

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

Easter Sunday

Sat 8.30pm – C Elphin Conroy
Sun 8.15am – C DM of Fenton Family A Blankley & P Monaghan
10.00am – C People of the Parish S Neal & K Okoji

Monday in Octave of Easter

Tuesday in Octave of Easter

7.00pm – C Edmund & Rosanna Booth

Wednesday in Octave of Easter

9.00am – C Agnes McGraham

Thursday in Octave of Easter

12.05 pm – C Denis Welsh

Friday in Octave of Easter

9.00am – C Carmel Baggon

Saturday in Octave of Easter

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sat 6.00pm – C Alex Gilfillan T McEnaney & L Cree
Sun 8.15am – C People of the Parish A Welsh & C Brennan
10.00am – C C & A Topping E Fenton & T Wilson

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

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00-12.00noon)

Please see notice at back of church for times in nearby parishes

Sick Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, 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.

Baptised Calem Leask

Deceased Elizabeth Brickley

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 2 nd	Easter break
Tuesday 3 rd	PC Management Committee – next week
Wednesday 4 th	Easter holiday
Thursday 5 th	SVP – meet second Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the Presbytery
Friday 6 th	Quiz Night in the Parish Centre

Lenten Talks – a very big thank you to the organisers and speakers who have made the series of Lenten Talks so interesting and challenging. Thank you to those who attended in such good numbers.

Holy week and Easter – thank you to everyone who helped make the celebrations so prayerful and uplifting.

BENEDICT PARTNERSHP

St Joseph's Parish is part of the Benedict Partnership which includes St Bede's Sacriston, St Cuthbert's Chester-le-Street, St Mary's Easington Lane, St Michael's Houghton and the Parish of St Pope John XIII, which includes Our Lady's, St Bede's, and St John Boste in Washington and Our Lady's Penshaw.

Partnership Development Group

A team of the clergy and lay people representing the nine churches in the partnership have been meeting as the Partnership Development Group (PDG). It is intended to produce a newsletter to keep everyone informed of plans, opportunities and progress in the programme of working closer together as a partnership of churches and parishes. The first edition should be available soon.

Partnership Walk

Following the success of the Partnership Walk that was organised in November another walk is being organised for the early May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May. More details will follow but put the date in your diary now if you are interested.

PARISH BULLETIN.

We are looking to assemble a team of people who are willing to be on a rota to produce the parish bulletin – if you can help please give your name to Mick Davison (4106823) or Deacon Peter.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – The next meeting is on Sunday 8th April at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE – The next meeting is on Sunday 22nd April at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

OFFERTORY - Many thanks for last week's collection.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – Boxes of envelopes for those in the Gift Aid scheme are available for collection at the back of church. If your box is missing, if you have changed your address or no longer pay tax, please contact the Gift Aid Organiser, Lucy Rutherford, on 0191-410-0507.

CONFIRMATIONS – When Bishop Seamus came to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish one of the candidates, Nikola Barowska was away in Poland attending a family funeral. Bishop Seamus has given Father Tony permission to confirm Nikola and she will be confirmed at the 10.00am Mass next Sunday (8th April). Please prayer for Nikola and come along next Sunday to show your support for her.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN – We will begin a training course for new servers on Sunday 15th April if you want to become an altar server please give your name to Mick Davison (4106813) or Deacon Peter,

2018 WEDDINGS – Please prayer for our engaged couple who plan to marry during this year – please see the poster at the back of church.

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is your Centre 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

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

The Parish Centre is open all day (12 noon – 11.00pm) on Easter Monday, why not bring the family to enjoy the Bank Holiday in the Parish Centre.

Parish Centre Fridays – Why not start the weekend by socialising with family and friends in the Parish Centre?

Quiz night – This Friday 6th April, 8.00pm bring your friends, come early to make sure you get a seat. £1.00 per person to enter with all entry monies paid out in prizes,

Gin night - Second Friday of the month

Prosecco night - Third Friday of the month

Bingo – Saturday and Sunday evening at 9.00pm

Social night in aid of CAFOD - Friday 27th April – fantastic live band “Second Wind” – Tickets £5 (available from Kevin Haigh and Jim Tumelty)

Management Committee – Tuesday 10th April 7.45pm