

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

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**MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sat 6.00pm – C Mary Ann Slavin W Thompson & T Quigley

Sun 8.15am – C People of the Parish P Monaghan & A Welsh

10.00am – C Joan Callaghan M Taylor & J Taylor

Mon **St Joseph**

Tue **St Cuthbert**

7.00pm – C Dennis Welsh

Wed Weekday

9.00am – BS Private Intention

Thu Weekday

12.05pm – C Ray Stafford

Fri Weekday

9.00am – JS D.M. of Thomas Family

Sat St Patrick

**Palm Sunday**

Sat 6.00pm – C Ray Walker S Neale & B Bailes

Sun 8.15am – C Dennis Welsh C Brennan & W Thompson

10.00am – C People of the Parish C Cowie & D Duffy

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 David Nicholson

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 19 <sup>th</sup>	CWG Meet as usual in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Talk 7.45pm in Parish Centre
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	YMG Business meeting, bingo & book swap
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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.

**Lenten Talks** – on Tuesday this week (7.45 in the Parish Centre) Dr Kathryn Mannix, a Palliative Care consultant at the RVI, will share with us her understanding of the Ministry of Consolation.

**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.

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

**Parish Amnesty** - Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Holy Week and Easter Ministries** - everyone is invited to volunteer by putting their name on the lists at the back of church.

**Altar Servers** - please collect a letter from the Sacristy which will give you details of the Services and Practices

**Choir practices** – Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup>) 6.30pm in Parish Centre and 6.00pm Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) in Church.

**PARISH BULLETIN** – many thanks to Jim McLean who for a number of years has compiled and printed the weekly bulletin.

We are now looking to assemble a team of people who are willing to produce the bulletin – if you can help please give your name to Mick Davison (4106823) or Deacon Peter.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** – The next meeting is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

**OFFERTORY** Many thanks for last week's collection. Special Collection after all Masses next weekend for the Holy Places.

**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.

**CONFIRMATIONS** – Bishop Seamus will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please come and support the young people of our parish taking this important step in their faith journey.

**CARDS AND GIFTS** – cards and gifts, suitable for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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** – will now take place at 2.00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Birtley Community Church, Edward Road.

**CAFOD Fast Day Collection** – collection remains open until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March to return your envelopes.

## **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](http://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

**Bingo** – Saturday and Sunday evening at 9.00pm

**Lourdes Afternoon Tea** – now rescheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Come along and enjoy a great night of live music with Maureen Hall and the Rendezvous Jazz Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm, admission £5.

**Social night in aid of CAFOD** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – fantastic live band “Second Wind” – Tickets £5 (available from Kevin Haigh)