

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

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sat 6.00pm	C	Susan Towns	A Blanckley & P Monaghan
Sun 10.00am	C	Terry Cantwell	E Fenton & S Neale

Monday 2nd July – Monday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle

7.00pm C Edmund & Rosanna Booth

Wednesday 4th July - Wednesday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 5th July - Thursday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time

10.00am C Parish Schools Mass to celebrate Fr Tony's retirement

Friday 6th July – Friday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th July - Saturday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time

8th / 9th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6.00pm C Bill McKenna P Pestell & J Mulcahy

Sun 10.00am C Harriet & John Hogan B Jaques & K Okoji

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

Deaths – Ron Tumelty

Baptisms – Autumn Carlton

Marriages

Reconciliation - See notice at back of church for times in nearby parishes

Sick –John McNulty, 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 2nd CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre
Wednesday 4th Parish Centre Management Committee 7.30pm
YMG - Business Meeting & Bingo
Sunday 8th SVP – meet second Sunday of the month (next
Sunday 8th) at 11.00am in the Presbytery
Meeting of pastoral Council 7.00pm

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.

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.

RED MISSION BOXES – The next collection will be in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass on Sunday 7th July.

AUTUMN FAYRE MEETING – this year will be on Saturday 6th October. There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm on Monday 16th July. We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to help with the Fayre in anyway. New ideas always welcome.

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.

We welcome Fr Paul who arrives in Birtley this weekend. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

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.

All singers and musicians from all the parishes in the partnership are invited to participate in the music at this Mass. There will be a practice at St Michael's on Wednesday 11th July at 5.30pm. Please come and join in, even if you can't make the practice. Please let Bernadette Davison (bernadette@davison@gmail.com) know if you intend joining the music group.

OFFERTORY – Thanks you for last week's offertory collection

SEA SUNDAY – NEXT Sunday the Church prays for all those who work at sea. There will be a special collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the church's Maritime Agency.. it supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Please be generous and keep seafarers in your prayers.

ST BENET'S SUMMER FAYRE - This Sunday 1st July (12.00 – 3.00pm) Tickets: £1.00 (adults) & 50p (children & concessions).

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 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 Columbia Tuesday 3rd 7.00pm

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 6th July, 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. £1 entry per person – bring your friends for a great night out. Come early to get a seat. Good fund and prizes too.

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.