

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
9th & 10th November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION IN ST JOSEPH'S, BIRTLEY

Every Sunday, there is a Service of The Word, Prayer and Music, including Children's Liturgy, at 10.00 am at St Joseph's Church. Our celebrations will continue with tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT BIRTLEY CENOTAPH – SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

As usual the people of Birtley will gather at the Cenotaph from 10.45am this Sunday for the Remembrance Day Service.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME THIS FRIDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S:

Please note that the morning Mass at St Joseph's on Friday, 15th November, will be held at 11.15am for Jean Greenwood's Requiem Mass. The time change is for this week only.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

- **John Comerford**, died 31st October, 80 years, funeral arrangements to follow
- **Jean Greenwood**, died 23rd October, 93 years, Requiem Mass Friday, 15th November at 11.15am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Dorothy Hattam; Maureen Joyce (nee Casey); Bob Fish and Valerie Waggott

NB: Please let Fr Martin W know of anyone within the parish who is sick or housebound and would like to see a priest.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

We would like to update our Holy Communion lists. If you know of any parishioners who are unable to get to mass and would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please give their name, address and Tel. No. to Fr Martin Wheaton or contact Anne Welsh (07801 481021). Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Training Fund Appeal 2024 will remain open until 24th November (in an envelope please)

Fr John Bagnall, Diocesan Vocations Director, has written a letter about the Fund, please collect copy from back of church

ROSARY: Prayed for world peace at St Joseph's every Tuesday at 6.40 pm, prior to the evening Mass.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION: At St Joseph's on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

MASSES AT ST BENET'S SCHOOL: With effect from Friday, 15th November, Mass will be held at St Benet's School, Ouston, on alternative Friday mornings, at 9.15am, as detailed below. Parents, Guardians and Parishioners will be most welcome to attend.

Friday, 15th November - St Benet's School @ 9.15 am

Friday, 29th November - St Benet's School @ 9.15 am

Friday, 13th December - St Benet's School @ 9.15 am

CHURCH FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING:

Following the tremendous success of last year's Christmas Coffee Morning to bring parishioners together and raise desperately needed funds for St Joseph's, this year's event will be held immediately after the Sunday morning service on **SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 10.45am-1.00pm in the Parish Centre.** We would be most grateful for donations of items for the Raffle, Tombola, Bottle and Cuddly Toy Stalls (good opportunity to clear out formerly loved cuddly toys). A box will be available at the back of Church for these items and raffle tickets will be on sale at church next weekend. Cakes will be gratefully received on the day. Many thanks in advance for your support!

IT SUPPORT TO ACCESS WEBSITE, LIVE-STREAMING SERVICES & OUR SOCIAL MEDIA: If anyone would like more information, please contact Catherine Tumelty cath.tumelty@btinternet.com or Mobile: 07512101206.

DIOCESAN CENSUS OF PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

If you haven't already done so, can parish volunteers please return their forms to the Sacristy as soon as possible (these will now be sent to the Diocese at the end of November). Blank forms are available at the back of church, or use the QR code provided. Thanks!

APPEAL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Many thanks for those who have already added their names to the "Be Like Peter Sign Up Sheets", which will be discussed at our next Pastoral Council Meeting on Sunday, 10th November. Lists will remain open at the back of Church until then. We would welcome new members of the Church Pastoral Council and, if you would be interested in joining this group and perhaps help bring new life into our Parish, please add your name to the "sign-up" sheets, contact Fr Martin Wheaton or email our Chairperson, Tom Quigley at tomquigley44@gmail.com

NORTHERN CROSS:

The November Northern Cross is now on sale at the back of the Church, price £1.50. Please place money in the wall-safe at the side of the Entrance door – beside the choir loft stairs.

2025 MISSIO- RED BOX CALENDARS:

Calendars are now at the back of church for parishioners to take.

BIRTLEY HERITAGE GROUP – MARIA HAVERTY 1894-1917:

BHG are trying to find descendants of this young lady who was born at Oil Mills, Lamesley, died as the result of munition poisoning (First World War Effort), and was buried in our Church Grounds. Her parents were Peter & Annie (nee Henry) and siblings were Mary Ellen, Bridget Ann, Margaret, John, Catherine, Joseph & Julia. Kindly forward any information to birtleyheritagegroup@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message for Jean Atkinson at Birtley Library. Many thanks!

SVP 200 CLUB: The results from the SVP 200 Club draw for November are now at the back of Church, although there were no winners from St Joseph's this time.

VINNIES (SVP BLACKFRIARS):

Vinnies, St Vincents Newcastle, are looking for support with their Christmas appeals. There are several ways that you could help :-

- For £6.50 you could sponsor a Vinnies 4 course Christmas dinner and a gift.
- Donate Christmas hamper items – there is a list of suggestions on the poster.
- Give a gift or toy for children of all ages, teens, a young adult, lady or gent.
- Complete the Reverse Advent Calendar, set up a box at home or work and add an item every day.

Donation boxes are at the back of church and there is more information on the posters on display. Many thanks!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

At St Joseph's, Birtley, directly after Thursday's 12.00 noon Mass. Please see main Newsletter for details at other St John XXIII parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you wish to arrange a special Mass Intention at St Joseph's, "Mass Intention Envelopes" are available at the back of church and in the Sacristy.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS:

In the short-term Catherine Tumelty will produce the St Joseph's News with the deadline for entry midday the previous Wednesday. Please send by email to cath.tumelty@btinternet.com (it is easier to cut and paste!) or m. 07512 101206. Fr Martin Wheaton will approve a draft copy before printing. Please note that "Sick & Recently Deceased" notices must have the approval of a family member and should be submitted by clicking the link on the main Parish Newsletter.