

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

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

Monday – St Matthias - Apostle

Tuesday of the 7th week in Eastertide

7.00pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Wednesday of the 7th week in Eastertide

9.00am – BS Service of the Word and Communion

Thursday of the 7th week in Eastertide

12.05 pm – C Service of the Word and Communion

Friday of the 7th week in Eastertide

9.00am – JS Service of the Word and Communion

Saturday of the 7th week in Eastertide

10.00am St Joseph's First Holy Communions

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year B)

Sat 6.00pm – C	Holy Souls	J Mulcahy & B Bailes
Sun 8.15am – C	People of the Parish	W Thompson & A Blanckley
10.00am – C	Bridie Gray	K Okoji & S Neale

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.

<u>Baptised</u>	Grace Maria Wheatley
<u>Deceased</u>	Father Paddy Laydon

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 13th SVP – meet second Sunday of the month
(this Sunday) at 11.00am in the Presbytery
Monday 14th CWG – Meet as usual in Parish Centre
Wednesday 16th YMG

MASS TIMES – it is not possible for the priests in our partnership to celebrate two Masses in St Joseph's on a Sunday morning. Next Sunday (20th May) will be the last Sunday when there will be a Mass at 8.15am. From Sunday 27th May there will only be one Mass at 10.00am. As alternatives there is an 8.30am Mass at St Bede's Washington and 9.00am at St Bede's Sacriston.

FATHER TONY DUFFY – Date for your diary – Friday 22nd June. Mass of thanksgiving and parish social evening. SAVE THE DATE
More details to follow.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS – Although there is no resident priest at St Joseph's at the moment you can still make offerings for your intentions for the Masses celebrated by the visiting priest(s). Mass offerings can be given to Deacon Peter or posted in an envelope through the Presbytery letterbox,

PASTORAL COUNCIL – next meeting this 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 World Communications Day. There will be a special collection next Sunday for the Lay Training Fund.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS – Congratulations to all the children from St Benet's who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the children from St Joseph's as they look forward to their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May at 10.00am.

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. St Joseph's junior school will follow them with their procession on Tuesday 22nd May at 11.00am. Please come along and join in the celebrations - and pray for good weather.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13th – 19th May. Could you please take an envelope (from the back of church), if you have not already received one.

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.

FR MARTIN WHEATON has kindly agreed to celebrate our weekend Masses. However, he is not able to drive and needs transport from Sunderland. If you are willing to join a list of volunteer drivers please contact Deacon Peter.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – this 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.

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

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.

CAFOD – Many thanks to all who helped with the CAFOD social night. It was a great night and raised £1,350 for water projects. Also many thanks to all from St Robert's who helped to raise a fantastic £5,776.89 – thank you.

AUTUMN FAYRE – this year will be on Saturday 6th October. We look forward to our usual stalls and will arrange a meeting to discuss any new ideas.

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

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

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.

Please keep your items brief and to the point.