

MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

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

SAT	Weekday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Rev. Séamus Doyle	C. Cowie, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Linda Webster	A. Blankley, J. McLean T. Wilson, P. Lavery
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Paul Fenwick	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - BS	Edmund & Rosanna Booth	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Margaret McKale	
FRI	St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland 9.00 am - JS	Smith & Longstaff Families	
SAT	St Cyril of Jerusalem THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 6.00 pm	Alex Gilfillan	T. McEnaney, T. Quigley
SUN	8.15 am 10.00 am	People of the Parish Joe Tracey	A. Welsh, P. Monaghan M. Taylor, J. Taylor

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

Sick Wendy Stringer, 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 Xavier Broadhead

Marriages

Deceased Rev. Leo Coughlin

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

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Rev. Fr Tony Duffy 0191 410 2923

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

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MON	13 Mar	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	14 Mar	CMS	
WED	15 Mar	YMG	
THU	15 Mar	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 CAFOD - Family Fast Day. Next week there will be a special collection for LET THE CHILDREN LIVE.

RNLI Many thanks to all those who have contributed postage stamps for the RNLI. You have been very generous; please keep on donating your stamps for this wonderful charity.

GIFT AID Envelopes are available at the back of church. From 06 April the personal income tax allowance will rise to £11 500 per annum; the diocese can claim 25p for every £1 given under gift aid. If you are donating under this scheme please check that you are paying sufficient income tax to cover the amount reclaimed from HMRC in relation to your donations. If your box is missing, if you have changed address or you are no longer a tax payer please contact Lucy Rutherford (Parish Gift Aid Organiser) on 410 0507.

JOURNEY OF FAITH Last Sunday many of our candidates preparing to be received into the church joined the bishop in St Mary's Cathedral. They were accompanied by their families, parishioners, Fr Duffy and Deacon Peter - a total of 48 people. There is a photograph on display at the back of church and on the Diocesan web site. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

LENT The posters at the back of church give details of a wide range of opportunities to help us during this time of preparation for Easter. During Lent we are asked to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy & Hungry of the world and Penitents & Wanderers. There are six Lenten talks after the 7.00 pm Tuesday evening Mass, (until 9.00 pm) in the Parish Centre. Leaflets are available, at the back of church and in the side chapel, for Lenten reflection. More resources are available at www.rcdhn.org.uk.

RED BOXES Quarterly magazines are at the back of church for collection by red box holders.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE This week's Lenten talk on Tuesday evening (7.45 until 9.00 pm) in the Parish Centre will be given by Amy Cameron, who will explore the call to Lay Leadership in our new parish partnerships. Please welcome her warmly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm and Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm in church. This week the Stations of the Cross are based on CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day linked to Zambia.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00 pm today, Sunday 12 March 2017, in the Presbytery.

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.

HOLY WEEK The Parish Penitential Service will be held at 5.00 pm on Palm Sunday, 09 April.

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).