

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

Father Tony Duffy (410-2923)

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

5th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sat 6.00pm – C	People of the Parish	P Pestell & T McEanaey
Sun 8.15am – C	Dennis Welsh	C Brennan & W Thompson
10.00am – C	DM of the CWL	P Lavery & T Wilson

Monday of the 5th Week in Eastertide

Tuesday – St Joseph, the worker

7.00pm – C Holy Souls

Wednesday – St Athanasius

9.00am – BS Service of the Word and Communion

Thursday – Saints Philip and James, Apostles

12.05 pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Friday – English Martyrs

9.00am – JS Service of the Word and Communion

Saturday of the 5th Week in Eastertide

6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sat 6.00pm – C	McGrath & McArdle families	W Thompson & T Quigley
Sun 8.15am – C	People of the Parish	A Blankley & P Monaghan
10.00am – C	Linda Webster	J Taylor & M Taylor

KEY: C: Church BS: St Benet's School JS: St Joseph's Junior School

Reconciliation - See notice at back of church for times in nearby parishes

Sick Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, 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.

Baptised Alicia Hartung

Deceased Paul Younger

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 30 th	CWG – Meet as usual in Parish Centre
Tuesday 1 st	Pastoral Council AGM
Wednesday 2 nd	YMG
Thursday 3 rd	SVP – meet second Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the Presbytery Jazz in Birtley 8pm in Parish Centre
Friday 4 th	Quiz Night in Parish Centre

FATHER TONY DUFFY - After fifty-five years in the priesthood and thirty years after he was appointed as parish priest to St Joseph's Birtley Father Tony Duffy will retire after celebrating the Masses over this weekend. Please keep Father Tony in your prayers.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM – on Tuesday 1st May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. The agenda will include a discussion about the number and timing of Masses in the Benedict Partnership. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting and contribute to this discussion.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Special Meeting with the clergy from the Benedict Partnership 2.00pm on Saturday 5th May in the Presbytery.

The next routine meeting will be on Sunday 13th May at 7.00pm.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – Congratulations to all our participants from the Journey of Faith who were baptised, confirmed and received into Full Communion during Mass on Wednesday evening. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a wonderful parish celebration. Photograph on display at the back of church.

OFFERTORY - Many thanks for last week's collection. There will be a special collection after all Masses this weekend for the SVP. Special Collection next weekend for Let the Children Live.

ROSARY ON THE COAST – This Sunday, 29th April, people around the coast of the British Isles have been asked to pray the rosary at 3.00pm. The prayers are offered for peace, the sanctity of life and for a re-flourishing of faith across the British Isles. There are groups meeting at 2.30pm at Morrisons in Seaburn, 2.45pm at South Shields (on the beach behind Coleman's Seafood Temple), and at Sunderland Pier at 2.50pm. If you would like more information to find other locations around the area then please check the website: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

If you are unable to make any of the places please could you say the rosary at home.

CYCLE OF PRAYER – During Eastertide we are asked to pray for new members of the Church, Vocations. The right use of the media, the church and human work.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK - Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker, a day of special prayer when we are asked to prayer that everyone may have access to the dignity of human work. We are asked to remember especially all who are the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY - Prayers for Birtley will be held at the Community Church at 10am on Tuesday until May 29th.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE – Bishop Seamus invites everyone to join him in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 5th May to given thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. More information on the poster at the back of church or contact Deacon Peter.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018 – Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. Activities for everyone, adults, families, young people and children. Full details and booking forms in the leaflets at the back of church.

ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP - Come and join us every Thursday during term time 9.00am – 10.30am at St Joseph's Infant School

PARTNERSHIP WALK - Another Partnership walk is being organised for the early May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May. More details and lists to sign up are at the back of church. There was a great turn out from Birtley last time please sign up today either to walk or help with the welcome and refreshments.

PARISH BULLETIN - We are looking to assemble a team of people who are willing to be on a rota to produce the parish bulletin. The task takes little more than an hour each week and requires only basic word processing skills, “many hands make light work” – if you can help please give your name to Mick Davison (4106823) or Deacon Peter.

PARISH CENTRE - The Parish Centre is your place 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

Jazz in Birtley – This Thursday 4th May 8.00pm. Come along and enjoy a great night of live music with the Mississippi Dreamboats, admission £5

Quiz night – This Friday 4th May 8.00pm bring your friends, come early to make sure you get a seat. £1.00 per person to enter with all entry monies paid out in prizes.

Management Committee meets Tuesday 8th May 7.45pm