - JS	Imelda Graham	
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

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 Toby Sharp

Marriages

Deceased Derek Elston, Joe McGorrigan

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



NEWSLETTER - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

24 SEPTEMBER 2017

MON	25 Sep	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	26 Sep	CMS	
WED	27 Sep	YMG	Purse Sale.
THU	28 Sep	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
FRI	29 Sep	PM CLUB	Meet as usual.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parents with children in year 4 and above are invited to an information evening at 6.00 pm this Wednesday, 27 September, in St Joseph's Church. Parents of children who do not attend our Catholic schools but wish to enrol are invited to contact Deacon Peter as soon as possible on 410 2530.

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 on 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 on 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. From this weekend there will be 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.

ST ELIZABETH'S CONVENT Earlier this month three sisters, who travelled to our Diocese from Minsk in Belarus, displayed a selection of icons, crosses and other religious items. If you wish to purchase any of these items and support the sisters in their spiritual and social care of the sick and suffering you can order from their web site (**catalog.obitel-minsk.com**). Some leaflets are on display at the back of church.

QUIZ NIGHT Many thanks to all who made this such a success. £422 was raised towards the Autumn Fayre; we hope to organise more quiz nights in future.