

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

Saturday 6th January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE MASS

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

ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas Season ends with the Baptism of the Lord on Monday **8th January** and we then celebrate Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday on 14th February.

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

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.

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.
- Judith Harrison – died on 27th December aged 85 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 wishes to ask for prayers from our parish community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – the children have written a letter to each of their Prayer Partners – please collect one from the back of church.

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.

SIDE AISLE

Work has begun to carry out much-needed repairs and redecoration to the Side aisle.

We hope to have the works completed within a few weeks and will try to keep any disruption to a minimum.