

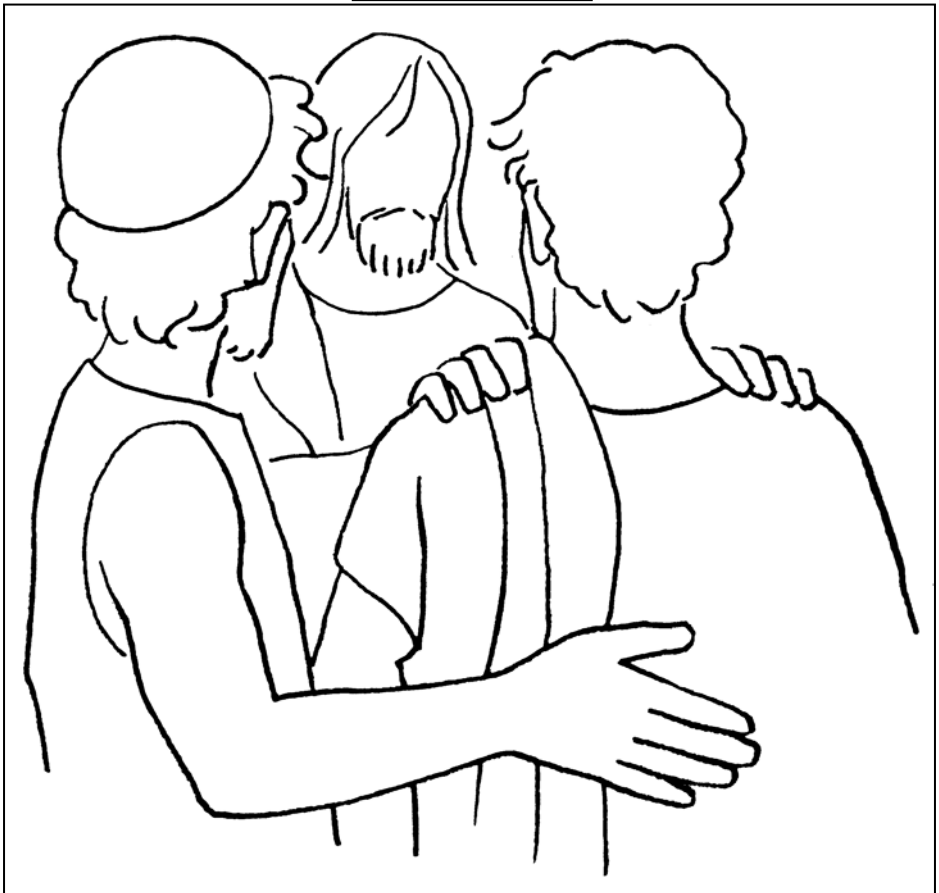
*ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY*

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*NEWSLETTER - SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B*

*14 JANUARY 2017*

MON	15 Jan	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	16 Jan	CMS	
WED	17 Jan	YMG	
THU	18 Jan	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.
FRI	02 Feb	QUIZ	8.00 pm, <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> of every month.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. Next week there will be a special collection for the SOCIETY OF THE UNBORN CHILD.

CYCLE OF PRAYER Leading up to Lent we are asked to pray for Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, The Sick and their Carers, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it and, finally, the Unemployed.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Next meeting: 7.00 pm on 21 January.

CHRISTIAN UNITY A day of prayer will be celebrated in each of the Christian churches in Birtley on Wednesday 24 January: 8.00 am in St John's, 12 noon in the Methodist church, 3.00 pm in St Joseph's and 7.00 pm in the Community church on Edward Road. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served at each venue.

AFTERNOON TEA will be served in the parish centre at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27 January 2018. There will be a variety of sandwiches, cakes, cream scones etc. Call or text 0779 024 7214 to book your place.

QUIZ On the **first Friday of every month** to be held in the Parish Centre. Entry is £1 per person and all entry fees will be paid out in prize money. Bring your friends and have a grand night. Next quiz on Friday 02 February. (See note above which will be a permanent insert in this newsletter from now on.)

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 12 February 2018, at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

LOURDES The Lourdes Youth Group invite you to their Annual Afternoon Tea in the parish centre from 3.00 until 5.00 pm on Sunday 04 March. Tickets cost £3.50 and can be obtained from Hannah Bartlett, Christine Johnson and Margaret Taylor. Any contributions for a tombola and raffle will be gratefully received.

CONFIRMATIONS These will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

**ADOREMUS** This is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress to be held in Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday 08 September 2018. It will include Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. Each parish has been allocated two tickets and St Benedict's Partnership will pay for the entry tickets and for transport. Contact Deacon Peter for further information.

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** There are a number of booklets at the back of church and in the entrance to the parish centre which set out Pope Francis's thoughts on our role as disciples. Please feel free to take them home to read but return them for others.

**PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP** Mick Davison has been elected as the lay chair of the group and so there is now a vacancy on the group for a parish representative. If anyone is interested in the role then speak to Mick Davison for more information.

**CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS** When changes to admissions arrangements are intended all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation for each of our parish schools for 2019-20 is available on their web sites:

**[st-benets.durham.sch.uk](http://st-benets.durham.sch.uk)**  
**[birtleysyjosephsjuniors.org](http://birtleysyjosephsjuniors.org)**  
**[stjosephsinfantschool.org](http://stjosephsinfantschool.org)**

The consultation will run from Monday 04 December 2017 until Monday 22 January 2018. A consultation response form is available by request from each school and the governing bodies will consider all comments before they determine the arrangements for 2019-20.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS** On sale at the back of church; price £3.00. A valuable source of information about our diocese and its parishes.

**BIDDING PRAYERS** The new rota is at the back of church.

**COFFEE MORNINGS** The new rota is at the back of church.

**WEEKDAY READINGS** These are from Year 2.

## MASS TIMES & FEAST DAYS

C - Church, BS - St Benet's School, IS - St Joseph's Infant School, JS - St Joseph's School, PC - Parish Centre, P - Presbytery, SC - Saltwell Crematorium

SAT	St Hilary 2nd Sunday of the Year 6.00 pm - C	Ray Neal	T. Quigley, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	John McLeman Catherine & Alexander Topping	A. Welsh, C. Brennan L. Cree, J. Sexton
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Jean Hunter	
WED	St Anthony of Egypt 9.00 am - BS	Veronica Walker	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Fred Farrer	
FRI	St Wulstan 9.00 am - JS	Sr Veronica	
SAT	St Sebastian 3rd Sunday of the Year 6.00 pm - C	People of the Parish	P. Pestell, S. Neal
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	DM Cody Family Christopher Turnbull	A. Blankley, P. Monaghan P. Lavery, T. Wilson

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00 am - 12 noon). Please see notice at the back of church for **revised** times in nearby parishes.

Sick Margaret Bradley, Dennis Welsh, 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.

Baptisms

Marriages

Deceased

Hospital Chaplains Please ask the Ward Sister for the ON-CALL Roman Catholic Chaplain if you want a visit for one of your family in hospital. The chaplains' new telephone numbers are:

Durham 0191 333 2333, Gateshead 0191 482 0000 Newcastle 0191 233 6161