

# **ST JOSEPH'S NEWS**

## **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Corpus Christie (Cycle C)**

### **Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Children's Liturgy is now celebrated at our main Vigil Mass at 5.00pm each Saturday.

**SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION:** Every Sunday there is a Service of The Word, Prayer and Music, including Children's Liturgy, at 10am at St Joseph's Church. Our celebrations will continue with tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June - SVP (St Joseph's)**

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June - Peter's Pence** (see details in Parish Newsletter)

The "Lay Training Fund" will remain open until 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### **SVP MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

St Joseph's Annual Mass for the Sick and Housebound will be celebrated this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025 at 2.00pm.

**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, 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:** Each Thursday evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

Molly Peter (mother of Dineesh Peter) who has recently died, may she rest in peace

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

Maureen Joyce; Bob Fish; Lin McDonnell; Nancy Loughlin;

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 Telephone No. to Fr Martin Wheaton or contact Anne Welsh (07801 481021).

#### **ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH ORGAN:**

Many thanks to two of our parishioners who generously came forward with help towards providing an electric keyboard for use at St Joseph's, one on loan and the other permanent. Your speedy response is greatly appreciated.

#### **HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!**

Seeking volunteers to go on a rota to collect our Parish Newsletter from Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church, Washington Village, on a Saturday morning please, commencing the beginning of July. If you have transport and are able to spare half an hour, from time to time, please contact Catherine Tumelty 0191-4104577/07512-101206 or email [cath.tumelty@btinternet.com](mailto:cath.tumelty@btinternet.com). Many thanks!

#### **LOURDES MASS:**

Bishop Stephen will say Mass in St Joseph's Birtley at 6.00pm on Friday 4th July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a group of volunteers from the Diocese going to Lourdes to serve with the Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes. Everyone is welcome at this Mass

#### **CAFOD HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025:**

If you would like to join this year's Holy Island Pilgrimage, there is a list at the back of church for the next two weekends. Please add your name to the list and the number of seats required. The coach will depart from one of our churches at approx. 9am - to be decided in due course, depending on pick up requirements. A donation of £10.00 per person is required to cover the cost of the coach, with payment to be made as soon as possible please. To enable us to book coaches the deadline for submitting details is Sunday 6th July. Thank you. CAFOD Team.

**FORMER MAY PROCESSIONS AT ST JOSEPH'S:**

If anyone has any stories or photographs of the former May Processions at St Joseph's, Hilda Fraser or Ann Marshall would be delighted to hear from you for a project on which they are working (4106757/4104289). Thank you!

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:**

With effect from the beginning of July, all St Joseph's events/news will be included in the Main Parish Newsletter. From that time, please send articles by email to the Bulletin Team at [stjohn23bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn23bulletin@gmail.com) – deadline 5pm the previous Wednesday. Articles received after this date may not be published. Please note that "Sick & Recently Deceased" notices must have the approval of a family member. These notices can be submitted by clicking the link on the main Parish Newsletter or contacting the Parish Administrator, Audrey Huntley, tel. 0191 4163583.

In the meantime, up to the end of June, if you have any articles for St Joseph's News, please send by email to [cath.tumelty@btinternet.com](mailto:cath.tumelty@btinternet.com) (it is easier to cut and paste!) or phone 07512 101206. The deadline for entry is midday the previous Wednesday. Fr Martin Wheaton will approve a draft copy before printing.

**SVP 200 CLUB DRAW:**

The latest SVP 200 Club draw was made on Thursday 5th June. Congratulations to Margaret Taylor from St Joseph's who was successful in the draw.

**NORTHERN CROSS:**

June edition of the Northern Cross now on sale at the back of Church. Please place money in the wall safe at the side of the entrance door – beside the choir loft stairs.

**LIVE-STREAMED SERVICES:**

Unfortunately, we are still encountering problems with live-streamed services from St Joseph's. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

The Partnership Development Group will soon be providing details of plans for the "Year of Jubilee" but in the meantime, here are a few dates for your diary:-

- Fri. 11 July, Feast of St Benedict, St Mary's Cathedral, 11.15am, Prayers, Process through Holy Door, Mass.
- Sun. 20 July, Walking Pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral (non-walkers to meet there)
- Sat. 6 September, Walking Pilgrimage (2 legs) with refreshments 4pm Birtley, prior to 5pm Mass (option)
  1. St Bede's, Sacriston, walking via St Cuthbert's to St Joseph's
  2. OLQP Peshaw, walking via OBLI, St Bede's & St John Boste, to St Joseph's

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**

A special prayer has been composed for this Jubilee Year and will be recited after the Vigil Mass each Saturday evening at St Joseph's. Prayer cards are available at the back of church so you can say it regularly at home too during the week.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

If you wish to arrange a Mass Intention at St Joseph's, special envelopes are available at the back of Church and in the Sacristy. We already have bookings many months in advance so, if you want to pick a particular day, please give as much notice as possible to save disappointment.