

**ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**  
**Saturday 27th January 2024**  
**4th 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**

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**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:**

- **Billy Wilson** – died on 5<sup>th</sup> January aged 86 years.
- **Mary Ann Grieveson** – died 13<sup>th</sup> January aged 90 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 COLLECTION for RACIAL JUSTICE**

The simple fact is that we are all sisters and brothers – no matter what country we come from or what colour we are. Sadly, not everyone agrees with this, and it takes a great deal of education and formation for anyone of us to become less prejudiced against other people. This collection is used to develop resources to help us all become less prejudiced and ultimately, more respectful of people who are different from us. Racial prejudice is a scandal, and we must work together to deepen our appreciation of people from all countries and cultures.

**LOURDES YOUTH GROUP** invites you to Afternoon Tea in the **Parish Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 till 4.00**. Tickets are £5 and available from Christine Johnson, Bernadette Bartlett and Margaret Taylor. Any donations for the tombola and raffle would be greatly appreciated.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE** - Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass in **St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 12.00** to give thanks for the sacrament of Marriage & Family Life. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport, contact Deacon Peter.

**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!

**WHEELCHAIRS** - if anyone has a wheelchair which is no longer needed, please contact Deacon Peter.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - meets in the presbytery @ 7.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**CHURCH FLOWERS** - 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.