

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

C - Church, JS - St Joseph's School, IS - St Joseph's Infant School, BS - St Benet's School, C - Parish Centre, P - Presbytery

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SAT	St Martha 17th SUNDAY OF YEAR A 6.00 pm - C	Bill McKenna	T. Quigley, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Waggott Family	C. Brennan, W. Thompson P. Lavery, T. Wilson
MON	St Ignatius of Loyola		
TUE	St Alphonsus Liguri 7.00 pm - P	Reg Hattam	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - P	Edmund & Rosanna Booth	
THU	St Oswald 12.05 pm - P	Gavin Elliott	
FRI	St John Vianney 9.00 am - P	Cockburn Family	
SAT	Weekday THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6.00 pm - C	People of the Parish	T. McEnaney, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	Joe Brooks Shelagh Hug	A. Blankley, J. McLean J. Taylor, M. Taylor



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

30 JULY 2017

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, 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 Eva Bell & Kieran Taylor-Gibson

Marriages

Deceased

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

MON 31 July CWG On holiday until September
TUE 01 Aug CMS
WED 02 Aug YMG On holiday for the next 5 weeks.
THU 03 Aug SVP Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in
The Presbytery.
PM CLUB On holiday until September.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. There will be a special collection this week for the SVP.

CHURCH SERVICES Please note all changes this coming week and the week after. Weekday Mass will be celebrated by Father Duffy in the Presbytery this coming week (please see last page of this newsletter.)

CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers are desperately needed to clean the church at 9.30 am on FRIDAY 04 August. Please can you help?

PARISH COUNCIL Next meeting, Sunday 10 September at 7.00 pm.

CYCLE OF PRAYER During summer we are asked to pray for a deeper understanding between Christians & Jews, those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights, Europe, human life and seafarers.

CHURCH CLOSURE The church will be closed Monday to Friday for the next week while work goes on to remove the insulation panels from the ceiling. This involves scaffolding and work taking place at a high level. For safety reasons there will be STRICTLY NO ADMITTANCE!

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS The Parish Preparation Program begins in September. Any parents, whose children attend a non-catholic school and who wish to enrol in the program, should contact Deacon Peter.

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