

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

4th Sunday in Lent

Sat 6.00pm – C	People of the Parish	L Cree, T McEnaney
Sun 8.15am – C	John & Winifred Donoghue	W Thompson, A Blankley
10.00am – C	Dennis Welsh	T Wilson, P Lavery

Mon Weekday

Tue Weekday
7.00pm – C George Fenton

Wed Weekday

9.00am – BS Robert & Brenda Sands

Thu Weekday

12.05pm – C Margaret McKale

Fri Weekday

9.00am – JS Dennis Welsh

Sat St Patrick

5th Sunday in Lent

Sat 6.00pm – C	Margaret Ann Slavin	L Cree, T McEnaney
Sun 8.15am – C	People of the Parish	W Thompson, A Blankley
10.00am – C	Joan Callaghan	T Wilson, P Lavery

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.

Deceased Winnie Hogg

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 12 th	CWG Meet as usual in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 13 th	Lenten Talk 7.45pm in Parish Centre
Wednesday 14 th	YMG
Thursday 15 th	SVP – meet second Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the Presbytery

LENT

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. During Lent we are asked to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy and Hungry of the world, Penitents and Wanderers.

Lenten Talks – on Tuesday this week (7.45 in the Parish Centre) Deacon Peter will lead an evening of reflection on the theme of “Love One Another” – “reaching out as we seek to be Christ-like in all our relationships”. All are very welcome.

Birtley Churches Together – Prayers for Birtley at 10.00am every Monday in the Lady Chapel of St Joseph’s Church.

Stations of the Cross – Every Thursday evening at 7.00pm and Friday afternoon at 2.30pm – led by various parish groups. For personal devotion there are booklets and resources at the back of church and in the Lady Chapel.

Reconciliation – Everyone in the Benedict Partnership is invite to a Service of Reconciliation at 7.00pm on Thursday 22nd March in St John Boste Church in Washington. For further information and/or transport contact Deacon Peter.

St Cuthbert’s Care – Lenten Appeal – can you help? Donations can be made in the box at the back of church, or you are invited to volunteer in one of their residential and nursing homes. The only skills required are a smile, friendliness and some free time. Contact Nicola Milne on 0191-242-4809 or nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – The next meeting is on Sunday 11th March at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

OFFERTORY Many thanks for last week's collection. This week there will be a special collection after all Masses for the SVP.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – Boxes of envelopes for those in the Gift Aid scheme are available for collection at the back of church. If your box is missing, if you have changed your address or no longer pay tax, please contact the Gift Aid Organiser, Lucy Rutherford, on 0191-410-0507.

RED BOXES – This year £2an anonymous donation of £60.00. Many, many thanks. The latest edition of the magazine is at the back of church for collection.

CONFIRMATIONS – Bishop Seamus will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 21st March. Please make a note of the date to come and support the young people of our parish taking this important step in their faith journey. Please keep the candidates in your prayers. Altar Servers wishing to serve at the Confirmation Mass are invited to a practice after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 18th March.

CARDS AND GIFTS – cards and gifts, suitable for First Holy Communion ad Confirmation will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 18th March.

2018 WEDDINGS – Please prayer for our engaged couple who plan to marry during this year – please see the poster at the back of church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – This was postponed on Friday 2nd March due to the weather conditions. It will now take place at 2.00pm on Friday 23rd March in Birtley Community Church.

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is your Centre 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

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, 8.00pm bring your friends

Gin night - Second Friday of the month

Prosecco night - Third Friday of the month, Prosecco only £10 per bottle. Come along next Friday (16th March) and begin the Saint Patrick's day celebrations a little early

Bingo – Saturday and Sunday evening at 9.00pm

Lourdes Afternoon Tea – following the postponement because of the bad weather this has now been rescheduled for Sunday 25th March. We hope everyone can make the new date. If you have any problems please contact Margaret, Christine or Bernadette.

Parish Centre Membership Subscriptions

2018 subs open until 31st March. Please leave your card and subs with the bar staff. Subscriptions are £3 for all members under 65 years and free for members over 65. Members over 65 do not need to pay but still need to collect their 2018 sticker.

Jazz in Birtley – First Thursday each month, 8.00pm. Trad Jazz at its best. Come along and enjoy a great night of live music. Thursday 5th April at 8.00pm, admission £5.