

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	St Raymond of Peñafort THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6.00 pm	Veronica Walker	P. Pestell, K. Baggott
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish DM Cody Family	J. McLean, A. Blankley D. Tweedy, S. Tweedy
MON	The Baptism of the Lord		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	DM Killen & Callaghan Families	
WED	St Aelred 9.00 am - BS	Sr Veronica	
THU	St Benet Biscop 12.05 pm - C	Fred Farrer	
FRI	St Hilary 9.00 am - JS	Michael M. Cleary	
SAT	Weekday SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 6.00 pm	John McLeman	J. Mulcahy, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Patrick Callaghan	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh L. Cree, J. Sexton

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*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR A*

08 JANUARY 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 Sonny James Richings, James William McConnell

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	09 Jan	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	10 Jan	CMS	
WED	11 Jan	YMG	
THU	12 Jan	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.

MARRIAGES IN 2017 There is a marriage preparation day on Sunday 15 January for all of the engaged couples from our parish and St Cuthbert's. There is a list of their names at the back of church. Please keep them in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY Monday 09 Jan - St John's - 9.30 am.

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY **Wed 19 Jan:** St John's - 8.00 am; Methodist Church - 12 noon; St Joseph's - 3.00 pm; Community Church - 7.00 pm. All followed by snacks.

CAFOD The Director of the Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre will be speaking in the Parish Centre of St Charles Church, Gosforth at 2.30 pm on Sunday 29 January. The topic is the situation in Palestine. There is a poster at the back of church. Several parishioners have been asking about helping the people of Yemen and CAFOD already has £180 from the Parish; there are now CAFOD envelopes marked "YEMEN" at the back of church. If you are able to donate please pick up an envelope and place it in the Offertory Collection. Many thanks!

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm on 12 February 2017 in the Presbytery.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND St Cuthbert's Parish have invited us to join them from 11 - 15 September 2017 as Fr Chris Jackson leads a pilgrimage to Poland - "Walking in the footsteps of St John Paul II". There is a poster at the back of church with full details; see Deacon Peter for booking forms if you are interested.

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).

POSTAGE STAMPS One of our parishioners makes up packets of used postage stamps of all countries for the RNLI to sell at Seahouses RNLI shop. It would be much appreciated that, if you have used stamps, you could put them in the box at the back of church.

PARISH WEB SITE Click on the "Photographs" link on the parish web site to find two new albums: the St Joseph's School Leavers Reunion, held on 16 October 2016, and the torchlight procession from Hexham Abbey led by the Bishop, held on 16 December 2016.

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.

