

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
28th March – 5th April Palm Sunday (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	28th March	Vigil: Palm Sunday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday	31st March	<i>Rosary 6:40pm</i>	7:00 pm	Simon Roy Toole R.I.P
Wednesday	1 st April	@ ST BENET'S SCHOOL	2:00pm	Priests Intention
Thursday	2 nd April	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Last Supper	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Friday	3 rd April	Good Friday	3:00 pm	People of the Parish
Saturday	4 th April	The Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	5 th April	Easter Sunday Mass PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME	11:30 am	People of the Parish

***NB. The Easter Vigil Mass will be the full celebration of the Easter Readings, Blessing of the Fire and lighting the Paschal candle, renewing our Baptismal promises and also welcoming two new Parishioners to join us. This celebration can last up to two hours**

**SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS 28th March – SVP
 Good Friday – Holy Places
 Easter Sunday NBF- (Sick & Retired Priests)**

Many thanks for your generous donations for Easter Flowers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Harry Hattam, 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.

If you would like to include any family member to St Joseph's list please message Pauline Lavery

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).

LOURDES YOUTH AFTERNOON TEA

Our Lourdes Youth would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity at the afternoon tea. £937 was the final amazing total. This will help towards the cost of their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH CENTRE: With the closure of St Joseph's Club and Parish Centre on 31st March, on behalf of all parishioners, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the present and past members of the Management Committee for their voluntary hard work over the years in providing a comfortable space, not only for our parishioners but also the Birtley Community, to come together both spiritually and socially, for meetings, charity functions, receptions and celebrations. Your outstanding contribution has not gone unnoticed and will be remembered for years to come. With God's blessing, let us look to the future and ensure that the Old Parish Hall can soon be renovated and once again become a centre for our parish to come together socially.

Fr Martin Wheaton.

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.

St Benet's School have recently completed their sponsored **CAFOD** Big Lent Walk. Every child, from nursery to Year 6, walked together in solidarity, putting the needs of others before their own this Lent. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please use the QR code below. Thank you!



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.

ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION OF ST JOSEPH'S NEWS: 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 *new* link or copying it into your search <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/mBZmrjzBJs> and confirm you attend St Joseph's Church

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 on the Partnership Newsletter must have the approval of a family member. These notices can be submitted by clicking the link on the main Parish Newsletter.

