

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

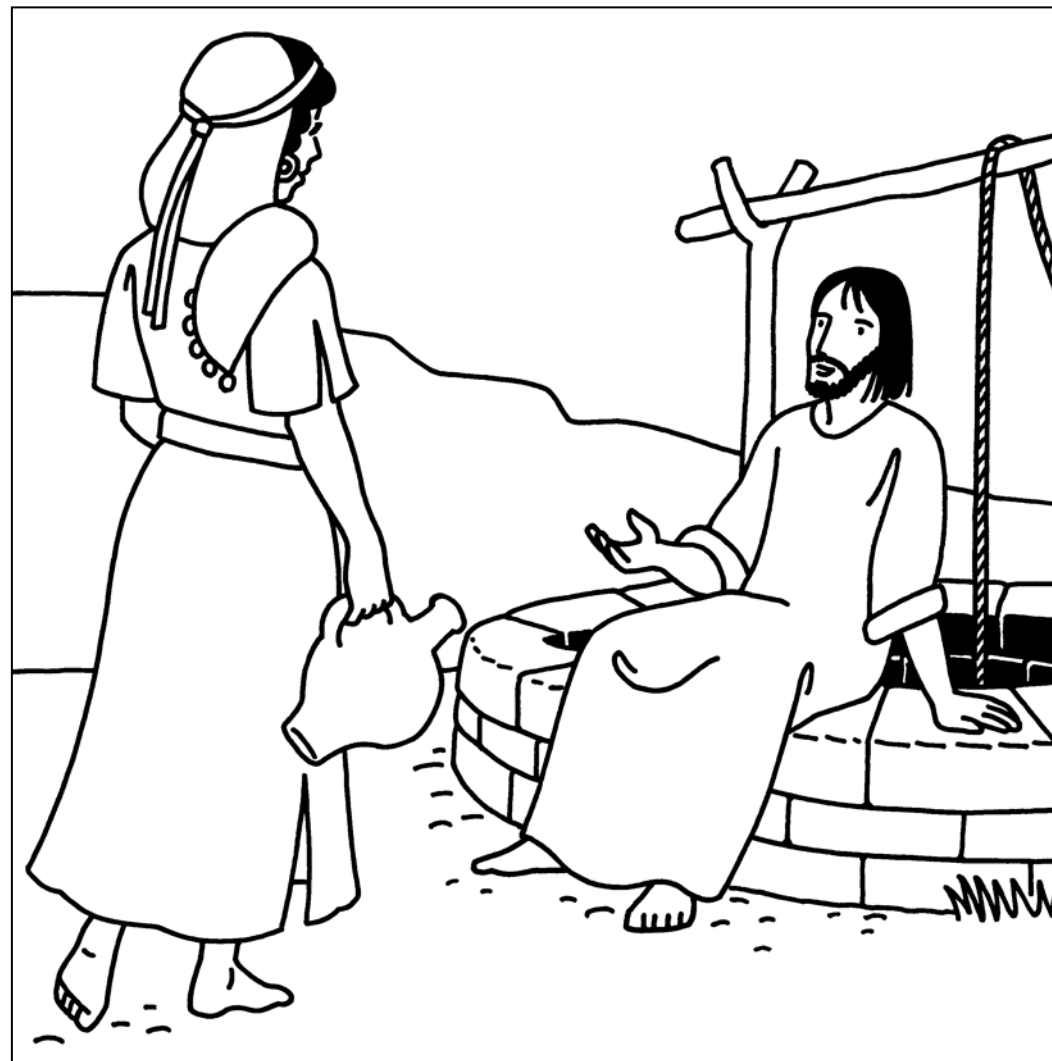
SAT	St Cyril of Jerusalem THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Alex Gilfillan	T. McEnaney, T. Quigley
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Joe Tracey	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan M. Taylor, J. Taylor
MON	St Jospheh, Husband of Mary		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Kitty & Jack Jacques	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Holy Souls	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Northern Brethyren Fund	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	The Annunciation of the Lord FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Rev. Leo Coughlin	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Holy Souls	W. Thompson, C. Brennan C. Cowie, D. Duffy

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

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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 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 Joseph Pennock & Harry Arnott

Marriages

Deceased Sandra Brennan & Wendy Stringer (sister of Fr. Chris Jackson)

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

19 MARCH 2017

MON	20 Mar	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	21 Mar	CMS	
WED	22 Mar	YMG	8.30 pm - Nikita will talk about Nepal.
THU	23 Mar	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. This week there is a special collection for LET THE CHILDREN LIVE. Next Sunday there is a special collection for the SVP.

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.

LENT This week's talk on Tuesday evening after 7.00 pm Mass in the Parish Centre, will be given by Deacon Richard McLaughlin about our response to Pope Francis' call to be a "poor church for the poor".

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

LOURDES YOUTH GROUP The Lourdes Youth Group invite you to a fundraising afternoon tea in the Parish Centre next Sunday, 19 March, from 3.00 until 5.00 p.m. Tickets are £3 and available from Hannah and Bernadette Bartlett, Christine Johnson and Margaret Taylor. We would welcome any contributions to the raffle or tombola.

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 £2.59 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. During the March meeting the following matters were discussed: a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of the CWL would be held soon after Easter, an update on FTH; a list of ministries for Holy week and watching before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday would soon be at the back of church.

## 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.

AUTUMN FAYRE This year the Autumn Fayre will be held at 1.00 pm on 01 October in the Parish Centre. There will be a short meeting in the Parish Centre at 2.00 pm on Monday, 27 March for anyone willing to help in any way. We welcome any new ideas to make the fayre a success.

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!