

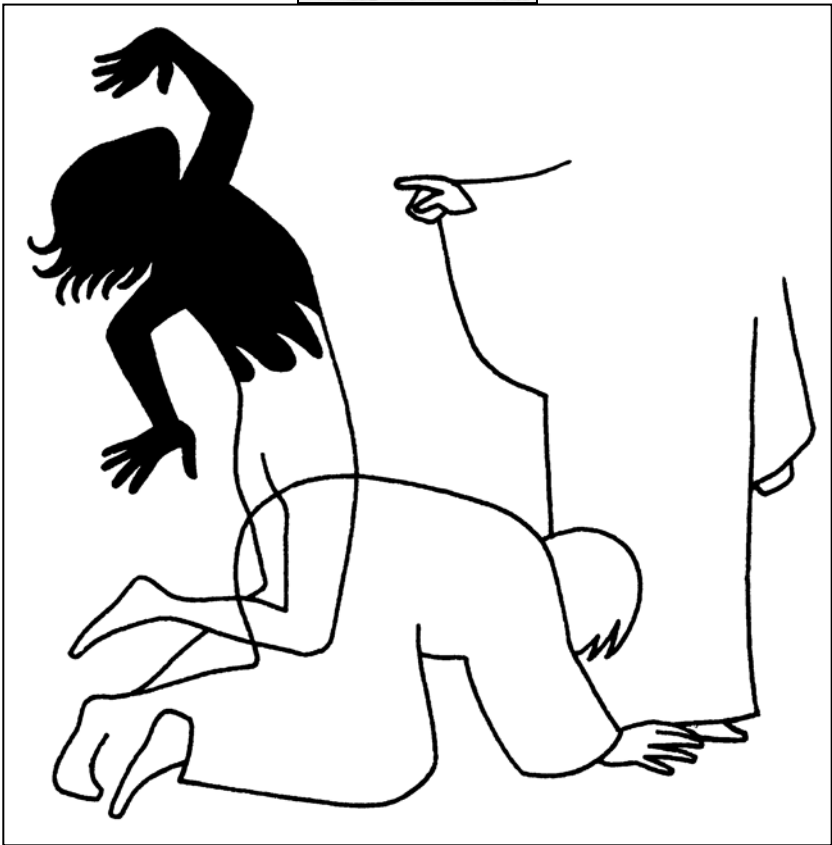
*ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY*

*(Part of the St Benedict Partnership of Parishes)*

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*NEWSLETTER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B*

*28 JANUARY 2017*

MON	29 Jan	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	30 Jan	CMS	
WED	31 Jan	YMG	Quiz Night.
THU	01 Feb	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 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. Next weekend there will be a special collection for the SVP.

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.

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.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! Fr Joseph Walters, founder of LTCL! Will visit the parish on the weekend of 10/11 February and speak at all Masses. He will also be making a presentation on the parish centre on Saturday evening, 10 February. This is a good opportunity to see what is being done for the street children in Columbia by Fr Walters and his team.

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.

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](http://www.birtleycatholicclub.com)) where you can find out about all the facilities and events that the venue has to offer. There is also a link on the parish web site.

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 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](http://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 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
MON	Weekday		
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	St John Bosco 9.00 am - BS	Eucharistic Service	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C	Eucharistic Services	
FRI	The Presentation of the Lord 9.00 am - JS	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	St Blasie 5th Sunday of the Year 6.00 pm - C	Catherine & Norman Rebar	J. Mulcahy, P. Pestell
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	People of the Parish Linda Webster	W. Thompson, A. Blankley D. Duffy, C. Cowie

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 Dennis Welsh

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