

# St Joseph's R.C. Parish Birtley

## Part of the Benedict Partnership of Parishes

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### Services this week in St Joseph's and the Parish of St John XXIII

<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C</b>				
Sat 8 Dec	St Bede Washington	17.00	Vincent Johnson	<b>Reconciliation</b> Before Weekday Mass (6.30-6.55) on Tuesday and (11.30-12.00) on Thursday Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
Sun 9 Dec	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our parish family	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Frank Green	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Vincent & Florence Woodhouse	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Hogan, Barret &amp; Hattam Families</b>	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Sheila Audrey Johnson & daughter Mandy	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Liz Ward	
Mon 10 Dec	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Baptisms</b> Matthew Moore
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Deceased</b> Catherine Mullen
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Eileen Welch	
Tue 11 Dec	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Marriage</b>
	Our Lady's Washington	12.00	Patrick Larkin	<b>Please pray for:</b> Fr Martin Wheaton, Bob Fish, Elizabeth Donnelly, Bernard Brennan, Teresa Brooks, Terry Gorman, David Tanner, Cliff Burton, Ron Fryer, Margaret Cookson, Louie Lonsdell, James Ruddick, Doris Hunter, Mary Elston, Deidre Turner, Dennis Duffy, Godfrey Keefe, Arthur Wardle, Betty Green, Mary Brennan, Millie McCormack, Sarah Sables, Christopher Browne and all our long term sick and housebound.
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>William &amp; Mary Elliott</b>	
	St Bede Washington	19.00	Joan Barrett	
Wed 12 Dec	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Smith &amp; Longstaff Families</b>	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	13.00	Requiem Mass Pamela Lamb	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	19.00	Sheila & William Pattison	
Thu 13 Dec	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Ann Jennings	
	St John Boste Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Cosgrove & Docherty Families	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>John, Betty &amp; Herb Comerford</b>	
Fri 14 Dec	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Susan Towns</b>	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St Bede Washington	09.15	Paul & Anthony Barron & deceased family	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	In thanksgiving to Sacred Heart	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
Sat 15 Dec	Queen of Peace Penshaw	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	<b>Hospital Chaplains</b> If one of your family is in hospital and you want the Chaplain to visit them telephone the Chaplain's office Durham Fr Paul Tully 0191- 333-2333, Gateshead Deacon Peter Jones 0191-482-0000, Newcastle Fr Maridas 0191- 233-6161, Sunderland Linda Longstaff 0191-569-9180  In an emergency ask the Ward Sister to contact the on-call chaplain
	St Bede Washington	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady's Washington	09.15	Mary Davidson	
	St John Boste Washington	10.00	Rita Byram RIP	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent – Year C</b>				
Vigil Sat	St Bede Washington	17.00	Ann Lowe	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Dennis Welch</b>	
Sun 16 Dec	St Bede Washington	08.30	Our parish family	Revised times in other Partnership Parishes are displayed on the poster at the back of church
	St John Boste Washington	09.30	Jenny & Peter McQuigan	
	Queen of Peace Penshaw	10.00	Christopher Kelly	
	<b>St Joseph Birtley</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	
	Our Lady's Washington	11.00	Norma Bowdem	
	Our Lady's Washington	18.00	Doreen McCabe	

## **SEASON OF ADVENT**

Advent daily reflections – copies available from the back of church, please take one home.

During Advent we are asked to pray for:  
Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and refugees; and Expectant Mothers.

The boxes at the back of church are for Advent Alms supporting the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

## **PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Available at the back of church, with times of Advent Reconciliation services, the Partnership Carol Service and all the Christmas Masses. Please take one for your own family and please take cards and pass them on to anyone you would like to invite to "Come Home for Christmas".

## **PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY**

Monday morning at 9.30 in St John's.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting is on Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> December) at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

## **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Many thanks to all those who have attended on Tuesday evening, We will resume again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## **CAFOD**

Thankyou for a brilliant £2,000.93 raised in our Family Fast appeal. A two page summary of CAFOD's annual report is on the notice board at the back of church. Full report on CAFOD website.

## **RED BOXES**

Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation and everyone who brought their boxes for emptying we managed to bank over £600 for the missions. A very big thank you to all who contributed.

## **COMMUNITY RAFFLE**

A total of £729 was raised for parish funds, a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the raffle. There will be a list of winners at the back of church and in the Parish Centre.

## **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING WORTHWHILE**

Help out once a week or even once a month! Vinnies Drop In Centre in Newcastle is open 11am to 2pm on Tuesdays and is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Lunch on December 18th followed by volunteer lunch. Interested? Contact Peter 0191 4108103 or Emma 0191 2616027 Option 1.

## **SVP**

The contact number for St Joseph's SVP is now 07561 190396 .

## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday** Parish Council 7.00pm

**Monday** CWG meet as usual in Parish Centre

**Tuesday** RCIA Christmas break until 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Wednesday** Christmas dinner meet at the Bowes 7.30pm

**Friday** PM Club Meet as usual

## **READERS**

New rotas are available at the back of church

## **OFFERTORY**

Thank you for last week's collection.

## **COFFEE MORNING ROTA 2019**

Copies of the 2019 rota are available at the back of church. The proceeds of the coffee morning support a number of charities and good causes. Please join us after after 10am Mass on Sunday.

## **NEW PIETY STALL**

The new piety stall at the back of church will be open this weekend. See Margaret Lee for your Christmas cards.

## **FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Birtley Catholic Club have a Christmas Party organised for 22nd December 12-3pm, everyone welcome and tickets are available at the Bar. Children can meet Santa in his grotto and receive a small gift, crafts, carols and all things Christmas. Adults Free, Club Members Child Ticket £1 and Non Members Child Ticket £2

## **PARISH CENTRE**

The Parish Centre is your place to gather together with family and friends to relax, enjoy yourselves in a comfortable, safe environment.

Enjoy a wide range of draught and bottled beers, wines and spirits, tea and coffee.

Watch top sport in HD on our large screen TVs.

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 (Tuesday or Thursday), we will open for you.

Look at the web site to see what is available:

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## **PARISH BULLETIN**

If you have items to include in the Bulletin please email [birtleybulletin@gmail.com](mailto:birtleybulletin@gmail.com) If you do not have access to email please put any items in an envelope marked "Bulletin" through the letterbox in the Presbytery. Deadline each week is Thurs 5pm. Please keep your items brief and to the point.