

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

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

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*NEWSLETTER - SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B*

*11 FEBRUARY 2017*

MON	12 Feb	CWG	Meet as usual.
TUE	13 Feb	CMS	
WED	14 Feb	YMG	
THU	15 Feb	SVP	Meet at 8.00 pm every second Thursday of the month in The Presbytery.
		PM CLUB	Meet as usual.
FRI		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 LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! Fr Joseph Walters, founder of LTCL! will visit the parish this weekend of and speak at all Masses. He will also be making a presentation in 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 today, Sunday 12 February 2018, at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

BIRTLLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayers for Birtley at 10.00 am every Monday here in the Lady Chapel.

LENT The season of Lent begins this week. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Please note Mass times. During Mass ashes will be blessed and distributed. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter; details are on the poster at the back of church. We are asked to pray, during Lent, for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy & Hungry of the World and Penitents & Wanderers.

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.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Next Sunday, 18 February, the Bishop will welcome ten members of our Journey of Faith program as they enter the final months of their preparation for Baptism and Confirmation after Easter. Please keep them in your prayers.

CAFOD The Lent Fast Day will be held on Friday 23 February. “Fast, Pray, Give”.

PARISH CENTRE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018 subscriptions are now due and must be paid by 28 February. £3 for all members under 65 years and free for over 65s. Subscriptions can be paid on Friday 7.00 - 9.00 pm and Sunday 12 noon - 1.00 pm, or you can leave your card with your subscription with the bar staff at other times. Over 65s don't need to pay but need to collect their 2018 stickers.

CONFIRMATIONS These will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

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](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.

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 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
MON	Weekday 12.30 pm - C	Requiem - Joan Callaghan	
TUE	Weekday 7.00 pm - C	Des,ond Killen	
WED	ASH WEDNESDAY 12.05 pm -C 7.00 pm - C	Margaret Bradley People of the Parish	
THU	Weekday 12.05 pm - C 1.00 pm - C	Patrick Callaghan Funeral - John Thomas Timney	
FRI	Weekday 9.00 am -C	Patrick Callaghan	
SAT	Weekday 1st Sunday of Lent 6.00 pm - C	Derek Lowther	B. Bailes, T. McEnaney
SUN	8.15 am - C 10.00 am - C	John Lee People of the Parish	C. Brennan, W. Thompson P. Lavery, E. Fenton

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 Joan Callaghan & John Thomas Timney

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