

**St Joseph's News**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**

**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

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- **15<sup>th</sup>/ 16<sup>th</sup> June: Day of Prayer for Human Life**

This day helps us all to focus on the fact that the value of human life is constantly supported. The church teaches that life is to be nurtured from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The collection goes towards supporting projects in the church in England & Wales which explore how best to support life, from the highly technical issues around 'euthanasia' to those who suffer domestic abuse. It is our way of showing we believe all life is sacred.

- **22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June: SVP (Birtley Parish)**

**HOLY HOUR – tomorrow Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June @ 3.00**

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend an hour in the presence of the Eucharist with prayers, silent adoration, scripture readings and Benediction. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Parish Centre for Afternoon Tea with beautiful cakes, fresh scones, etc!

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will be available in St. Joseph's (starting 4th July) each Thursday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**SVP MASS FOR THE SICK and HOUSEBOUND** will be celebrated on next weekend on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**CELIDHE** - in aid of the Lourdes Youth Sponsorship on **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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Everyone is invited to come to the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.45** in the Parish Centre. There will be brief reports from various parish groups & ministries and an opportunity for you to raise any issues or concerns that you may have – perhaps with suggestions of initiatives that we might take to benefit/enrich the life of our parish.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - Our parish is already blessed with many long-serving Eucharistic Ministers. We now need to appeal for other parishioners to volunteer and share this wonderful ministry – assisting during Mass and/or visiting the Sick & Housebound. We anticipate a training day in the Autumn and we hope, amongst others, to enrol parishioners who are younger and/or newly-arrived into our parish – please contact Fr Martin or Deacon Peter for more information.

**RED BOX** - The latest MISSIO magazine is now at the back of church for people to take and read.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** would like to invite everyone to their Summer Fayre on **Saturday 29th June** at St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road at 1pm. There will be lots of fun and games, cakes and fancy goods, something for everyone. We hope to see you all there.

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL** - will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**  
All donations will be gratefully received!

**WHAT IS THE LORD CALLING US TO BE and DO?**

Engaging with the Synodal Vision for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

**Modelling Spiritual Conversation Workshop**

- **Date: Wednesday 10 July from 6.30 till 7.45** - Please arrive early for refreshments!
- **Location:** Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, NE38 7HS
- **Booking link:** <https://bit.ly/MSCWorkshop-Washington1>
- **Cost:** Free. Contact Deacon Peter if you need transport.

**BENEDICT PARTNERSHIP**

Our Partnership of Parishes is under the patronage of St. Benedict. To mark St. Benedict's Feast Day, and ask the Lord's blessing on our two communities there will be a Mass in St. Bede's (Washington) on **Thursday July 11th at 7pm**. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**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. **HURRY - there are still a few spaces available!**

**BISHOP'S HOUSE ADDRESS** – from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the new address for Bishop Steven, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be: **Bishop's house, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton NE12 8AD**  
There is no change to the telephone number and email address.

With assurance of prayers + Stephen

**NORTHERN CROSS** – the June edition is now on sale @ £1.50.

**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](mailto:birtleyjoes@gmail.com)

**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)

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE (PSR)**

Our parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our PSR is Pauline Lavery and her contact details are displayed in the church porch, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)