

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Charles Lwanga PENTECOST SUNDAY 6.00 pm	Tim Waggot	K. Baggott, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Vocations to Religious Life	J. McLean, A. Blankley S. Tweedy, D, Tweedy
MON	St Boniface		
TUE	St Norbert 7.00 pm - C	Marie Rees	
WED	St Robert of Newminster 9.00 am - BS	Cockburn Family	
THU	St William of York 12.05 pm - C	Joseph Killen	
FRI	St Columba 9.00 am - JS	Holy Souls	
SAT	Weekday THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 6.00 pm	Mark Forsyth	
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Jim Hattam	

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 Lacey Mae Black

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.

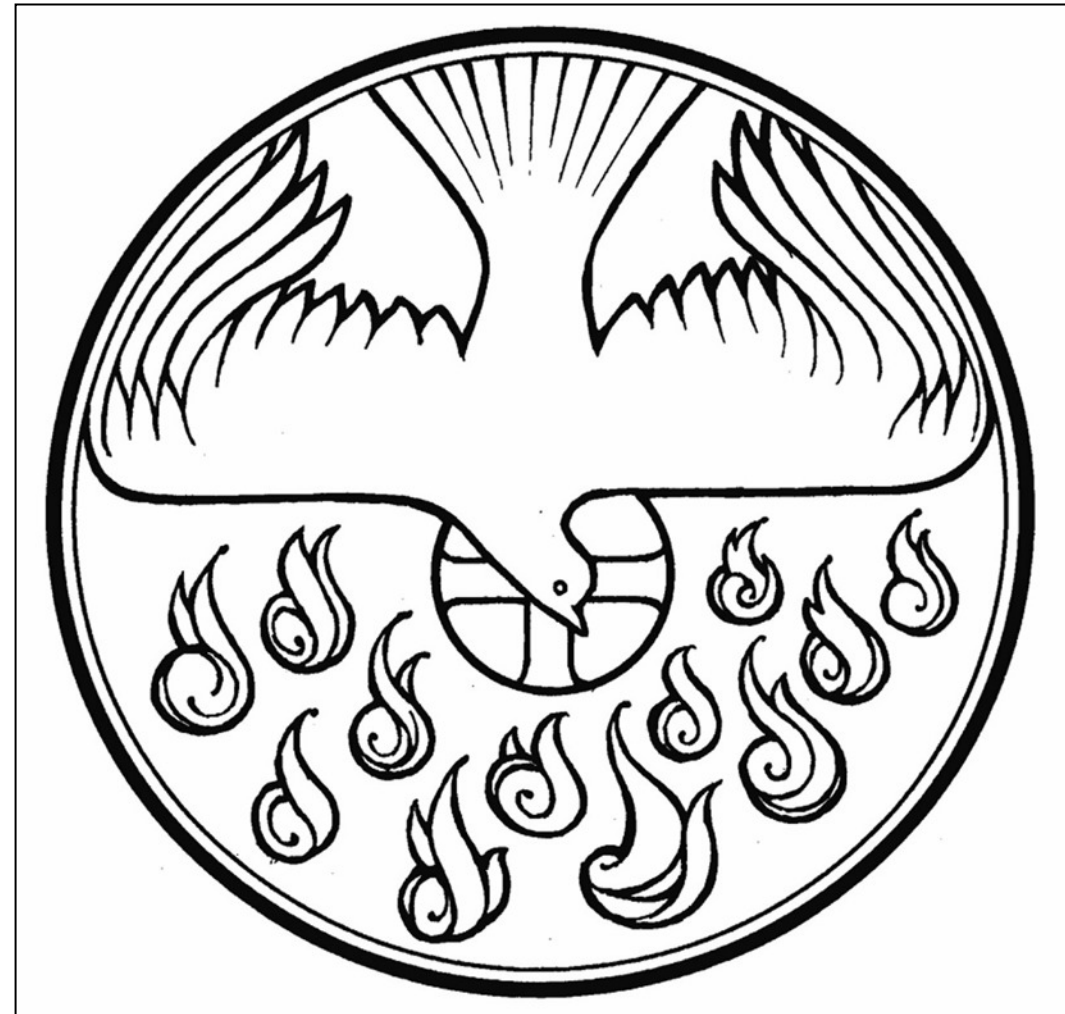
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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

04 JUNE 2017

MON	05 Jun	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	06 Jun	CMS	
WED	07 Jun	YMG	Meet at Hollathans, Chester le Street at 7.30 pm.
THU	08 Jun	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 THE LAY TRAINING FUND. Next week there will be a special collection for LET THE CHILDREN LIVE. The Lay Training Fund is there to support the vision of lay people living out their vocation and mission and bearing witness to the faith they have received and in response to the changing needs of the Church within society.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** Today marks the birth of the Church; the Bishop's pastoral letter encourages us to acknowledge our new partnerships. Our own partnership is dedicated to St Benedict in recognition of the Benedictine priests who worked in Birtley and the surrounding parishes.

**BIRTLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER** Prayer is now being held in St Joseph's every Tuesday morning at 10.00 am; all are welcome.

**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.

**GENERAL ELECTION** The Bishops of England & Wales, in an open letter, encourage us to play an active part in the General Election; while our votes are a matter of conscience, we are urged to approach the election with positive determination and to consider what is at stake. We are reminded of key principles to guide our thinking in Pope Francis's THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL. Copies are at the back of church or it can be read online.

**SYRIAN FAMILIES IN BIRTLEY** There are six Syrian families living in Birtley who would benefit from our friendship and support. We are holding a Coffee Morning from 11.30 until 1.30 pm today in the Parish Centre to give us an opportunity to welcome them and help them to integrate into our community. There will be tasters of Syrian food and it would be a great help if you could bring cakes etc so that we can share food together. Also clothes, toys small household items and toiletries for anyone to buy at a small cost would be welcome. Please bring them along or leave them at the back of church after Mass. For more details please call Mary Foy on 07786 591 685.

**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION** There will be a day on this ministry focussing on support for those terminally ill or suffering from dementia. It will be held at Ushaw College (10.00 am for 10.30 am start on Saturday 10 June 2017.) There is no charge for the day and lunch will be provided. Booking by 02 June is vital - please see Deacon Peter, or spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 243 3302. There is a poster at the back of church.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 10 June to give thanks for the Sacrament of Matrimony. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of church and contact Deacon Peter if you need transport.

**PARISH COUNCIL** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm next Sunday 11 June 2017, in the Presbytery.

**CAFOD** 10 June - next Saturday night - Social Night in the Parish Centre. Mainly sixties music to the 2econd Wind Band. Tickets are available from Kevin Haigh from this weekend - cost £3.00.

01 July - Pilgrimage to Holy Island; details later.

**PRIESTHOOD** Fr Duffy will celebrate 55 years of priesthood on Saturday 17 June. On the same day Fr Brian Murphy will celebrate 50 years of priesthood (his Golden Jubilee). If anyone wants to contact him his address is Our Lady & St Thomas, Cumberland Terrace, Willington, Crook, DL15 0PB.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** The annual pilgrimage to Holy Island will be held on Saturday 17 June 2017.

**MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND** This will be celebrated at 2.30 pm on Saturday 15 July 2017. Individual letters for eucharistic ministers are available at the back of church; these give further details and invitations for any parishioner not covered by a eucharistic minister.

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