

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Thomas Aquinas FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	Norman & Catherine Rebair	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Kathleen Winter	A. Blankley, J. McLean J. Taylor, M. Taylor
MON	Weekday		
TUE	St John Bosco 7.00 pm - C		
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS 1.00 pm - C	Theresa Middleton Winnie Corby Requiem - Maureen Moodie	
THU	The Presentation of the Lord 12.05 pm - C		Edward Ilderton
FRI	St Blaise 9.00 am - JS		Anne Price
SAT	Weekday FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm		
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	C. Stewart John Lee People of the Parish	T. McEnaney, T. Quigley A. Welsh, P. Monaghan D. Duffy, C. Cowie

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

Rev. Fr Tony Duffy 0191 410 2923

Deacon Peter Lavery 0191 410 2530

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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

Marriages

Deceased Rev. Leo Coughlin, Maureen Moodie

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.

Durham 0191 526 5131, Gateshead 0191 445 2072, Newcastle 0191 232 6953

FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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MON	30 Jan	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	31 Jan	CMS	
WED	01 Feb	YMG	
THU	02 Feb	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. There will be a special collection today for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

CAFOD The Director of the Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre will be speaking in the Parish Centre of St Charles Church, Gosforth at 2.30 pm today. The topic is the situation in Palestine. There is a poster at the back of church. In addition, several parishioners have been asking about helping the people of Yemen and CAFOD already has £180 from the Parish; there are now CAFOD envelopes marked "YEMEN" at the back of church. If you are able to donate please pick up an envelope and place it in the Offertory Collection. Many thanks!

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY From 8.00 until 11.00 pm on Thursday, 02 February with the Rae Brothers. Tickets £3.00 for guests and £2.50 for members. A great night out so bring your "Strictly Come Dancin'" shoes!

MASS FOR THE SICK with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.00 pm on Thursday 09 February in St Mary's Cathedral. The celebrant will be the Bishop.

FR DUFFY will be away from Monday 06 February until the following Saturday.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on 12 February 2017 in the Presbytery.

SPECIAL PRAYER From now until Lent we are asked to pray for peace on earth, Christian unity, the sick and their carers, the unemployed and victims of trafficking.

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).

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND St Cuthbert's Parish have invited us to join them from 11 - 15 September 2017 as Fr Chris Jackson leads a pilgrimage to Poland - "Walking in the footsteps of St John Paul II." There is a poster at the back of church with full details; see Deacon Peter for booking forms if you are interested.

PARISH WEB SITE PHOTOGRAPHS Many parishioners attended the 90th birthday party of Mrs Kathleen Winter in the Parish Centre on 09 January 2017. There is a beautiful new album page in the Photographs section of the Parish web site where you can view (and relive in many cases) the festivities!