

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, SC - Saltwell Crematorium

SAT	St Catherine of Alexandria Our Lord Jesus Christ the King 6.00 pm - C	Veronica Walker & Deceased members of the family	T. McEnaney, T. Quigley
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Linda Webster	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh K. Okoji, S. Neal
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Harry White	
THU	St Andrew of Scotland 12.05 pm - C	Holy Souls	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B 6.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	J. Mulcahy, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Harry White	W. Thompson, A. Blankley S. Tweedy, D. Tweedy

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, 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 Violet Jayne Morton

Marriages

Deceased Mary Brown

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

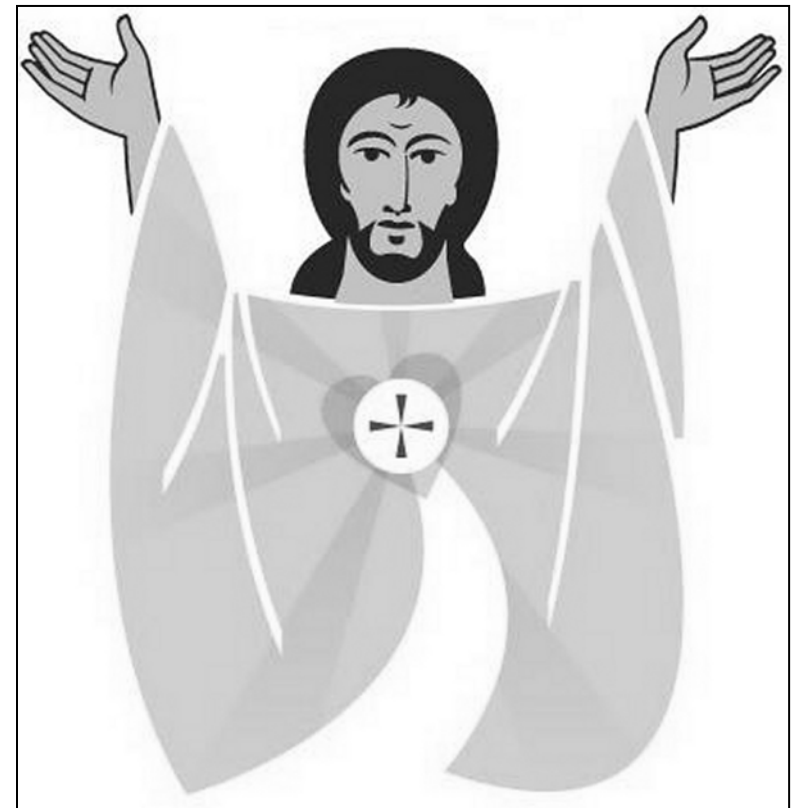
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NEWSLETTER - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

26 NOVEMBER 2017

MON 27 Nov CWG Meet as usual.
 TUE 28 Nov CMS
 WED 29 Nov YMG Business & Bingo.
 THU 30 Nov SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in
 The Presbytery.
 PM CLUB Meet as usual.
 FRI 01 Dec

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Birtley Churches Together have organised "Prayers for Birtley" every Monday morning at 9.30 am until Monday 18 December in the church of St John the Evangelist.

YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION Today on Youth Sunday we celebrate the gift of young people in the church and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people of our parish and throughout the diocese and for those who work with them; please give generously to today's collection for the Youth Ministry Team our diocesan youth service (www.ymt.org)

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This remains open until today, 26 November; envelopes are available at the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donations.

ST ROBERT'S MISSION As part of the Mission taking place in St Robert's School Ian Mearns MP will be speaking on Social Justice (food banks, housing etc) in the Catholic Club at Penshaw at 7.00 pm on Thursday 30 November.

PIETY STALL The Piety Stall will be open at the back of church for at Masses next weekend, 02/03 December.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE Many thanks for buying and selling tickets. Please return money and tickets stubs in the envelope provided by this weekend, 25/26 November. The draw will take place in Birtley Library at 12 noon on Saturday 09 December; all are welcome to attend. The total raised will be announced when all monies are returned and there will be a list of winners at the back of church and in the parish centre.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION This will take place at St Mary's Hexham at 7.00 pm on Friday 08 December to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The meeting place is the bandstand in the park next to Hexham Abbey and the procession will move from there to St Mary's Church. A collection for the Diocesan Hospitalité will be taken and refreshments will be available afterwards. If you wish to travel by coach the return cost is £10; please give your names to deacon Peter THIS WEEKEND; travel arrangements will be confirmed later.

CONFIRMATIONS 21 March 2018. Everyone, from School Year 9 and above to adults who have not been confirmed - and would like to be confirmed, is invited to an Information Evening in the parish centre at 5.30 pm on Sunday 10 December.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held on Sunday 10 December 2017 at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. At the November meeting a new chair and secretary were put in place. Information about progress in St Benedict's Partnership was given while several parishioners had also come forward in response to the Call to Discipleship a few weeks ago. Confirmations would take place on 21 March 2018 and a list of Advent and Christmas Services was compiled.

HOLY HOUR There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.00 pm on Sunday 10 December followed by afternoon tea in the parish centre. All are welcome.

CAFOD Many thanks for the Harvest Festival collection. £1 629.40 will be sent to CAFOD in London this week! At the same time our Yemeni Appeal has raised £811.00; if anyone can donate so that we can raise the amount to £1 000 please use the CAFOD envelopes in church. Thanks again!

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will soon begin to train new altar servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar at St Joseph's please give your name to Michael Davison (0777 476 8578) or Deacon Peter.

SVP The St Vincent de Paul Society has opened a community café, **Vinnie's**, at the Blackfriars Support Centre in New Bridge Street, Newcastle. It is open every Tuesday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm and offers a wholesome meal, free of charge, to those in need. To run successfully Vinnie's needs volunteers. If you can volunteer please contact Helen Haywood (0748 426 8356 or Helen.m.haywood@btinternet.com) or Fiona Murray (fionam@svp.org.uk)

POSADA This is an invitation to take part in the Parish Posada during Advent. A representation of Mary and Joseph, travelling to Bethlehem, is taken from home to home. A short liturgy is shared and then refreshments, perhaps tea and biscuits. Please leave your details on the list at the back of church if you would like to participate. For more information contact Margaret Taylor or Christine Johnson.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

03 December at 6.00 pm.	Birtley Churches Together Advent Service in St Joseph's.
07 December at 2.00 pm.	Jesse Tree Service in church.
17 December at 5.00 pm.	Parish Service of Reconciliation in Church (this is the third Sunday of Advent.)
18 December at 6.00 pm.	School Nativity Play in Church.
21 December at 6.30 pm.	Carol Service in Church.
Masses on Christmas Day will be at 00.00 (midnight), 8.30 am and 10.00 am.	
(Please note that from the First Sunday of Advent (03 December) the lectionary readings are from Year B.)	