

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	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles 30th Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	P. Pestell, K. Baggott
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Vocations	A. Blankley, J. McLean L. Cree, J. Sexton
MON	The Martyrs of Douai		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Holy Souls	
WED	ALL SAINTS DAY 9.00 am - BS 12.05 pm - C	Vocations Holy Souls	
THU	ALL SOULS DAY 12.05 pm - C	Holy Souls	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	St Charles Borromeo 31st Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Thomas Finnegan	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Victims of War	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan P. Lavery, T. Wilson

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 Eve Clarkson

Marriages

Deceased

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 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

29 OCTOBER 2017

MON	30 Oct	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	31 Oct	CMS	
WED	01 Nov	YMG	Business & Bingo.
THU	02 Nov	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	
FRI	03 Nov		

OFFERTORY This week there is a special collection for the CLERGY TRAINING FUND. Next week there will be a special collection for the SVP.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP Thank you to all who completed the form to volunteer for involvement in church ministries. If you did not hand in your form last week there is a basket at the back of church where you can leave it. There are more forms at the back of church for anyone who did not receive one last week.

CAFOD Any donations and envelopes for CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY that you still have can be handed in this weekend. Many thanks.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Birtley Churches Together have organised “Prayers for Birtley” every Monday morning at 9.30 am, starting tomorrow, Monday 30 October until Monday 18 December. The venue is the church of St John the Evangelist.

ST EBNEDECT’S PARTNERSHIP Fr Jim O’Keefe will be welcomed into our partnership at a vigil mass on All Saints’ Day (Tuesday 31 October) at 7.00 pm at St John Boste in Washington. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS DAY Wednesday 01 November this week is a Holyday of Obligation. Please note Mass times: 7.00 pm on Tuesday evening in church, 9.00 am in St Benet’s School and 12.05 pm in church on Wednesday.

JOURNEY OF FAITH Our journey has now begun. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 01 November in Caroline’s Library at St Benet’s School Existing parishioners who wish to deepen their own faith and to provide encouragement are also welcome. If you wish to join please contact Deacon Peter.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY In the parish centre from 8.00 until 11.00 pm on Thursday 02 November. Trad Jazz at its best with music from Maureen Hall. Bring your “strictly come dancing” shoes and have a great night out! Members £2.69 and guests £3.00.

YOUTH SUNDAY There will be a meeting at 6.00 pm on Friday 10 November in the lounge of the parish centre for any young people (Year 6 and above) and supportive adults in order to prepare for Youth Sunday celebrations on 26 November. Contact Sophie Taylor or Hannah Bartlett on 0755 794 2416 if you wish to take part.

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting Sunday 12 November at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. At this month’s meeting matters discussed included: arrangements for Youth Sunday; developing discipleship, in response to the Bishop’s pastoral letter, and how to involve more parishioners in ministries in the parish; future repair and work on the church fabric and future developments in our partnership of churches. **There are letters at the back of church for all members of the Parish Council to collect.**

LOURDES YOUTH SPONSORSHIP If you will be between the ages of 16 and 25 in July 2018 and would like to join the Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes please come along to a meeting in the parish centre at 8.00 pm on Sunday 12 November. You will be able to talk to young people from the parish who went to Lourdes this year and find out what is involved. If you are not sure, just come along and find out more about this wonderful opportunity.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE This is organised by Birtley Rotary Club. Please help with on-going maintenance work for St Joseph’s Church by buying tickets at £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book of five. Try selling tickets to your family, friends and work colleagues. First prize is £1 000, second prize is £500 and there are many other prizes. By selling 200 books we will raise £900 for church funds. Please return money and tickets stubs in the envelope provided by the weekend of 25/26 November. The draw will take place in Birtley Library at 12 noon on Saturday 09 December; all are welcome to attend. Many thanks in anticipation of your support!

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.

CARDINAL HUME SCHOOL The school is celebrating its 10th anniversary and has asked that all feeder parishes continue to pray for the well-being of the whole school community.