

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 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
MON	St Augustine of Hippo		
TUE	The Passion of John the Baptist 7.00 pm - C	Tom McKenna	
WED	SS Margaret Clitheroe, Ann Line & Margaret Ward 9.00 am - C	Bob Bailes	
THU	St Aidan 12.05 pm - C	Chris Baggott	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Margaret Williams	
SAT	Weekday 22nd Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Veronica Walker	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Imelda Graham	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh 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 Rev. Anthony Donoghue, Rev. Michael Conaty, Ray Stafford, 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 Alex Joseph McCarthy

Marriages Aimee Ritson & Anthony Scott

Deceased Eileen Gannon, Amanda Seymour

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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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR A

27 AUGUST 2017

MON	28 Aug	CWG	On holiday until September
TUE	29 Aug	CMS	
WED	30 Aug	YMG	Meet at 7.30 pm at The Waggon, Eighton Banks, for Maureen's birthday.
THU	31 Aug	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
FRI	01 Sep	PM CLUB	Meet as usual.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there will be a special collection for the SVP. Next week there will be a special collection for LET THE CHILDREN LIVE.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER Friday 01 September for the Care of Creation. Please see the CAFOD web site (www.cafod.org.uk) for details of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si* on the beauty of God's creation.

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 to 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 Autumn we are asked to pray for students and teachers, the spread of the Gospel, harvest, the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation, justice and peace in the world, all victims of war, young people and prisoners and their families.

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.