

# **ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE MASS**

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

#### **ORDINARY TIME**

We celebrate Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The readings for Mass are as follows: **Sundays Year B** and **Weekdays Year 2**

#### **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**. Our celebrations will continue over tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

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

- Kathleen Fish – died on 12<sup>th</sup> December aged 93 years.
- Mary Ellen Forsyth – died on 23<sup>rd</sup> December aged 91 years – Requiem on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 10.00
- Judith Harrison – died on 27<sup>th</sup> December aged 85 years.
- Billy Wilson – died on 5<sup>th</sup> January aged 86 years.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:**

- Maureen Joyce (nee Casey)
- Jean Greenwood
- Bob Fish

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

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- **TODAY - SVP (Birtley)**

We thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal. We were able to help 14 local families because of the generosity of our Parish and local businesses including Morrisons and Martin Baxter (Butchers). We want you to know that we are here for anyone in the parish who requires our help.

#### **SIDE AISLE**

Work has begun to carry out much-needed repairs and redecoration to the Side aisle. We hope to complete the works by next Saturday evening!

#### **MASS INTENSIONS**

If you have a Mass Intention, please contact Deacon Peter (07305-059297)

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Many thanks for your generous donations of £320 which will provide flowers for our church until the beginning of Lent! If you wish to make a personal donation towards flowers for any special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Pauline on 07906-906559.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS** are on sale @ £3.00.

**NORTHERN CROSS** newspapers are on sale @ £1.50.

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Those who are unemployed.