

# St Joseph's R.C. Parish Birtley

## Part of the Benedict Partnership of Parishes

*Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Easington Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, Penshaw, Sacriston, Washington*

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

20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B					
Sat 18 Aug	St Bede Washington	17.00	Harry Cowan, Hannah & Michael Vincent	<b><u>Reconciliation</u></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	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>		
Sun 19 Aug	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Parish Family		
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	John O'Brien		
Aug	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Ella Davison & Cruddas Family		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Vocations</b>		
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Margaret & Edward Clark		
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Special Intention (AOH)		
Mon 20 Aug	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Those sick &amp; housebound</b>		<b><u>Baptisms</u></b>
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion		
Tue 21 Aug	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b><u>Deceased</u></b>  <b><u>Weddings</u></b>  <b>Please pray for:</b> Terry O'Brien, Elizabeth Donnelly, John McNulty, 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.	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Joan Barrett		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>John Lucas</b>		
Wed 22 Aug	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Justice &amp; Peace</b>		
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion		
Thu 23 Aug	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Priest's Intention		
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion		
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Ella McNeill		
Fri 24 Aug	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Cath Beavers		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Those seeking asylum</b>		
	St Bede Washington	09.05	In honour of Our Blessed Lady		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Priest's Intention		
Sat 25 Aug	Our Lady's Washington	13.00	Funeral Service Anthony Crawley		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion		
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	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion		
Aug	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Pat & Maria Keegan	<b><u>Hospital Chaplains</u></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	
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Vigil Sat	St Bede Washington	17.00	Vincent Johnson		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>		
Sun 26 Aug	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Parish Family		
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Marion & Bob Slavin & Cleo		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Jamie Ferguson		
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for Marriage &amp; Family Life</b>		
Aug	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Helen & Isobel Muir		
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Our Parish Family		



**175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
**18<sup>th</sup> August 1843 - 2018**

**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with the pastoral care of the dying and the bereaved in our parish? Starting in September a five part course meeting fortnightly – if you would be interested please telephone and leave a message for Fr Mark 0191-416-3583. We need a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 for the course to be effective.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Because we didn't have regular weekday Masses for more than two months, we seem to have got out of the habit of requesting Mass intentions. Now that we have more regular weekday Masses there are more opportunities for requesting Mass intentions.

**WEEKLY HOUSE MASSES**

As far as possible the House Mass host will invite parishioners from their own locality. Attendance is by invitation of the host as he/she knows how many can be accommodated in their space. We recommend there be no lavish refreshments, if at all, only tea/coffee & a biscuit.

**MONTHLY ANNOINTING MASS**

Initially this will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 12.05pm. Will those with cars kindly offer your sick and housebound neighbours a lift.

**CAFOD HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE**

On Sat 1st September, please note the starting time has been brought forward to 9.15am prompt..

**ST JOSEPH'S SVP**

The next meeting will be held in the Presbytery, Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> September after 10.00am Mass.

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY**

Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the Methodist Church.

**CAFOD RETREAT**

At Ministeracres, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 4.00pm  
'Countering Consumerism'  
Book directly at [cafod.org.uk/retreat](http://cafod.org.uk/retreat)

**OFFERTORY**

Thank you for last week's collection. Special collection next weekend for Let the Children Live.

**AUTUMN FAYRE**

This year will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**INDUCTION OF FR MARK AS PARISH PRIEST**

As you know Bishop Seamus has asked Father Mark Millward, Fr Jim O'Keefe and Fr Paul to take pastoral responsibility for St Joseph's Parish alongside the Parish of John XXIII (Washington & Penshaw). On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm there will be a Mass during which Fr Mark will be inducted as the Parish Priest of St Joseph's Birtley.

Please put the date in your diary and come along to join our brothers and sisters from across the partnership to welcome Fr Mark as parish priest. Fr Mark will continue to live in Penshaw, Fr Jim will be in St Bede's Washington and Fr Paull will reside in the Presbytery here in Birtley.

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

There will be a Day of Reflection for all the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Partnership on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September in St Robert's School, Washington. Please put the date in your diary.

**SINGERS AND MUSICIANS**

Our Partnership have organised a workshop for anyone involved in the Music Ministry, or anyone who would like to be involved. The workshop will be led by inspiring church musician Jo Boyce at the Emmaus Youth Village on Friday and Saturday 16/17<sup>th</sup> November. Put the date in your diary. More details and booking forms available soon.

**MINISTERACRES RETREAT**

The partnership have been invited by St Michaels, Houghton to join them in a weekend retreat at Ministeracres, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September. All ages & families welcome. Please contact Mrs Edna Harrison for more details/bookings 0191-6822541 or Ministeracres directly on 0143-4673248.

**PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER**

Available at the back of church or online at [www.rcdhn.org.uk/partnerships/ptnsharing.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/partnerships/ptnsharing.php)

**PARISH CENTRE**

The Parish Centre is your place to gather together with family & friends to relax & enjoy yourselves in a comfortable & safe environment. Rooms are available for all your special occasions: christenings, birthday parties, engagements, weddings & 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: [www.birtleycatholicclub.com](http://www.birtleycatholicclub.com)

**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 for the bulletin 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.