

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Kitty & Jack Jacques	J. Mulcahy, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	Maureen Moody People of the Parish	J. McLean, A. Blankley S. Neal, K. Okoji
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Agnes MsGraham	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Joseph Magnay	
THU	Weekday 11.00 am - C	Tom McKenna	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 6.00 pm	Susan Towns	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Maureen Moodie	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh E. Fenton, T. Wilson

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

Sick Imelda Graham, 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 Jack Robinson

Marriages

Deceased Joseph Magnay

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.

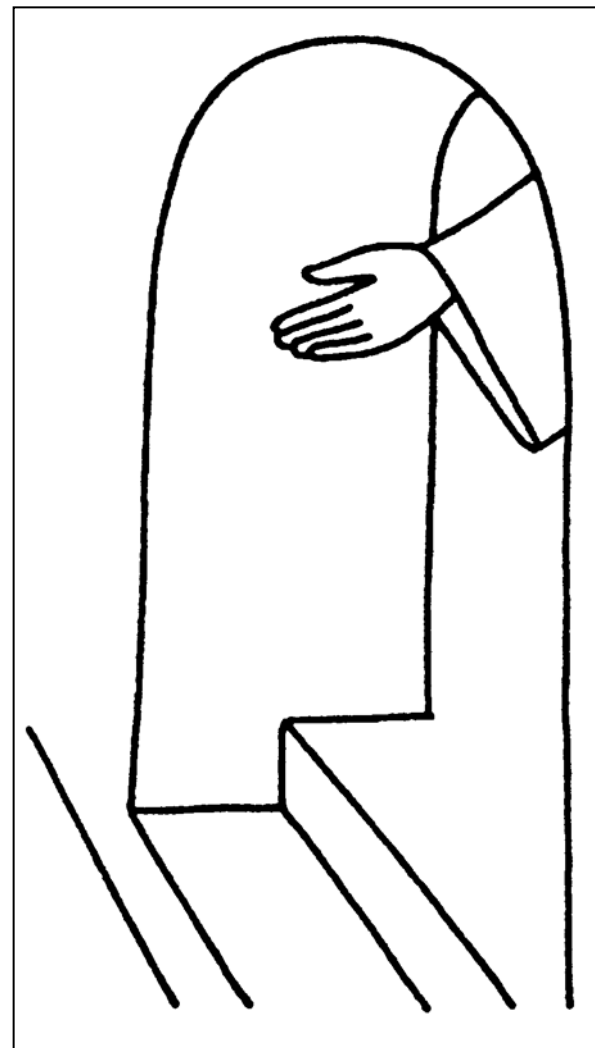
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

02 APRIL 2017

MON 03 April CWG Meet as usual.
 TUE 04 April CMS
 WED 05 April YMG Cinema. 12 & 19 April - on holiday. 26 April - Business & Bingo.
 THU 06 April 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. Next week there is a special collection for the HOLY PLACES.

SPECIAL PRAYER Today is a day of special prayer for those preparing to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage.

LENT This week's discussion, on Tuesday evening after Mass, will be about SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN with Stuart Hann. This charity works with children's services to link needy families with local volunteers for help and support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm and Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm in church.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY In the Parish Centre from 8.00 until 11.00 pm on Thursday 06 April. A great night out with Maureen Hall & Rendezvous Jazz. Bring your "strictly come dancin' shoes" for trad jazz at its best! £3.00 for guests and £2.50 for members.

ST LEONARD'S SCHOOL present "Mostly Mozart" at 7.00 pm on Thursday 06 April. Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under 19s - including refreshments. Tickets are available from the school office by calling 0191 385 8575 or admin@st-leonards.durham.sch.uk

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 09 April 2017, in the Presbytery.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

5.00 pm on Palm Sunday, 09 April - Parish Penitential Service.
 7.30 pm on Holy Thursday, 13 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper - followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament.
 3.00 pm on Good Friday, 14 April - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday, 15 April - The Easter Vigil.
 Masses on Easter Sunday morning will be at the normal times of 8.15 am and 10.00 am.

A list for volunteers to take part in the ministries of the Holy Week ceremonies (reading, offertory procession etc) and for watching before the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will soon be available at the back of church. Please help as much as you can.

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).

GIFT AID Envelopes are available at the back of church. 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.

GATESHEAD FOOD BANK We are now feeding 125 people and are facing shortages. Please help us with tinned fruit, jam, pasta sauce, curry sauce, coffee and noodles. Once again, many thanks!

RNLI Many thanks to all those who have contributed postage stamps for the RNLI. You have been very generous; please keep on donating your stamps for this wonderful charity.

AUTUMN FAYRE 07 OCTOBER 2017 Thank you to all who attended last Monday's meeting. We hope that parishioners will start to collect items over the next few months; arrangements can be made for large items on request. There will be a further meeting over the summer.