

# ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

## 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Baptism of the Lord (Cycle C)

### 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 10.00am at St Joseph's Church. Our celebrations will continue with tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

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

- **Christine Anne Bradley**, died 23<sup>rd</sup> December, aged 80 years, Requiem Mass Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm
- **Dorothy Hattam**, died 23<sup>rd</sup> December, aged 81 years, Requiem Mass Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10.45am

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

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:

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).

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January – SVP (St Joseph's)

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January – Racial Justice

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025:

"Birtley Churches Together" invites you to join them for an Ecumenical Service at Birtley Community Church, Edward Road, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, at 7.00pm. This year's theme is "Do you believe this?"

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

### 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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm, held in the Front Room of the Presbytery (main door will be open, first room on the left).

### NORTHERN CROSS:

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.

### ST JOSEPH'S LOURDES YOUTH GROUP:

St. Joseph's Lourdes Youth Group are holding their annual 'Afternoon Tea' on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. They would appreciate any donations of prizes for the raffle and tombola. Donations can be given to Bernadette Bartlett, Christine Johnson and Margaret Taylor.

### 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:

Deadline for entry midday the previous Wednesday. Please send by email to [cath.tumelty@btinternet.com](mailto: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.