

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

7th March 2026- 14th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	7 th March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Lent	5.00 pm	Pat & Bill Stobbart R.I.P
Tuesday	10 th March	Rosary 6:40pm	7.00 pm	Peter Robinson R.I.P
Thursday	12 th March	Stations 11:30*	12 noon	Marlene Tindale (nee Ford) R.I.P
Friday	13 th March		10:00 am	Sick of the Parish
Saturday	14 th March	Vigil: 4 th Sunday in Lent	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

7th March – No Special Collection

14th March – No Special Collection

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

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.

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

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 PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next CPC Meeting will be held at **Sunday 8th March at 7pm**, in the Presbytery. If you would like the Council to discuss a particular subject relating to St Joseph's, please speak with a Council Member prior to the Meeting - names can be found on the notice board at the back of Church.

We are delighted to have recently welcomed four new CPC Members: Gary Bartlett (Health & Safety); Pauline Lavery (Safeguarding); Shirley Ennis; and Michael Jacques, and their photos will be added soon.

Notes taken at the last meeting are displayed on the Church Noticeboard - to be agreed at the next meeting.

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.

LOURDES YOUTH SPONSORSHIP:

Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm on Sunday, 22nd March [Gifts for the Raffle would be appreciated A box is at the back for your donations]

Thank you to all who supported our Race Night. £452 was raised which will help towards the cost of sending our young parishioners to Lourdes

A COFFEE MORNING WILL CONTINUE IN THE PARISH CENTRE EACH SUNDAY MORNING, AT 10.30 AM, WHICH WILL NOT ONLY BRING PARISHIONERS TOGETHER, BUT WILL HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES. HOPEFULLY, ONCE THE OLD PARISH HALL IS RENOVATED, THIS COFFEE MORNING CAN BE REINSTATED.

NORTHERN CROSS:

The March edition now on sale at the back of the Church. (An article and photograph reporting on St Joseph's School Centenary on page 5). Please put money in safe marked cards etc at the bottom of the stairs

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.

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.

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.

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 & 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.