

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B					
Sat 25 Aug	St Bede Washington	17.00	Vincent Johnson	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	People of the Parish		
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		
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	Thanksgiving for Marriage & Family Life		
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Helen & Isobel Muir		
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Our Parish Family		
Mon 27 Aug	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	Baptisms	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Deceased John McNulty	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	J & L		
Tue 28 Aug	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Please pray for: 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, James Ruddick, Doris Hunter, Mary Elston, 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.	
	Our Lady's Washington	Noon	Anthony Crawley RIP		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion		
	St Joseph Birtley	19.00	James & Norah Wakefield		
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Eileen Grant		
Wed 29 Aug	St Joseph Birtley	09.00	Holy Souls		
	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		
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Priest's Intention		
Thu 30 Aug	St Bede Washington	09.05	No Service		
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	No Service		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.45	Requiem – Ken Richardson		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	No Service		
	St Joseph Birtley	13.30	Requiem – John McNulty		
	St Joseph Birtley	19.00	Induction of Father Mark		
Fri 31 Aug	St Joseph Birtley	09.00	Sick & Housebound		
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Kevin Morris		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion		
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Joan Barrett		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion		
Sat 1 Sep	Queen of Peace Penshaw	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	Hospital Chaplains	
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion		
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	In Thanksgiving	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	
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B					
Vigil Sat	St Bede Washington	17.00	Marion Prudhoe		
	St Joseph Birtley	18.00	Smith & Longstaff Families		
Sun 2 Sep	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Parish Family		
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Patryk Miozga		
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Paul Lyons		
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	People of the Parish		
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Kathleen Hew		
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Paul Bottoms, David & Catherine Kelly		

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 1st 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 2nd September after 10.00am Mass.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY

Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the Methodist Church.

CAFOD RETREAT

At Ministeracres, Nov 17th 10.00am – 4.00pm
'Countering Consumerism'
Book directly at cafod.org.uk/retreat

OFFERTORY

Thank you for last week's collection. Special collection next weekend for the flood relief efforts in the Kerala District of India.

AUTUMN FAYRE

This year will be on Saturday 6th October 1.00pm. We hope everyone is collecting items for the Fayre. We would welcome unwanted gifts, childrens toys, fancy goods, bric a brac, cuddly toys, dvds, books, costume jewellery etc. There will also be a cake and homemade preserves stall. For collection of items of bric a brac please ring Monica on 4109007.

RED MISSION BOXES

Next collection at the beginning of October. Autumn edition of the Misso Magazine is at the back of church

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

The exhibition of photographs will remain in the entrance of the Parish Centre for another week. There are copies of Abbott Geoffrey's wonderful homily at the Anniversary Mass at the back of church

PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Available at the back of church or online at www.rcdhn.org.uk/partnerships/ptnsharing.php

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). This Thursday (30th 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 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 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 29th 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 16/17th 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, 7th-9th September. All ages & families welcome. Please contact Mrs Edna Harrison for more details/bookings 0191-6822541 or Ministeracres directly on 0143-4673248.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY

In the Parish Centre on Thursday 6th September, admission £5.00. Music provided by the Mississippi Dreamboats – Trad Jazz at its best.

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

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 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.