

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	C. Stewart	T. McEnanaey, T. Quigley
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	John Lee People of the Parish	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan D. Duffy, C. Cowie
MON	St Paul Miki & Companions		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Eucharistic Service	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
FRI	St Scholastica 9.00 am - JS	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	Our lady of Lourdes FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	Norah & Billy Fryer	W. Thompson, C. Cowie
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	John Lee People of the Parish	A. Blankley, J. McLean J. Taylor, M. Taylor

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05 FEBRUARY 2017

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00 am - 12 noon). Please see notice at the back of church for extended times in nearby parishes.

Sick 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

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	06 Feb	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	07 Feb	CMS	
WED	08 Feb	YMG	Quiz
THU	09 Feb	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. There will be a special collection next week for RACIAL JUSTICE.

COFFEE MORNING My name is Nikita Sudeep and I am a Childreach International Volunteer. I am going to Nepal in summer to build schools for children who live on the streets of Nepal without any education. As a result they are trafficked by people who falsely promise to help educate them. Every child has a right to a good education, so please help me to raise money to go and support them. I am having a small cake sale in the Parish Centre, to raise funds, after the 10.00 am Mass today. You are all welcome to come!

FR DUFFY will be away from tomorrow, Monday 06 February, returning next Friday.

DAYS OF PRAYER 08 February - Victims of trafficking; 11 February - World day for Prayer for the Sick; 12 February - Racial Justice.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE There will be an open meeting at the Lancastrian Suite, Dunston, (the former Federation Brewery), on Thursday 09 February at 7.30pm. At this meeting the decisions that have been made by the Bishop and Diocesan Board about the future structure of the Diocese will be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone who needs transport to the meeting please contact Deacon Peter.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 13 February 2017, in the Presbytery. Please note the change of date!

SPECIAL PRAYER From now until Lent we are asked to pray for peace on earth, Christian unity, the sick and their carers, the unemployed and victims of trafficking.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will begin training new servers on Sunday 19 February at 11.00 am (after 10.00 am Mass). If you have already put your name down to be a server come to the first practice that Sunday. If you have not put your name down yet, it is not too late give your name to Mick Davison (410 6823) or Deacon Peter.

LOURDES YOUTH GROUP The Lourdes Youth Group invite you to a fundraising afternoon tea in the Parish Centre on 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.

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).

PARISH WEB SITE PHOTOGRAPHS Many parishioners attended the 90th birthday party of Mrs Kathleen Winter in the Parish Centre on 09 January 2017. There is a beautiful new album page in the Photographs section of the Parish web site where you can view (and relive in many cases) the festivities!