

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

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MASS TIMES AND FEAST DAYS

TRINITY SUNDAY – 27th May

Sat 6.00pm C Susan Towns T McEnaney & T Quigley

Sun 10.00am C People of the Parish E Fenton & P Lavery

Monday 28th May

Tuesday 29th May

7.00pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Wednesday 30th May

9.00am C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31st May)

12.05pm C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 1st June

9.00am C Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday – THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – 3rd June

Sat 6.00pm C Smith & Longstaff families J Mulcahy & P Pestell

Sun 10.00am C Bob & Sheila Tweedy S Tweedy & D Tweedy
(60 years of marriage)

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.

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

MASS TIMES – From 27th May it will no longer be possible for the priests in our partnership to celebrate two Masses in St Joseph's on a Sunday morning. Alternatives are 8.30am Mass at St Bede's, Washington and 9.00am at St Bede's, Sacriston.

FATHER TONY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION – Will be held on Friday 22nd June, starting with a concelebrated Mass in Church at 6.30pm and then a social evening in the Parish Centre. The social will reflect on Father Tony's 30 years in the Parish, with an exhibition of photographs, entertainment and a buffet supper. Everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested in helping with the catering for Fr. Tony's Retirement Celebration is invited to a meeting on Tuesday 5th June in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm or you can contact Margaret Taylor on 4100776.

If you have photographs of Father Tony's time in Birtley we would love to use them in the exhibition. If you have digital copies please email Birtley_bulletin@gmail.com or if you have non-digital photographs please put them in an envelope marked 'Exhibition Photographs' and post them through the Presbytery letter box. Please remember to include your name and address so that we can return them to you.

If you would like to make a donation towards a gift to Father Tony please take an envelope from the back of church and place the envelope in with the collection at Mass.

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – Next weekend our Ministers of Communion will renew their commitment to serve our parish community.

CAFOD HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE – Save the date, this year's Pilgrimage is on Saturday 1st September.

CYCLE OF PRAYER - during the Summer months we are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution

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.

OFFERTORY - Many thanks for last week's collection.

MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND – The annual Mass for the Housebound will be celebrated at 2.30pm on Saturday 9th June. All are welcome to attend this Mass so please come and show your support for our sick and housebound parishioners.

USHAW FLOWER FESTIVAL - from 12th to 17th June. Promises to be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some fantastic displays set within the stunning setting of Ushaw College. Pauline Lavery (who arranges our own church flowers) is creating one of the displays and would be delighted to arrange a parish outing, perhaps with afternoon tea. See the poster on display and call Pauline (4102530) if you're interested.

JAZZ IN BIRTLEY – In the Parish Centre on the 7th June, a great night out! Music provided by Bob Wade. Classic Swing. 23 years of Jazz in Birtley, so bring your dancing shoes, traditional jazz at its best. Admission £5.00.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTLEY - Prayers for Birtley will be held at the Community Church at 10.00am on Tuesdays until May 29th

FR. MARTIN WHEATON – has very kindly agreed to celebrate our weekend masses. However, he is not able to drive and needs transport from Sunderland. If you're willing to join a list of volunteers please contact Deacon Peter.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - a Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 2nd June. See poster on display.

ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP - Come and join us, Thursday's 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.

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.