

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat 6.00pm – C	Alex Gilfillan	T McEnaney & L Cree
Sun 8.15am – C	People of the Parish	A Welsh & C Brennan
10.00am – C	C & A Topping	E Fenton & T Wilson

Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Eastertide

7.00pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Eastertide

9.00am – C Service of the Word and Communion

Thursday of the 2nd Week in Eastertide

12.05 pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Friday of the 2nd Week in Eastertide

9.00am – C Service of the Word and Communion

Saturday of the 2nd Week in Eastertide

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat 6.00pm – C	Susan Towns	T Quigley & J Mulcahy
Sun 8.15am – C	Denis Welsh	W Thompson & A Blanckley
10.00am – C	People of the Parish	J Sexton & S Neale

KEY: C: Church BS: St Benet's School JS: St Joseph's Junior School

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00-12.00noon)

Please see notice at back of church for times in nearby parishes

Sick Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, Paul Younger, 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.

Baptised

Deceased Eleanor Armstrong

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 9 th	CWG - Easter break
Tuesday 10 th	Parish Centre Management Committee
Wednesday 11 th	YMG - Easter holiday
Thursday 12 th	SVP – meet second Thursday of the month, this Thursday, at 8.00pm in the Presbytery
Friday 13 th	Gin Night in the Parish Centre

Father Tony is on holiday this week, there will be no Masses during the week but there will be services of the Word and Communion at the usual times.

EASTERTIDE

Cycle of Prayer – During Eastertide we are asked to pray for new members of the Church, Vocations. The right use of the media, the church and human work.

Divine Mercy Sunday – this Sunday (9th April) we are invited to reflect on the forgiveness of our sins and God's infinite mercy.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – next meeting this Sunday 8th April at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE – The next meeting is on Sunday 22nd April at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

OFFERTORY - Many thanks for last week's collection.

There will be a Special Collection after all Masses this weekend for **Sick and Retired Priests** in our Diocese.

There will be an appeal and special collection at all Masses next weekend on behalf of the **Xaverian Missions**.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – Boxes of envelopes are available for collection at the back of church.

BENEDICT PARTNERSHP

St Joseph's Parish is part of the Benedict Partnership which includes St Bede's Sacriston, St Cuthbert's Chester-le-Street, St Mary's Easington Lane, St Michael's Houghton and the Parish of St Pope John XIII, which includes Our Lady's, St Bede's, and St John Boste in Washington and Our Lady's Penshaw.

Partnership Development Group

A team of the clergy and lay people representing the nine churches in the partnership have been meeting as the Partnership Development Group (PDG). It is intended to produce a newsletter to keep everyone informed of plans, opportunities and progress in the programme of working closer together as a partnership. The first edition will be available next weekend.

Partnership Walk

Following the success of the Partnership Walk that was organised in November another walk is being organised for the early May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May. More details will follow but put the date in your diary now if you are interested.

PARISH BULLETIN.

We are looking to assemble a team of people who are willing to be on a rota to produce the parish bulletin – if you can help please give your name to Mick Davison (4106823) or Deacon Peter.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN – We will begin a training course for new servers on Sunday 15th April if you want to become an altar server please give your name to Mick Davison (4106813) or Deacon Peter,

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018 – Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. Activities for everyone, adults, families, young people and children. Full details and booking forms in the leaflets at the back of church.

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

Parish Centre Fridays – Why not start the weekend by socialising with family and friends in the Parish Centre?

Quiz night – First Friday of the month,

Gin night – This Friday (13th April) come along with family and friends and sample the fine range of premium gins available, at the special offer of £5 for a double including Fever Tree Tonic.

Prosecco night - Third Friday of the month

Bingo – Saturday and Sunday evening at 9.00pm

Grand Envelope Raffle in aid of the Lourdes Youth Sponsorship, Let the Children Live and CAFOD.

Three great prizes: 3 course meal for 4 people including 2 bottles of wine in Harry's Restaurant, Grey Street, Newcastle; 4 premium tickets for Newcastle Falcons v Wasps; 3 course meal for 4 people including 2 bottles of wine in San Lorenzo Restaurant, Washington. Envelope Tickets £5 each available next weekend.

Social night in aid of CAFOD - Friday 27th April – fantastic live band "Second Wind" – Tickets £5 (available from Kevin Haigh and Jim Tumelty)

Management Committee meets Tuesday 10th April 7.45pm