

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
21st March – 28th March 5th Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	21 st March	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Lent	5.00 pm	Kathleen Burlinson R.I.P
Tuesday	24 th March	Rosary 6:40pm	7.00 pm	Kathleen Fish R.I.P
Thursday	26 th March	Stations 11:30am	*12noon	Eileen Middleton R.I.P
Friday	27 th March		10.00 am	Joan Mason R.I.P
Saturday	28 th March	Vigil: Palm Sunday	5:00pm	People of the Parish

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

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During Lent Stations of the Cross will be at 11:30 on a Thursday before Mass. *It will be led each week by various groups in the parish*

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS 21st March - Flowers for Easter ❁
28th March - SVP

Throughout Lent, Lenten Alms can be placed in the wall safe near the entrance door

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A Penitential Service will take place at **St John Boste on Wednesday the March 25th at 7pm, All are welcome**

Confessions: As well as the Penitential Service at St John Boste, confessions are available during Lent at St Joseph's after each Mass during the week and during Adoration each Thursday and on request to Fr Martin

Times for our Easter Celebrations

Holy Thursday 7:00pm on 2nd April

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass: 10.00am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Joe Tyrrell, Bob Fish; Pat Lamb; Mick Davison; Ursula Duru; Claire Avery; Beverley Homes, Maureen Joyce

Please let Fr Martin know of any sick or housebound within the parish who would like to see a priest.

Farewell to the Club - Live Music Night.

Live music night with Bingo and Raffle. **Saturday 28th March 7.00pm - Late.**
Tickets £5.00 available from the Parish Centre or Michael Davison

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BIG LENT WALK

Everyone is invited to meet at Herrington Park Amphitheatre at 11am on Saturday 28th March for a short walk followed by a bring-your-own picnic

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Also our Partnership Pilgrimage to Holy Island is on Saturday 20th June. There is a list at the back of church for those who wish to travel by coach. The cost will be £15pp.

NB The list will close this weekend 22nd March

PARISH CENTRE & OLD PARISH HALL Discussions to resolve the future of the Parish Centre and old Parish Hall are continuing. As soon as there is any news to report parishioners will be informed as soon as possible.

A COFFEE MORNING WILL CONTINUE IN THE PARISH CENTRE EACH SUNDAY MORNING, AT 10.30 AM, UNTIL ITS CLOSURE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Held in the front room of the presbytery during winter months each Thursday evening 6.30pm–7.30pm. You are welcome to sit with the Lord in silence for a few minutes or the entire hour.

Streaming of Masses: We need volunteers to stream our masses at St Joseph's. The streaming will be via Youtube and training will be given. This is primarily for our housebound parishioners. Please speak to Fr Martin if you are able to help.

NORTHERN CROSS:

The March edition now on sale at the back of the Church. (see page 5 for article on St Joseph's School)

ST BENET'S SCHOOL

St Benet's is delighted to offer Nursery places for both 15-hour and 30-hour provision, welcoming children from the **day after they turn three**. Our Nursery provides a caring, engaging and high-quality early years environment where children thrive, explore and grow. We also run a wonderful **Toddler Session every Tuesday during term time, 9.15am–11am**, which is open to all—please do come along for play, learning and a friendly chat. We would love to show you around our Nursery, so visits are warmly encouraged. To arrange a visit or to find out more about places, please call us on **0191 4105857** or email **stbenets@stbo.bwcet.com**. We can't wait to welcome you and your little ones to our St Benet's family.

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).

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.

SVP 200 Club

The March draw was made last week and the results are posted at the back of church. There were no winners from the parish or the partnership.

ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION OF ST JOSEPH'S NEWS: From this weekend, St Joseph's News will be circulated by email to those people already registered to receive the Main Parish Newsletter. If you are not already on this mailing list, you can sign up by clicking on the following link or copying it into your search <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/sc36MvYQ1X>

ARTICLES FOR ST JOSEPH'S NEWS – NEW ARRANGEMENTS:

In future, if you wish to include an item in St Joseph's News, please send it direct to Pauline Lavery laverypauline9@gmail.com (it is easier to cut and paste!) or phone or text 07906906559

The deadline for entry is midday the previous Wednesday. Fr Martin Wheaton will approve a draft copy before printing.

Please note that "Sick notices must have the approval of a family member. These notices can be submitted by clicking the link on the main Parish Newsletter.