

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Charles Borromeo 31st Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Thomas Finnegan	L. Cree, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Victims of War	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan P. Lavery, T. Wilson
MON	Weekday		
TUE	St Willibrord 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Eucharistic Service	
THU	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 12.05 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
FRI	St Leo the Great 9.00 am - JS	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	St Martin of Tours 33rd Sunday of Year A 6.00 pm - C	Patrick Callaghan	S. Neal, B. Bailes
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish William & Mary Elliott	W. Thompson, C. Brennan J. Taylor, M. Taylor

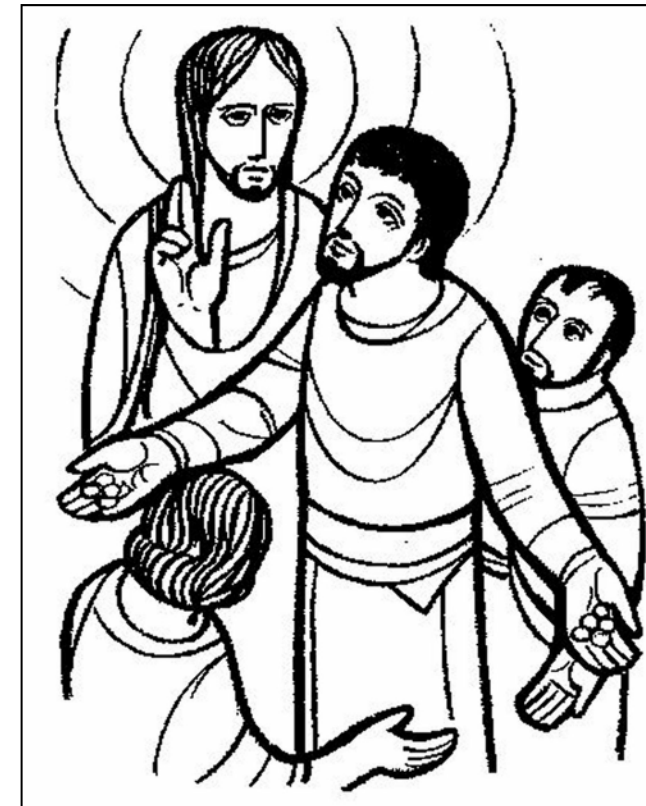
## ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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**NEWSLETTER - THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**05 NOVEMBER 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, David Tanner, Cliff Burton, Ron Fryer, Margaret Cookson, Jordan Daniels, Louie 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 Mackenzie Jay Prested & Freya Eve Dixon

Marriages

Deceased Harry Kelly & Carole Donnelly

Hospital Chaplains Please ask the Ward Sister for the ON-CALL Roman Catholic Chaplain if you want a visit for one of your family in hospital. The chaplains' new telephone numbers are:

Durham 0191 333 2333, Gateshead 0191 482 0000 Newcastle 0191 233 6161

MON	06 Nov	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	07 Nov	CMS	
WED	08 Nov	YMG	Quiz.
THU	09 Nov	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	
FRI	10 Nov		

OFFERTORY This week there is a special collection for the SVP.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Birtley Churches Together have organised "Prayers for Birtley" every Monday morning at 9.30 am until Monday 18 December in the church of St John the Evangelist.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS The children will reflect upon their Baptism and renew their profession of faith at 10.00 am Mass today.

YOUTH SUNDAY There will be a meeting at 6.00 pm next Friday, 10 November, in the lounge of the parish centre for any young people (Year 6 and above) and supportive adults in order to prepare for Youth Sunday celebrations on 26 November. Contact Sophie Taylor or Hannah Bartlett on 0755 794 2416 if you wish to take part.

PARISH COUNCIL This month's meeting on Sunday next, 12 November, at 7.00 pm in the presbytery. **There are letters at the back of church for all members of the Parish Council to collect.**

LOURDES YOUTH SPONSORSHIP If you will be between the ages of 16 and 25 in July 2018 and would like to join the Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes please come along to a meeting in the parish centre at 8.00 pm on Sunday 12 November. You will be able to talk to young people from the parish who went to Lourdes this year and find out what is involved. If you are not sure, just come along and find out more about this wonderful opportunity.

PARTNERSHIP WALK OF WITNESS There will be a WALK OF WITNESS on Saturday 18 November visiting all the churches in our partnership. If you would like to take part please sign one of the sheets at the back of church. There is a chart at the back of church with times, venues and distances for the day. You can partake in one of three activities:

1. Walk half the distance (13.5 miles).
2. Walk from St Joseph's to St John Boste ( about 3.5 miles).
3. Help with hospitality or prayers for the walkers as they reach St Joseph's.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This remains open until 26 November; envelopes are available at the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donations.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE This is organised by Birtley Rotary Club. Please help with on-going maintenance work for St Joseph's Church by buying tickets at £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book of five. Try selling tickets to your family, friends and work colleagues. First prize is £1 000, second prize is £500 and there are many other prizes. By selling 200 books we will raise £900 for church funds. Please return money and tickets stubs in the envelope provided by the weekend of 25/26 November. The draw will take place in Birtley Library at 12 noon on Saturday 09 December; all are welcome to attend. Many thanks in anticipation of your support!

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN We will soon begin to train new altar servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve on the altar at St Joseph's please give your name to Michael Davison (0777 476 8578) or Deacon Peter.

RED BOXES The 2018 Mill Hill calendars are now at the back of church for box holders to take as required.

AUTUMN FAYRE Photographs of the Autumn Fayre are now available on the parish web site. Click on the "Photographs" link to view them.