

St Joseph's News
1st June 2024
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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:

- Harry Daglish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Maureen Joyce (nee Casey), Jean Greenwood, Bob Fish, Valerie Waggott, John Comerford, Edwin Thomas, Kathleen Haigh and Elaine Hannon
Please let us know if anyone else wishes to ask for prayers from our parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- **16th June: Day for Human Life**

CORPUS CHRISTI – The Body and Blood of Christ

A reminder to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - the annual recommitment of promises takes place this evening.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children of St Joseph's Junior School who celebrated their FHC last weekend. St Benet's children will celebrate their special day **on Saturday 8th June @ 10.00**. All of the children would like to thank our parish community for their generous support – especially from their own Prayer Partners.

ST BENET'S SCHOOL - GOOD NEWS!

St Benet's school is re-opening after the half-term holiday. Congratulations to the children and all school staff for the brilliant way in which they have managed to thrive during the past nine months as the school building was made safe following the RAAC repairs.

CHURCH CLEANING

Can you spare one hour to help a wonderful group of parish volunteers as they clean our church on Friday mornings from 10.30 till 11.30? Please contact Pauline Lavery on 07906-906559.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

CAFOD in Partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust invite you to join the pilgrimage on **Saturday 13th July**. There will be no charge for the buses – children will travel free but a donation of £10 per adult would be appreciated. A list is provided at the back for church to add your name and contact details. Please note that places are limited.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday 5th July at 2pm**
All donations will be gratefully received!

NORTHERN CROSS – is on sale @ £1.50.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER follow this link [Diocesan Newsletter -May 2024 \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:Diocesan%20Newsletter%20-%20May%202024@mailchi.mp)

REFUGEE WEEK

Our Home: *“stretch your tents curtains wide”* Isaiah 54: 2

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle on **Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm.**

This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people’s stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

SVP MASS FOR THE SICK and HOUSEBOUND

This will be celebrated on **Saturday 22nd June @ 2.00pm.** Everyone is invited to attend – those who are Sick and Housebound and those who care for them. It would be wonderful if lots of parishioners join them to welcome them and give them our support. The celebrations will then continue with Afternoon Tea in our Parish Centre

SVP 200 CLUB

The SVP would like to thank all existing members for all the help that you have given to Vinnies during 2023-2024 by your membership. Subscriptions are now due for 2024-2025 which will be £12 per number. Please either contact Peter Monaghan on 0191 4108103 or see me at the back of church after Mass. I will be available there after most Masses.

The results of the May draw are displayed at the back of the church. We have two winners from our parish – so congratulations to Margaret Lee and Mildred Farrer.

JOB VACANCIES

The Parish Centre / Catholic Club have the following vacancies:

Assistant Manager - approximately 20 hours per week, £13.00 per hour. Experience in the licenced trade / hospitality sector would be an advantage, but not essential as full training will be given.

Bar Staff - varied and flexible shifts available, £12.00 per hour. Experience serving in a bar / cafe / restaurant would be an advantage, but not essential as full training will be given.

To express an interest in these vacancies email birtleyjoes@gmail.com

CELIDHE - in aid of the Lourdes Youth Sponsorship

Saturday 22nd June in the Parish centre

Dancing to a great live band - *“The whole shebang”*

Tickets £5 from members of the Lourdes Youth Group or the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The priests of St John XXIII & St Joseph’s will be available directly after the following masses:

- Thursday @ 10.00 – Our Lady Queen of Peace (Penshaw DH4 7JZ)
- **Thursday @ 12.00 – St Joseph’s (Birtley)**
- Friday @ 10.00 – St John Boste (Oxclose Village NE38 0LB)
- Saturday @ 10.00 – Our Blessed Lady Immaculate (Washington Village NE38 7HS)
- Saturday @ 5.00 – St Bede’s (Coach Road Estate NE37 2HE)

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.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - during Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.