

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

25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B				
Sat 22	St Bede Washington	17.00	Tommy & Joan Moran	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
Sep	St Joseph Birtley	18.00	Joe & Margaret Peachy	
Sun	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our Parish Family	
23	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Dianna Purvis RIP	
Sep	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Joseph & Henrietta Anderson	
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	Ray Stafford	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Denis Wright	Baptisms
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Charles McGivern & Family	
Mon 24	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
Sep	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Nellie & Joe Guthrie & Family	
Tue 25	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	Deceased
Sep	Our Lady's Washington	12.00	Andrea Kane	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St Joseph Birtley	19.00	Gerard Jackson	
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Patricia Allon	
Wed 26	St Joseph Birtley	09.00	Edmund & Rosanna Booth	
Sep	St Bede Washington	09.05	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, 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	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Cath & Ron Joy	
Thu 27	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
Sep	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	SVP Intentions	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Seanie Glynn	
	St Joseph Birtley	12.05	Holy Souls	
Fri 28	St Joseph Birtley	09.00	Our Parish Schools	
Sep	St Bede Washington	09.05	Joan Barrett (HLT)	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Priest's Intentions	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
Sat 29	Queen of Peace Penshaw	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	Hospital Chaplains 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
Sep	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	John Lucas	
	St John Boste Washington	10.00	Priest's Intention	
26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B				
Vigil	St Bede Washington	17.00	Stephen Bottoms	In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
Sat	St Joseph Birtley	18.00	Julia Grant	
Sun 30	St Bede Washington	08.30	Louise Fonde	
Sep	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Intentions of Rose & Keith Irwin	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Anne Marie	
	St Joseph Birtley	10.00	People of the Parish	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Oswald Shannon	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Jack & Ann Smith & Family	

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

All Eucharistic Ministers made a commitment to attend a Day of Recollection when they were recommissioned on the Feast of Corpus Christi. There is a Day of Reflection for all Ministers of Communion in the Benedict Partnership on Saturday 29th September in St Robert's School, Washington. Details are on the leaflets and lists at the back of church. Last chance this weekend to put your name on the lists.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Each year our parish extends an invitation for adults to enrol on a Journey of Faith to learn more about our Catholic Faith. An information evening will be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.45pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre when we will provide more details, answer any questions and make convenient arrangements for this informative and enjoyable Journey of Faith, which will begin in mid October and finish around Easter. Please contact Deacon Peter for further information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All year 4 children in our Parish Schools have been invited to enrol on the Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion. If any parents have children in non-parish schools they should contact Deacon Peter as soon as possible.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY

Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the Methodist Church.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday October 5th. This time about Longora, a mother who lives in Uganda and the conditions she is living in.

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.

OFFERTORY

Thank you for last week's collection. There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the SVP

RED MISSION BOXES

Autumn edition of the Misso Magazine is at the back of church

POPPY APPEAL

Well done everyone the target has been reached. Thank you for your support. Poppies will continue to be collected until 21st October so you can wind down your efforts. Please remember the 50 days of prayer for peace

SVP

Next meeting will be on Sunday 14th October in the Presbytery following 10.00am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Monday CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre
Wednesday YMG Meet at 8pm for a jewellery and scarf sale
Friday PM Club Meet as usual

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019

If your child will have reached their 4th birthday by 31 August 2019 they will be eligible to start school in September 2019. St Joseph's Infant School are holding an open day on Friday 28th September 9.30-10.30 or 1.30-2.30. Please bring your child along to see the fantastic facilities that the school has to offer.

CANONISATION OF OSCAR ROMERO

To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13th October at 11.00am in St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while saying Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle, was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS EVENING

St Joseph's SVP are holding a dementia friends evening in the Parish Centre on Tuesday October 30th at 7.45pm (after 7pm Mass). This will be an interactive session to learn how dementia affects a person and what we can do to make difference. All are welcome.

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.

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.