

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

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| SAT | Saturday<br>SECOND SUNDAY OF<br>EASTER<br>6.00 pm                                  | Tom Brown                                     | T. Quigley, T, McEnaney                       |
| SUN | 8.15 am<br>10.00 am  | People of the Parish<br>Linda Webster         | A. Blankley, J. McLean<br>L. Cree, J. Sexton  |
| MON | St George, Patron of<br>England  |   |   |
| TUE | St Mark, Evangelist<br>7.00 pm - C   | Jean Vinuales                                 |   |
| WED | Weekday<br>9.00 am - C   | Veronica Walker                               |   |
| THU | Weekday<br>12.05 pm - C  | John Lafferty                                 |   |
| FRI | Weekday<br>10.00 am - C  | Schools Mass - Susan<br>Miller                |   |
| SAT | St Catherine of Siena,<br>Patron of Europe<br>THIRD SUNDAY OF<br>EASTER<br>6.00 pm | Julia Grant                                   | P. Pestell, K. Baggott                        |
| SUN | 8.15 am<br>10.00 am  | People of the Parish<br>Kevin & Ursula Jobson | A. Welsh, P. Monaghan<br>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 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 Max William Thackham

Marriages

Deceased Tom Brown, Mary Annie Slavin

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.

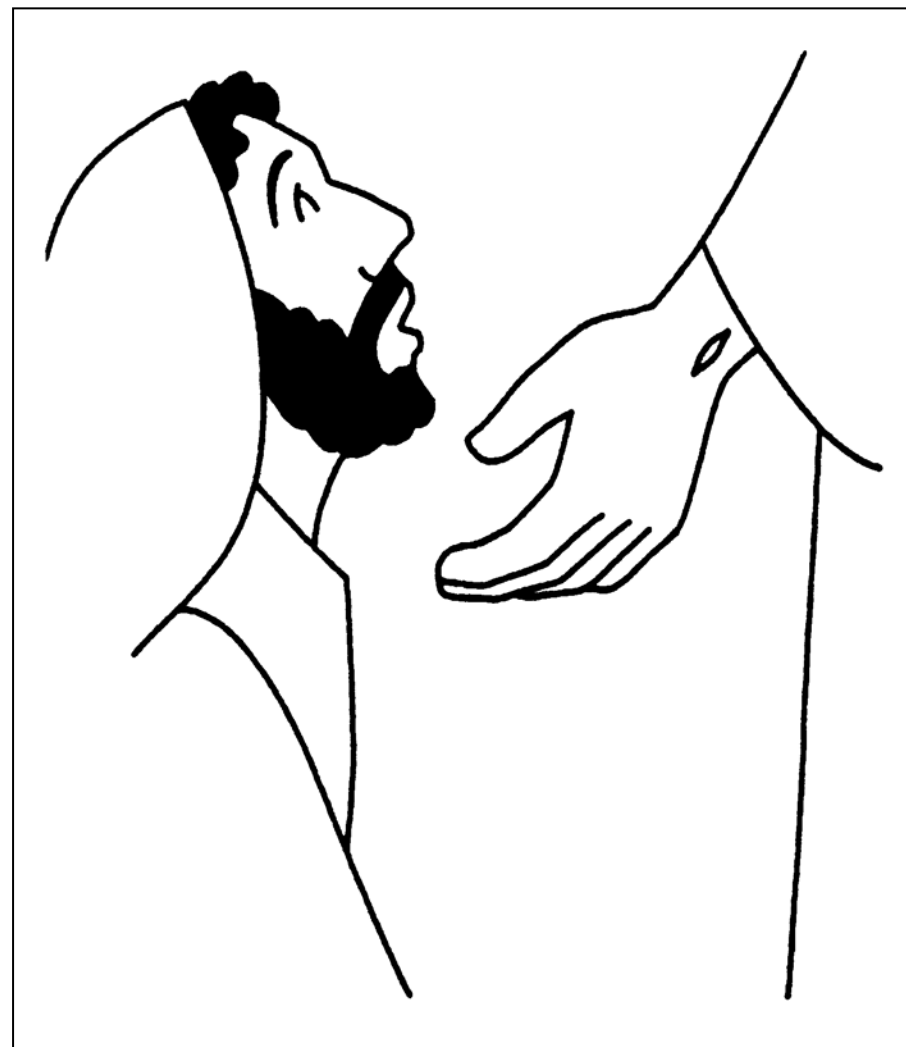
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## ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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| MON | 24 April | CWG     | On holiday until 24 April.  |
| TUE | 25 April | CMS     |   |
| WED | 26 April | YMG     | Business & Bingo.   |
| THU | 27 April | SVP     | Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery. |
|     |          | PM CLUB |   |

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there is a special collection for sick and retired priests - the **NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND - NBF**. Next week there is a special collection for the **SVP**.

CYCLE OF PRAYER From Easter until Pentecost we are asked to pray for new members of the church, vocations, the correct use of the media, the church, human work.

GOOD NEWS At 6.30 pm on Wednesday 03 May Fr Duffy will baptise and confirm 18 candidates who have undertaken the Journey of Faith during the last 7 months. Please support them in this special celebration and welcome them into our parish family. We pray that they will be an inspiration to us all.

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 07711 091 563). There are 6 vacancies and a deposit of £22 is required.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 14 May 2017, in the Presbytery. At the April meeting it was decided to arrange a Saturday afternoon thanksgiving mass after Easter for the Catholic Women's League; recorded music will be played before the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 10.00 am Mass (volunteers needed!); Lenten celebrations have been well attended and a good response made to the appeal for Holy Week ministries. We are encouraged to use the Parish Centre as a resource for our Parish Partnership and to share best practice and future events with our partner parishes. Resources are being prepared for the next steps within the partnership process; fresh guidelines from the diocese are expected after Easter. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council will take place after the 7.00 pm evening mass on Tuesday 02 May 2017 in the Parish Centre; all are welcome to attend.

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).

GATESHEAD FOOD BANK Thank you so much for all the food you have given us. ASDA are now supplying us and so we do not require any more at the moment. Thank you once again!

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 as the back of church at any of the weekend Masses.