

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

Saturday 18th November 2023

PRAYERS OF THE MASS

You will find these prayers, especially the Nicene Creed, on pages 4-10 of our Hymn Books

Sunday morning Celebration in St Joseph's Birtley

Every Sunday, there will be a Service of The Word, Prayer and Music, including Children's Liturgy, at **10am in St Joseph's Church**. After the service the celebration will continue over tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

COFFEE MORNING on Sunday 26th November from 11.00 till 12.30 in the Parish Centre.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks, Cake stall, Raffle, Tombola, Name the Teddy, Treasure map, Jewellery, scarfs & handbags, Bottle stall, Christmas cards & gifts. All proceeds given to our Parish. If you're unable to attend, raffle tickets will be on sale at next week's Saturday Vigil.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

There have been no recent deaths.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)
- Jean Greenwood

NB. Please let us know if anyone else wishes to ask for prayers from our parish community.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

This annual collection is for the training of current and new candidates for the Priesthood and Diaconate. **NB** The collection closes this weekend.

26th November: WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Our Diocese is blessed! We have a dedicated team of people (**Youth Ministry Trust**) exploring how our young people can become more dedicated followers of Jesus. It is a tough ask! This team works alongside our Catholic Schools to help ensure that our young people look seriously at what it means to be a committed Catholic in our world today.

NOVEMBER – the month of the Holy Souls

- A framed rollcall of all parishioners who have died in the past year has been placed before the altar, above the Book of Remembrance and on the Noticeboard at the back of church.
- A decorated Memorial Tree has been placed at the foot of St Joseph's statue and you are invited to complete a leaf-shaped card and hang it upon the tree.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – Christmas Fayre

the Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on **Saturday 25th November**. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE TURN OVER

HOLY COMMUNION

Beginning this weekend and at each mass, Holy Communion will be distributed to both aisles at the same time, starting with those in the front benches.

In addition, those who are taking Communion to the sick and housebound are asked to step up on the Sanctuary after receiving Communion, so that the priest can place the hosts into their pyx before giving a Blessing and sending them out on their visit.

CAFOD - Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

SEASON OF ADVENT

- **Jesse Tree** – decorated by our children at the Family Liturgy on 3rd December @ 10.00
- **Holy Hour** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on 3rd December @ 3.00 followed by Afternoon Tea in the Lounge of the Parish Centre.
- **Carol Service** – details to follow.
- **Penitential Service** – details to follow.

CAFOD - World Gifts 2023-24

World Gifts are an amazing way to make a difference! You buy a virtual gift, get a gift card to pass on and your donation will then change someone else's life. Catalogues available at the back of church.

BIRTLEY DIY – SOS

The outside crib will be installed in the days before Christmas, but it is in urgent need of a major re-build. The parish will provide the necessary materials, but we need some volunteers to construct it! Please contact Deacon Peter (07305-059297)

CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX APPEAL

Please remember your donations for the shoebox appeal and put in the box at the back of church before December 3. You will find a list of urgently needed items and a collection box for your donations. Please be as generous as possible.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & Gifts

Newly arrived stock is available at the back of church after Mass.

SVP 200 Club Draw

November Result: First prize £50 No. 76, Second prize £25 No. 57.

NORTHERN CROSS - Copies are still on sale @ £1.50.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER - The November edition is available now. You can access it via this link: diocesehn.org.uk/services/communications/catholic-publications/#newsletter.