

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

14th March – 21st March 4th Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	14th March	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Lent	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday	17 th March	Feast of St Patrick <i>Rosary 6:40pm</i>	7.00 pm	Dec'd Fitzgerald & Proctor family
Thursday	19 th March	Feast of St Joseph	*12noon	Frank & Betty Dornan R.I.P
Friday	20 th March	Feast of St Cuthbert	9:15 am	@ St Benet's Alex Gilfillan R.I.P
Saturday	21 st March	Vigil: 5 th Sunday in Lent	5:00pm	Kathleen Burlinson R.I.P

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy is celebrated at our main Vigil Mass at 5.00pm each Saturday
**A warm welcome to all our children preparing for their First Holy Communion
& Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers**

***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 14th March – No Special Collection

21st March - Flowers for Easter ❀

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

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY MEETINGS: See Fr Martin Wheaton's letter attached to this News Sheet. Meetings will be held in the Parish Centre **after 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday, 17th March and after 12 noon Mass on Thursday, 19th March** (one evening and one mid-day meeting). Please try to attend one of these very important meetings

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 on 3rd April

Easter Vigil Mass 5.00pm on Saturday 4th April : Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am Sunday 5th April

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Joe Tyrrell, Bob Fish; Pat Lamb; Mick Davison; Ursula Duru; Claire Avery; Beverley Homes
Please let Fr Martin know of any sick or housebound within the parish who would like to see a priest.

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

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)

EASTER & ST PATRICK'S DAY CARDS For sale at the back of church

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.

A Ceilidh celebrating the Feasts of St Patrick, St Joseph & St Cuthbert.

In the Parish Centre on **Friday 20th March**. 7pm-11pm. Tickets £5 available from Mick and Bernadette Davison

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 club

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.