

# 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

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Sat 24	<b>Feast of Christ the King – Year B</b>			
Nov	St Bede Washington	17.00	Intentions of Fr Sean Hall	<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
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sun 25	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Parish Family	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
Nov	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Betty Slowther	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Barry Ainger	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Youth of the Parish	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Billy Emmerson	
Mon 26	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Baptisms</b>
Nov	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Deceased</b> Susan Capes & Lesley Tyers
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Eith & Bernard Gordon	
Tue 27	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Marriage</b>
Nov	Our Lady's Washington	12.00	James & Elizabeth Beadle George & Theresa Dawson	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Please pray for:</b> 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.
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Louis Connolly	
Wed 28	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Nov	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Funeral Service: Susan Capes</b>	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Cecilia McCusker	
Thu 29	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	Please pray for: 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.
Nov	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Tom McGee	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Claire & Redmond Shaw	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Fri 30	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	Please pray for: 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.
Nov	St Bede Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Special Intention (ST)	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
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Sat 1	St Bede Washington	09.05	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
Dec	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Marian Simpson	
	St John Boste Washington	10.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – Year C</b>			
Vigil Sat	St Bede Washington	17.00	Nicky Hodgson	In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>	
Sun 2	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Deceased Families (VF)	
Dec	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Stan Gorman	
	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	

## **YOUTH SUNDAY**

This weekend as well as celebrating the Feast of Christ the King we celebrate Youth Sunday, an opportunity for the whole parish community to celebrate the talents, faith and friendship of our young people as they celebrate their faith with **JOY**.

Our young people will play a special role in the celebration of our Masses this weekend and read a Pastoral letter from Bishop Seamus.

There will be a collection at the end of Mass for the Youth Ministry Trust, to support the fantastic work that is done by YMT in reaching out to young people across the diocese. Please be generous in supporting this wonderful and important work.

## **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 rumour of the Spirit of God – the Old 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 on Sunday the 2nd December 2018.

## **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

## **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.

## **CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

The collection remains open for private donations until the end of the month. There are envelopes at the back of church

## **THIS WEEK**

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

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.45pm in Parish Centre

**Wednesday** Talk by Claire the Chiroprapist meet at 8.00pm

**Friday** PM Club Meet as usual

## **OFFERTORY PROCESSIONS**

New rotas are being drawn up for 2019, merging our three former Mass rotas into two. New participants are always welcome. To include your name in the rotas please contact Moira Baggott, for vigil Mass, on 07539 804507 or Dorothy Cordon for 10.00am Mass on 4102897.

## **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 .

## **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

If you would like to serve on the altar we will soon begin our next training programme. If you are in year 5 or above, no upper age limit and adults would be very welcome, please give your name to Mick Davison or Deacon Peter.

## **ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH CLUB**

For children aged 7-11, a range of fun activities in the Youth Wing every Monday 6.30pm – 8.00pm all for only 50p. Contact Chris Cowie 07411438787 or Birtley St Joseph's Youth Club on facebook.

## **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:  
[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 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.