

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

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**NEWSLETTER - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 04
MARCH 2018**

MON	05 Mar	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	0 [^] Mar	CMS	
WED)7 Mar	YMG	
THU	08 Mar	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.
FRI		PARISH CENTRE	FIRST FRIDAY of every month, 8.00 pm Quiz. £1 per person.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. Next week there will be a special collection for the SVP.

BIRTLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayers for Birtley at 10.00 am every Monday here in the Lady Chapel of our church.

LENT Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter; details are on the poster at the back of church. We are asked to pray, during Lent, for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy & Hungry of the World and Penitents & Wanderers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Thursday evening at 7.00 pm and Friday afternoon at 2.30 pm during Lent in church. They will be led by various parish groups and booklets and resources are at the back of church and in the Lady Chapel.

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2018 Why not consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care Hardship Fund? This offers financial assistance to older people with limited means who wish to move into Catholic nursing homes. Parishioners of all ages are also invited to volunteer in the two residential and nursing homes during Lent. The only skills required are a smile, friendliness and a little free time. Please contact Nicola Milne on **(0191) 242 4809** or nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk if you can help.

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.

GIFT AID Gift Aid boxes are available at the back of church from this weekend. If your box is missing, or you have changed address or you are no longer a taxpayer please contact the Gift Aid Organiser, Lucy Rutherford, on 410 0507.

WALKING JESUS'S LAST DAYS On Tuesday evening (06 March) Sister Sheila McNamara RSCJ will lead an evening of reflection using images, music, silence and words to enable us to enter the familiar story of the Passion with fresh eyes. All are welcome.

CARDS & GIFTS for our First holy Communion children will be available in the parish centre after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass on 18 March.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held on Sunday 11 March 2018 at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER On Sunday 18 March we are encouraged to pray for all of our candidate for the sacraments.

CONFIRMATIONS These will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Apologies that this had to be cancelled last Friday (02 March) due to the inappropriate climate. It will now take place at 2.00 pm on Friday 23 March in Birtley Community Church.

LOURDES AFTERNOON TEA This has now been rescheduled for Sunday 25 March. We hope that everyone can make the new date. If you have any problems please contact Margaret, Christine or Bernadette.

2018 WEDDINGS Please pray for our engaged couples who plan to marry this year; see the poster at the back of church.

PARISH CENTRE 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? It now has its own web site (www.birtleycatholicclub.com) where you can find out about all the facilities and events on offer. There is also a link on the parish web site.

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	Weekday 3rd Sunday of Lent 6.00 pm - C	John Callaghan	P. Pestell, J. Mulcahy
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Elijah Jackson	A. Welsh, C. Brennan J. Sexton, S. Neal
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Catherine & Norman Rebar	
WED	SS Perpetua & Felicity 9.00 am - BS	Holy Souls	
THU	St John of God 12.05 pm - C	Ray Stafford	
FRI	St Frances of Rome 9.00 am -JS	Margaret Bradley	
SAT	Weekday 4th Sunday of Lent 6.00 pm - C	Joan & Winifred Donoghue	L. Cree, T. McEnaney
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Dennis Welsh	W. Thompson, A. Blankley T. Wilson, P. Lavery

Reconciliation Saturday (11.00 am - 12 noon). Please see notice at the 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.

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