

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 6.00 pm	Julia Grant	P. Pestell, K. Baggott
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Kevin & Ursula Jobson	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan P. Lavery, T. Wilson
MON	St Joseph the Worker		
TUE	St Athanasius 7.00 pm - C	Tom & Joan McManus	
WED	SS Philip & James, Apostles 9.00 am - BS 11.30 am - C - Requiem 6.30 pm - C	Mary Annie Slavin Baptism & Confirmation	
THU	The English Martyrs 12.05 pm - C	Herby Comerford	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Marie Rees	
SAT	Weekday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6.00 pm	Tim Waggot	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	Joseph Magnay People of the Parish	W. Thompson, C. Brennan J. Taylor, M. Taylor

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, 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

Marriages

Deceased Marie Rees

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

30 APRIL 2017

MON 01 May CWG No meeting this week but meet as usual next week.  
TUE 02 May CMS  
WED 03 May YMG Surprise game.  
THU 04 May 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 the SVP. Next week there will be a special collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Please be generous and pray for vocations to this order who care so much for the elderly.

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.

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 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council will take place after the 7.00 pm evening mass this Tuesday, 02 May 2017, in the Parish Centre; all are welcome to attend. Particularly welcome will be any parishioners who would be interested in joining the Parish Council. Included in the meeting will be a presentation about our new Parish Partnership and the next steps in its development.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 14 May 2017, in the Presbytery.

GOOD NEWS At 6.30 pm this 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.

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!

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).

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.