

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	Harry White	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Linda Webster	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh S. Tweddy, D. Tweedy
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Tony & Peter Kelly	
WED	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00 am - BS 7.00 pm - C	Jeff Mason People of the Parish	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	George Fenton	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	John Patrick Murphy	
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

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

Sick 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 Amira Rose Wilson

Marriages

Deceased Rev. Séamus Doyle

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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26 FEBRUARY 2017

MON	27 Feb	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	28 Feb	CMS	
WED	01 Mar	YMG	
THU	02 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.

HOLY HOUR Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 3.00 pm today, Sunday 26 February, followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

GIFT AID Envelopes are available at the back of church from today. 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 begins this week on Ash Wednesday - a day of fasting and abstinence. The flyer and 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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER In 2017 this wonderful event takes place at 2.00 pm this Friday 03 March in St John's Church. Please support us!

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. At the February meeting it was decided to hold a Mass in thanksgiving for the work of the Catholic Women's League in the parish; music will be played before the 6.00 pm and 10.00 am Masses on the First Sunday in Lent - volunteers are asked for help to provide this service; during Lent there will be no morning prayers in church as this will clash with morning prayer of Birtley Churches Together; the AGM of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 02 May in the Parish Centre starting with Mass celebrating the feast of St Joseph the Worker.

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.

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).