

St Joseph's R.C. Parish Birtley

Part of the Benedict Partnership of Parishes

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Services this week in St Joseph's and the Parish of St John XXIII

3 rd Sunday of Advent – Year C				
Sat 15 Dec	St Bede Washington	17.00	Ann Lowe	Reconciliation Before Weekday Mass (6.30-6.55) on Tuesday and (11.30-12.00) on Thursday Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St Joseph Birtley	18.00	Dennis Welch	
Sun 16 Dec	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our parish family	Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Jenny & Peter McQuigan	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Christopher Kelly	
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	People of the Parish	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Norma Bowdem	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Doreen McCabe	
Mon 17 Dec	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	Baptisms
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Deceased
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	18.00	Joan Stobbs	
Tue 18 Dec	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Marriage
	Our Lady's Washington	12.00	Andrea Kane	Please pray for: Fr Martin Wheaton, Bob Fish, Elizabeth Donnelly, Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, Terry Gorman, David Tanner, Cliff Burton, Ron Fryer, Margaret Cookson, Louie Lonsdell, James Ruddick, Doris Hunter, Mary Elston, Deidre Turner, Dennis Duffy, Godfrey Keefe, Arthur Wardle, Betty Green, Mary Brennan, Millie McCormack, Sarah Sables, Christopher Browne and all our long term sick and housebound.
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St Joseph Birtley	19.00	Bill Ford	
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Patricia Allon	
Wed 19 Dec	St Benet's School	09.00	Special Intention	
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	13.30	Funeral Service: Thomas Gerard Laden	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	For successful surgery (ST)	
Thu 20 Dec	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	Hospital Chaplains If one of your family is in hospital and you want the Chaplain to visit them telephone the Chaplain's office Durham Fr Paul Tully 0191- 333-2333, Gateshead Deacon Peter Jones 0191-482-0000, Newcastle Fr Maridas 0191- 233-6161, Sunderland Linda Longstaff 0191-569-9180 In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Patrick Gleeson	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Mary Cosgrove	
	St Bede Washington	10.30	Funeral Service: Vera Cockburn	
	St Joseph Birtley	12.05	Edward Ilderton	
Fri 21 Dec	St Bede Washington	09.15	John Whittle	Hospital Chaplains If one of your family is in hospital and you want the Chaplain to visit them telephone the Chaplain's office Durham Fr Paul Tully 0191- 333-2333, Gateshead Deacon Peter Jones 0191-482-0000, Newcastle Fr Maridas 0191- 233-6161, Sunderland Linda Longstaff 0191-569-9180 In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Kieran Defty	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	12.30	Requiem Mass: Rosemary Pratt	
	St Joseph Birtley	13.30	Special Intention	
Sat 22 Dec	Queen of Peace Penshaw	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	Hospital Chaplains If one of your family is in hospital and you want the Chaplain to visit them telephone the Chaplain's office Durham Fr Paul Tully 0191- 333-2333, Gateshead Deacon Peter Jones 0191-482-0000, Newcastle Fr Maridas 0191- 233-6161, Sunderland Linda Longstaff 0191-569-9180 In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	10.00	Blue Christmas Service	
	St John Boste Washington	10.00	Clem & Keith Shannon	
4 th Sunday in Advent – Year C				
Vigil Sat	St Bede Washington	17.00	Mary, John, Denise Graham & Nathan, Clark	In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	St Joseph Birtley	18.00	People of the Parish	
Sun 23 Dec	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our parish family	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Ross Irwin	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Special Intention	
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	Catherine & Alexander Topping	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Eric Moran	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Ann & Jack Smith & family	

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent daily reflections – copies available from the back of church, please take one home.

During Advent we are asked to pray for:
Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and refugees; and Expectant Mothers.

The boxes at the back of church are for Advent Alms supporting the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday (19th) in St Joseph's at 7.00pm. A number of priests will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARTNERSHIP CAROL SERVICE

In St Bede's Washington at 7.00pm pm Thursday (20th). Everyone welcome.

PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS CARDS

Available at the back of church, with times of Advent Reconciliation services, the Partnership Carol Service and all the Christmas Masses. Please take one for your own family and please take cards and pass them on to anyone you would like to invite to "Come Home for Christmas".

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY

Monday morning at 9.30 in St John's.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Will resume again on Tuesday 8th January.

SISTER MAUREEN

Sister is now aged 97 and still loves to hear from people from Birtley. Her address is Lourdes Nursing Home, 225 Caterbury Road, Westgate on Sea, Kent, CT8 8IX

INFANT NATIVITY PLAY

In Church on Monday (17th) at 6.00pm. Come along and see Marley the donkey walk Mary and Joseph down the aisle. Everyone is welcome.

INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

In the school hall straight after the Nativity play (approx. 6.45pm). There will be sleigh rides in the playground, visit Santa in his grotto, raffle, tombola, cake stall, refreshments and much more. Please join us all our welcome.

COMMUNITY RAFFLE

A total of £729 was raised for parish funds, a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the raffle. There is a list of winners at the back of church and in the Parish Centre.

NEW PIETY STALL

The new piety stall at the back of church will be open this weekend. See Margaret Lee for your Christmas cards.

THIS WEEK

Monday Infant School Play and Christmas Fayre

Tuesday RCIA Christmas break until 8th January

Wednesday Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Thursday Partnership Carol Service

SVP

The contact number for St Joseph's SVP is now 07561 190396 .

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING WORTHWHILE

Help out once a week or even once a month! Vinnies Drop In Centre in Newcastle is open 11am to 2pm on Tuesdays and is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Lunch on December 18th followed by volunteer lunch. Interested? Contact Peter 0191 4108103 or Emma 0191 2616027 Option 1.

READERS

New rotas are available at the back of church

OFFERTORY

Thank you for last week's collection.

COFFEE MORNING ROTA 2019

2019 rota available at the back of church.

DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT

John Dowling, the manager of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee Project sends his thanks to our parish for their generosity to their food bank over the last year. Due to the amount of adult clothing they receive they are no longer able to accept children's clothing. If you would like to read their newsletter visit www.rcdhn.org.uk – Diocesan Departments – Justice and Peace.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Birtley Catholic Club have a Christmas Party organised for 22nd December 12-3pm, everyone welcome and tickets are available: Adults Free, Club Members Child Ticket £1 and Non Members Child Ticket £2

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is your place to gather together with family and friends to relax, enjoy yourselves in a comfortable, safe environment. Rooms are available for all your special occasions: christenings, birthday parties, engagements, weddings and funerals. Look at the web site to see what is available:

www.birtleycatholicclub.com

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have items to include in the Bulletin please email birtleybulletin@gmail.com If you do not have access to email please put any items in an envelope marked "Bulletin" through the letterbox in the Presbytery. Deadline each week is Thurs 5pm. Please keep your items brief and to the point.