

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

The Birth of St John the Baptist – 24th June

Sat 6.00pm	C	Tot & Paul Nolan	W Thompson & A Welsh
Sun 10.00am	C	Edmund & Rosanna Booth	C Cowie & D Duffy

Monday 25th June – Monday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 26th June - Tuesday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

7.00pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th June - Wednesday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

9.00am BS Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 28th June - Thursday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

12.05pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 29th June – Saints Peter & Paul *Holy Day of Obligation*

9.00am JS Service of the Word and Holy Communion

7.00pm C Feast Day Mass – Laurie Falloon

Saturday 30th June - Saturday of Week 12 in Ordinary Time

30th June/ 1st July - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6.00pm	C	Susan Towns	A Blankley & P Monaghan
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Sun 10.00am	C	Terry Cantwell	E Fenton & S Neale
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KEY: C: Church, BS: St Benet's School, JS: St Joseph's Junior School

Baptisms –

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 25 th	CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre
Tuesday 26 th	Finance Meeting of Committee
Wednesday 27 th	YMG – Birthday Celebrations at The Engine Room. Please meet at 7.30pm
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 1st September.

FR PAUL HOPPER - Bishop Seamus has appointed Father Paul Hopper to the Benedict Partnership. Father Paul will reside in the Presbytery in Birtley and will serve the Partnership as a whole. Father Mark Millward is the Dean and Parish Priest of the Partnership and Fr Paul will assist him, along with the other priests, deacons and many committed lay people, to serve the worshipping communities in this area.

Fr Paul will arrive in Birtley on Saturday 30th September and celebrate the Masses in St Joseph's that weekend.

BENEDICT PARTNERSHIP MASS The group of parishes to which we belong is named the Partnership of St Benedict in recognition of the Benedictine priests who served Birtley and the surrounding parishes after the Reformation. A Mass for all the parishes in our partnership will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday 11th July, the Feast of St Benedict at St Michael's Houghton-le-Spring. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre after Mass and all are welcome.

OFFERTORY – Thanks you for last week's offertory collection

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Collection after Mass this weekend for the SVP. Collection for Peter's Pence 30th June/1st July. Thank you from the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society (Xavierian Missionaries) for collection of £875.32

ST JOSEPH'S INFANT SCHOOL FAYRE - Tuesday 10th July 1.30pm in the school yard weather permitting. If anyone would like to donate a prize for our raffle or have something we could sell we would be very grateful.

ST BENET'S SUMMER FAYRE - Sunday 1st 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 6th 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

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 Panama Sunday 24th 1pm

England v Belgium Thursday 28th 7pm

PARISH BULLETIN - If you have items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin please email to 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.