

# 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

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C				
Sat				
1	St Bede Washington	17.00	Nicky Hodgson	<b>Reconciliation</b> 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
Dec	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Sun	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Deceased Families (VF)	
2	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Stan Gorman	
Dec	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Edith & Bernard Gordon	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Norah & Owen Haggan	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Eric Moran	
Mon	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Baptisms</b>
3	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Emma Arnott
Dec	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Deceased</b>
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
Tue	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Marriage</b>
4	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Please pray for:</b> Fr Martin Wheaton, Bob Fish, Catherine Mullen, 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.
Dec	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Ian Bonnar</b>	
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Deceased members Legion of Mary	
Wed	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Frank Garraghan</b>	
5	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
Dec	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Joe Wallace and Family	
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
Thu	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
6	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	William & Rosa Burke	
Dec	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>Marie Grady</b>	
Fri	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Special Intention (MH)</b>	
7	St Bede Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
Dec	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Brian Stephenson & granddaughter Jessica	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
Sat	Queen of Peace Penshaw	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Hospital Chaplains</b> 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
8	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
Dec	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	David Carrott	
	St John Boste Washington	10.00	Word & Holy Communion	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent – Year C				
Vigil	St Bede Washington	17.00	Vincent Johnson	
Sat	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sun	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our parish family	
9	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Frank Green	
Dec	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Vincent & Florence Woodhouse	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Hogan, Barret &amp; Hattam Families</b>	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Sheila Audrey Johnson & daughter Mandy	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Liz Ward	

## **SEASON OF ADVENT**

As we begin the new year of the church the readings are from Cycle Year C.

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.

## **HOLY HOUR**

This Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> December) at 3.00pm. An opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

## **JESSE TREE**

The Jesses will be decorated by our school children at a service in church on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. Everyone is welcome.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Tuesday evening from 7.45 till 9.00pm in the Parish Centre.** Everyone is welcome to come along to these meetings. This is a wonderful for everyone to deepen their own understanding of the Catholic Faith and to accompany those who are searching and enquiring about Faith. The theme this week is **“The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me – the New Testament”** Contact Deacon Peter for further information.

## **RED BOXES**

The 2019 Mission Today calendars are at the back of the church for boxholders to take. The next box emptying will be in the parish centre after 10am mass this Sunday (2nd December).

## **COMMUNITY RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets. The amount raised and a list of winners will be available next weekend,

## **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.

## **OFFERTORY**

Thank you for last week's collection.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday** Holy Hour 3.00pm

**Monday** CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.45pm in Parish Centre

**Wednesday** YMG - £1 gift.

Christmas dinner money due

**Thursday** Jesse Tree 9.45am

**Friday** PM Club Meet as usual

## **READERS**

New rotas are available at the back of church

## **PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY**

Monday morning at 9.30 in St John's.

## **NEW PIETY STALL**

The new piety stall at the back of church should be open this weekend. See Margaret Lee.

## **SVP**

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

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

Next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> December) in the Parish Centre 8.00pm. Entry only £1 – all paid out in prize money. Bring your friends for a great night out, come early to grab a seat.

## **FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Birtley Catholic Club have a Christmas Party organised for 22nd December 12-3pm, everyone welcome and tickets are available at the Bar. Children can meet Santa in his grotto and receive a small gift, crafts, carols and all things Christmas. 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. 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.

Look at the web site to see what is available:

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## **PARISH BULLETIN**

If you have items to include in the Bulletin please email [birtleybulletin@gmail.com](mailto: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.