

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

(Part of the St Benedict Partnership of Parishes)

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NEWSLETTER - THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR B

21 JANUARY 2017



MON	22 Jan	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	23 Jan	CMS	
WED	24 Jan	YMG	Cheese and Wine.
THU	25 Jan	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.
FRI	02 Feb	PARISH CENTRE	FIRST FRIDAY of every month, 8.00 pm Quiz. £1 per person.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This weekend there is a special collection for the SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD. Next week there will be a special collection for RACIAL JUSTICE. It is also a day of special prayer for those who experience unjust discrimination or who are marginalised because of their ethnicity - in particular those who do not feel part of society.

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 today, 21 January.

CONFIRMATIONS The next meeting will be at 5.30 pm today, Sunday 21 January, in the parish centre. Please bring your baptismal candles and a photograph of yourself as a baby.

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 (breakfast), 12 noon in the Methodist church (lunch), 3.00 pm in St Joseph's (tea) and 7.00 pm in the Community church (supper) on Edward Road. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served at each venue.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY In the Parish Centre from 8.00 until 11.0 pm on Thursday 01 February. Music by The Rae Brothers (23 years of Jazz in Birtley) so bring you dancing shoes for trad jazz at its best! £3.00 for guests and £2.50 for members.

CAFOD The Lent Fast Day will be held on Friday 23 February. Kevin Haigh will be meeting CAFOD supporters from St Benedict's Partnership on Thursday 25 January; if anyone would like to join, call Kevin on (0191) 410 2779.

AFTERNOON TEA will be served in the parish centre at 2.30 pm next 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.

FRIDAYS IN THE PARISH CENTRE Please see notice of Friday night events above.

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.

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
birtleysyjospehsjuniors.org
stjosephsinfantschool.org

The consultation will run from Monday 04 December 2017 until tomorrow, 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.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS The parish centre is open at all times for your special occasions: engagement parties, weddings baptisms, funerals and so on. Why not make use of your OWN parish venue? Please note that the parish centre now has its own web site (**www.birtleycatholicclub.com**) where you can find out about all the facilities and events that the parish centre has to offer.

HYMN BOOKS There is a large reduction in the number of hymn books in church; if you have one at home please return it as soon as possible.

ST LEONARD'S SECONDARY SCHOOL The Diocesan Inspectors have rated the school as **OUTSTANDING**. Congratulations to all! The full Section 48 report is available on the school web site at **www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk**.

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 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
MON	St Vincent		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Lucy Murphy	
WED	St Francis de Sales 9.00 am - BS	Chris Baggot	
THU	The Conversion of St Paul 12.05 pm - C	Constance Hogg	
FRI	SS Timothy & Titus 9.00 am - JS	Veronica Walker	
SAT	St Angela Merici 4th Sunday of the Year 6.00 pm - C	Catherine & Norman Rebar	B. Bailes, W. Thompson
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	John Lee People of the Parish	A. Welsh, C. Brennan J. Taylor, M. Taylor

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

Sick Bernard Brennan, 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