

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. CHURCH, BIRTLEY

(Part of the St Benedict Partnership of Parishes)

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NEWSLETTER - FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B

04 FEBRUARY 2017

MON	05 Feb	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	06 Feb	CMS	
WED	7	YMG	
THU	08 Feb	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.
FRI	09 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 SVP. Next weekend there will be a special collection for LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!

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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS There is a program of speakers for the six Tuesdays in Lent. There is a poster with full details at the back of church. An invitation has also been given to all of the parishes in our partnership.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! Fr Joseph Walters, founder of LTCL! will visit the parish next weekend of 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.

CONFIRMATIONS These will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018. There will be a further preparation meeting at 5.30 pm today, Sunday 04 February, in the parish centre.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held next Sunday, 12 February 2018, at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

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.

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 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.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION If any persons could help in participating in the 6.00 pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass please contact Moira Baggott know at Mass or on (0191) 370 3111. A new rota starts on 18 March and it would mean taking part about once every nine weeks.

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 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
MON	St Agatha		
TUE	St Paul Miki 7.00 pm - C	Eucharistic Service	
WED	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Eucharistic Service	
THU	Weekday 11.00 am - C	Requiem - Dennis Welsh	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am - C	Eucharistic Service	
SAT	St Scholastica 6th Sunday of the Year 6.00 pm - C	Martin Loughlin	S. Neal, L. Cree
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	Marie Grady People of the Parish	P. Monaghan, A. Welsh K. Okoji, B. Jacques

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 Joshua Alexander Dawson

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