

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> April 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

- **Bernard Hagan** – died 7<sup>th</sup> March aged 88 years.
- **Michael Duffy** – died 24<sup>th</sup> March aged 68 years.

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

**Maureen Joyce (nee Casey), Jean Greenwood, Bob Fish, Valerie Waggott, John Comerford, Edwin Thomas**

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

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- **6<sup>th</sup> April: Sick and retired Priests (NBF: Northern Brethren Fund)**
  - See page 3 of the Weekend Newsletter
- **13<sup>th</sup> April: First Holy Communion celebrations in May & June**
  - Our catechists are going to provide a special breakfast for our Year 4 children.
- **20<sup>th</sup> April: Little Sisters of the Poor**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for all parishioners are now available at the back of church with named envelopes for those who have completed a Gift Aid declaration.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Vinnies in St Dominics Newcastle are desperate for contributions to their emergency food bank. They particularly need coffee, tea, milk, sugar, soup, tuna, cereals, any kind of tinned meat, biscuits, dilute juice and any other food items.

Or if you wish you can donate to their Just Giving page will enable them to buy what is needed at [www.justgiving.com/.../vinniesnew-newcastle](http://www.justgiving.com/.../vinniesnew-newcastle)

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND in St Joseph's

Fr Martin Wheaton is very happy to visit any sick or housebound parishioner with the Sacraments. The Sacrament of Holy Anointing and Confession can be a great help in such circumstances. Please contact Fr. Martin on 07709-961040 if you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit.

### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Bishop Stephen will travel with us and celebrate Mass @ 3.00pm. Please put this date in your diary – further information to follow.

### THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

During the Easter season we are asked to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church; Vocations; The right use of the media; the Church; Human Work.