

St Joseph's News
14th - 15th September 2024
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

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, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

- **Billy Gaff** – very recently deceased, further details to follow in due course.
- **Francis (Franky) James Knox of Vigo**, died on **1st September 2024**, Aged **74 years**.
- **Rose Morris** from **Lindisfarne Care Home** died on **25th August 2024**.
- **Fr. Francis Niebiet Inyang** - the brother of one of our parishioners, **Kufre Okaji**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

- **Maureen Joyce** (nee Casey), **Jean Greenwood**, **Bob Fish** and **Valerie Waggott**, Deacon **Peter NB**. Please let us know if anyone else wishes to ask for prayers from our parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

14th & 15th September – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday)

Please be as generous as possible

HALF DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES

This year's **Ministry Morning** will take place on **Saturday 28th of September** and be led by **Fr Peter Randall S.J.** with the title '**Facing Ministry in a Changing World**'. Please note that the venue has been changed from St Robert's Comprehensive School, Washington, and will all take place **at St Cuthbert's, Ropery Lane, Chester-le-Street**. The Centre will be open at 9:00am for refreshments. At the same time there will be Mass at 9:00am in church for those who like to attend Saturday Mass first. Please note that there is plenty of car parking in the school grounds to the rear of the church - follow the school sign on Ropery Lane.

The day will begin with a call to prayer at 9:45am and Fr Peter, who has lots of experience working with different groups, will give two inputs, leaving time for group discussion and feedback. The morning will end at 12:30pm with a short time of prayer. At weekend Masses the different ministries will be celebrated and commitment can be made. This is open to everyone involved in any ministry at Church, no matter how small or involved, and does not have to be pre-booked, just turn up on the day. Since it finishes at 12.30pm, there is no necessity to take a packed lunch.

SVP 200 Club

The September draw has now taken place and the results are at the back of the church. Congratulations to Pauline Kell from the Parish who was one of the winners.

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)