

**St Joseph's News**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**  
**Twelfth 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**

- **22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June: SVP (Birtley Parish)**
- **29<sup>th</sup>/ 30<sup>th</sup> June: Peter's Pence.**

We help Pope Francis in his mission which extends throughout the world: from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of human development, education, peace and humanitarian interventions in the most diverse situations of need.

**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.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** would like to invite everyone to their Summer Fayre on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will be available in St. Joseph's, from the **4<sup>th</sup> July**, each Thursday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL** - will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the Infant School from 2.15 till 3.15pm**. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 coach has been booked for our Parish and will be leaving from St Joseph's at **8.30 prompt**.

A reminder that if you are walking across the sands as part of the Pilgrim's walk then please ensure you bring additional clothing with you. For those not walking there will be a service held in St Aidan's Catholic Church at **12.00 noon**. Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's church at **3.00 pm** by Bishop Stephen and Fr Jim O'Keefe.

The coach will be departing from Holy Island at 17.30. There are still a few places available on the coach. If you would like to go, please contact Deacon Peter on **07305-059297**

**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.

**GREAT NORTH RUN** - CAFOD would love to invite you to take on this challenge.

The Great North Run happens on **Sunday, September 8th** in Newcastle and is the biggest Half Marathon in the world! If you'd like a place to run for CAFOD, please follow this link here: [Great North Run](#) or email [events@cafod.org.uk](mailto:events@cafod.org.uk).

**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.

#### **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 & photograph 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)

**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)