

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

Saturday 20th January 2024

3rd 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 14th 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 12th December aged 93 years.
- Mary Ellen Forsyth – died on 23rd December aged 91 years.
- Judith Harrison – died on 27th December aged 85 years.
- **Billy Wilson** – died on 5th January aged 86 years.
- **Mary Ann Grieveson** – died 13th January aged 90 years - **Requiem Mass on Fri 26th Jan @ 1.30pm**

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.

WHEELCHAIRS

If anyone has a wheelchair which is no longer needed, please contact Deacon Peter.

NORTH AISLE

The repairs & redecoration of the North Aisle are now complete – many thanks to all our volunteers.

NB. Please see overleaf for details of the history of this part of the church and some of the wonderful heritage of our Parish.

MASS INTENSIONS

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

SVP 200 CLUB – thank you for your continued support.

Please see the poster at the back of church for the January results. Congratulations to John Stewart!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We meet in the presbytery @ 7.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month to discuss the pastoral needs of our parish and we need someone to prepare the minutes of our meeting. If you're willing to help, please contact Deacon Peter

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 – last few copies are on sale @ £3.00.

NORTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER – last few copies are on sale @ £1.50.