

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

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

Monday – St John of Beverley

Tuesday of the 6th week in Eastertide

7.00pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Wednesday of the 6th week in Eastertide

9.00am – BS Service of the Word and Communion

Thursday – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)

12.05 pm – C Tom Callaghan

7.00pm – C Edmund & Rosanna Booth

Friday of the 6th week in Eastertide

9.00am – JS Service of the Word and Communion

Saturday of the 6th week in Eastertide

10.00am St Benet's First Holy Communions

7th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sat 6.00pm – C Paul Younger L Cree & S Neale

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

10.00am – C Jones & McVay families D Duffy & C Cowie

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 Sophie Appleby

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

Sunday 6th SVP – meet second Sunday of the month at 11.00am in the Presbytery (meeting next Sunday – 13th May)
Monday 7th CWG – Meet as usual in Parish Centre
Tuesday 8th Parish Centre Management Committee
Wednesday 9th YMG
Glassware decoration with Pauline Lavery

FATHER TONY DUFFY – Date for your diary – Friday 22nd June. Mass of thanksgiving and parish social evening. **SAVE THE DATE**
More details to follow. Please keep Father Tony in your prayers.

PASTORAL CARE – Following Father Duffy's retirement, please contact Deacon Peter for any pastoral needs. Peter will be pleased to respond to your requests or contact one of the Partnership priests for you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM – Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last week and for the useful and positive contributions to the discussion on Mass times and the realistic acceptance of the need for change and a reduction in the number of Masses.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – next meeting will be on Sunday 13th May at 7.00pm in the Presbytery

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - please pray for all of our children who are about to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Saturday 12th May at 10.00am in Church for St Benet's School and Saturday 19th May at 10.00am for St Joseph's School.

MAY PROCESSION - the children of St Joseph's Infant School are going to gather at our Lourdes Grotto on Tuesday 15th May at 9.15am to sing and pray in front of Our Lady's statue. Please come along and join in the celebrations - and pray for good weather.

MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND – The Mass for the sick and housebound will be celebrated at 2.30pm on Saturday 9th June. Letters for Eucharistic Ministers giving further details and invitations for any parishioner not visited by a Eucharistic Minister are available at the back of church.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - on Sunday 13th May we are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country.

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

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.

PARTNERSHIP WALK - Another Partnership walk is being organised for the May Bank Holiday – next Monday 7th May. Details and lists to sign up are at the back of church. There was a great turn out from Birtley last time it is not too late to sign up. If you are not taking part why not come to welcome the walkers (between 2.00pm and 2.15pm on Monday) at St Joseph's.

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

Key Draw – every Friday at 9.00pm. Tickets only 50p for a chance to win £20 of drinks tokens and a cash prize. The cash prize will be over £200 next Friday.

Bingo – Saturday night and Sunday night at 9.00pm.

Quiz night – First Friday of every month

Jazz in Birtley – First Thursday of every

Management Committee meets Tuesday 8th May 7.45pm

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin please email to birtleybulletin@gmail.com

Please keep your items brief and to the point.

If you do not have access to email please put any items for the bulletin in an envelope marked "Bulletin" through the letterbox in the Presbytery. Deadline each week is 5pm on Thursday.

If you would be willing to join the rota of people producing the bulletin please contact Mick Davison (Telephone: 0191-4106823 or email: mdavison.1953@gmail.com)