

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

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**MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

Sat 6.00pm – C	Susan Towns	T Quigley & J Mulcahy
Sun 8.15am – C	Dennis Welsh	W Thompson & A Blankley
10.00am – C	People of the Parish	D Tweedy & S Tweedy

**Monday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

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7.00pm – C Tom McKenna

**Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

9.00am – BS Holy Souls

**Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

12.05 pm – C Joan Callaghan

**Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Eastertide**

9.00am – JS John, Betty & Herbie Comerford

**Saturday – St Anselm of Canterbury**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

Sat 6.00pm – C	Joseph & Mary Finnigan	S Neale & B Bailes
Sun 8.15am – C	People of the Parish	P Monaghan & A Welsh
10.00am – C	DM of the CWL	B Jaques J Sexton

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

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 16<sup>th</sup> CWG – Meet as usual in Parish Centre  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> YMG – Meeting as usual  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> SVP – meet second Thursday of the month  
at 8.00pm in the Presbytery  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Prosecco Night in the Parish Centre

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, an opportunity for everyone to reflect upon on their own unique calling to discipleship and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** – next meeting Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the items discussed at the last meeting are all included in the bulletin. Date for your diary: Pastoral Council AGM Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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

**OFFERTORY** - Many thanks for last week's collection. There will be a special collection after all Masses next weekend for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**MISSION APPEAL** – we welcome Father Archie Casey who will make an appeal at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the Xaverian Missions.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – nine candidates from the programme will be baptised / confirmed and received into Full Communion during Mass in church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April (6.30pm). Please put the time and date in your diary and come along to welcome this group into our parish family.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** - Bishop Seamus invites everyone to join him in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May to give thank for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by two couples, young or old, newly-wed or celebrating a significant anniversary. For more information or transport see poster at back of church or contact Deacon Peter.

### **BENEDICT PARTNERSHP**

**Partnership Newsletter** - The first edition of a newsletter to keep everyone informed of progress of working closer together as a partnership is available at the back of church.

**Partnership Walk** - Following the success of the Partnership Walk that was organised in November there will be another walk on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the early May Bank Holiday. More details will follow but put the date in your diary now if you are interested.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** – Many thanks for the brilliant amount of £1,753.25 donated for CAFOD

**PARISH BULLETIN** - We are looking to assemble a team of people who are willing to be on a rota to produce the parish bulletin. The task takes little more than an hour each week and requires only basic word processing skills, “many hands make light work” – if you can help please give your name to Mick Davison (4106823) or Deacon Peter, or come along to the Presbytery at 10.00am next Saturday (21<sup>st</sup>) to see what is involved.

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GUILD OF STEPHEN** – Practice for new altar servers after 10.00am Mass on Sunday.

## **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](http://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** – Second Friday of the month.

**Prosecco night** - Third Friday of the month – next Friday

**Bingo** – Saturday and Sunday evening at 9.00pm

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

Four great prizes: 3 course meal for 4 people including 2 bottles of wine in Harry's Restaurant, Grey Street, Newcastle; two prizes of 4 tickets for Newcastle Falcons v Wasps (5<sup>th</sup> May); 3 course meal for 4 people including 2 bottles of wine in San Lorenzo Restaurant, Washington. Envelope Tickets £5 each.

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

**Management Committee** – finance meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm, next full meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.