

*St Joseph's R.C. Parish Birtley*  
*(Part of the Benedict Partnership of Parishes)*

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**MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS**

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –17<sup>th</sup> June**

Sat 6.00pm	C	Joseph Killen	T McEnaney & T Quigley
Sun 10.00am	C	Vocations	M Taylor & J Taylor

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Monday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time

7.00pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Wednesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time

9.00am BS Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Thursday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time

12.05pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Saints John Fisher & Thomas More**

9.00am JS Service of the Word and Holy Communion

6.30pm C Mass of thanksgiving

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Saturday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time

**The Birth of St John the Baptist – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Sat 6.00pm C Tot & Paul Nolan W Thompson & A Welsh

Sun 10.00am C Edmund & Rosanna Booth C Cowie & D Duffy

KEY: C: Church, BS: St Benet's School, JS: St Joseph's Junior School

Baptisms – Brad Dobson

Marriages

Reconciliation - See notice at back of church for times in nearby parishes

Sick – Ron Tumelty, Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, 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.

Hospital Chaplains - Please ask the Ward Sister for the on-call RC Chaplain if you want a hospital chaplain to visit one of your family in hospital. The chaplain's telephone numbers are: Durham: (0191) 333-2333, Gateshead: (0191) 482-0000 and Newcastle: (0191) 233-6161

## **THIS WEEK**

Monday 18th	CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Management Committee postponed to 26th
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	YMG – Games Night
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Father Duffy's retirement celebration
Sunday	SVP – meet second Sunday of the month at 11.00am in the Presbytery

**MASS TIMES** – There are early Masses on Sunday morning at 8.30am at St Bede's, Washington and 9.00am at St Bede's, Sacriston.

**PASTORAL CARE** – Please contact Deacon Peter for any pastoral needs. Peter will be pleased to respond to your requests or contact one of the Partnership priests for you.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – Although there is no resident priest at St Joseph's at the moment you can still make offerings for your intentions for the Masses celebrated by the visiting priest(s). Mass offerings can be given to Deacon Peter or posted in an envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER** - during the Summer months we are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY** – Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am in the Methodist Church, Station Lane.

**CAFOD** - leaflets at the back of church with reference to CAFOD's will writing service. Please take one if you are interested

**HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE** – Save the date, this year's Pilgrimage is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**FATHER TONY** – Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> June) is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father Tony's ordination – please remember Father Tony in your prayers, giving thanks for his years of service and asking God to bless him with a happy and rewarding retirement.

On Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> June) we join Father Tony, his family and friends to give thanks for his priesthood including the last thirty year service here in St Joseph's.

The celebrations will start with concelebrated Mass in Church at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be a social evening in the Parish Centre, with entertainment, a buffet supper and the opportunity to say thank you to Father Tony. **Everyone is welcome.**

If you would like to make a donation towards a gift to Father Tony please take an envelope from the back of church and place the envelope in with the collection at Mass this weekend.

**OFFERTORY** – Thanks you for last week's offertory collection

**DAY FOR LIFE** – Over this weekend the "Day for Life" will remember all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the special collection this weekend is used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person.

Collection after Mass next weekend for the SVP

**VACANCY** St Joseph's Infant School have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor – 6.25 hours per week. Please contact Susan Foster (Tel. 0191 4102324) at the school. Closing date Monday 18th June 2018 12.00 noon.

**ST BENET'S SUMMER FAYRE** - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July (12.00 – 3.00pm)  
Tickets: £1.00 (adults) & 50p (children & concessions) can be purchased from the school office.

**AUTUMN FAYRE** – this year will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to our usual stalls and will arrange a meeting to discuss any new ideas.

**ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP** - Come and join us, Thursday's during term time 9.00am – 10.30am at St Joseph's Infant School.

**PARISH CENTRE** - The Parish Centre is your place to gather together with family and friends to relax and enjoy a comfortable and safe environment.

Rooms are available for all your special occasions: christenings, birthday parties, engagements, weddings and funerals. If you wish to book the Parish Centre after a funeral on a day or time when the Centre is normally closed we will open for you.

Have a look at the web site to see what is available:

[www.birtleycatholicclub.com](http://www.birtleycatholicclub.com)

**WORLD CUP FOOTBALL IN THE PARISH CENTRE** – watch the world cup in HD on the big screen, bring along the family and enjoy the football in a great atmosphere in the company of others.

**England v Tunisia, live at 7pm on Monday (18<sup>th</sup> June)**

**PARISH BULLETIN** - If you have items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin please email to [birtleybulletin@gmail.com](mailto:birtleybulletin@gmail.com) If you do not have access to email please put any items for the bulletin in an envelope marked "Bulletin" through the letterbox in the Presbytery. Deadline each week is 5pm on Thursday.

Please keep your items brief and to the point.