

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

18th April – 25th April 3rd Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	18 th April		5:00 pm	Patricia Stobbart (nee Ford) R.I.P
Tuesday	21 st April	Rosary 6:40pm	7:00pm	Michael Johnson R.I.P
Thursday	23 rd April		12:00am	Harriet Rowntree R.I.P 4 th Anniversary
Friday	24 th April	In St Benet's School	9:15am	Kathleen McGee R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	24 th April	Mass for the Holy Land*	11:00am	
Saturday	25 th April	Vocations Sunday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish

*All are warmly invited to attend Mass for the Holy Land on Saturday 25th April at 11.00am at St Joseph's Church, Birtley, celebrated with members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Northumbrian Section.

A very warm welcome to Lisa Shields and Suzanne Robinson who were received into full communion at the Easter Vigil.

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

18th April SVP

25th April Little Sisters of the Poor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO HAVE DIED:

Anne Conway: Died 25th March

Harry Hattam: Died 3rd April - Requiem Tuesday 28th April 10am @ St Joseph's followed by service 11am Birtley Crematorium

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.

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

Church Pastoral Council.

There will be an extra meeting for all CPC members next Sunday, 19th April, at 7p.m. to discuss our draft response to the Pastoral Strategy Consultation

Following on from the initial parish meetings regarding the Pastoral Strategy Consultation there will be meetings for all parishioners on Tuesday 21st April at 1pm or after Mass at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This will be held in the Parish Hall

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM Fr Martin Wheaton

"Unfortunately, last week the church was again left open with all the lights left on. The code to the church door to the sacristy has now been changed.

Any authorised person will be given the new code directly from Fr Martin, and under no circumstance is it to be shared with anyone.. No one should be in the church without clearance from Fr Martin.

An entry book will be attached to the back of the door and it must be signed on entering and leaving the church, even with permission. This is already standard practice in many churches in the diocese and will cover us for insurance purposes."

RED BOXES- John will be at mass Thursday the 30th April and Saturday the 2nd May for people to bank their monies.

SVP Mass for Sick and Housebound: *Date for your diary.*

This years Mass will be held in the Parish Room at St Cuthbert's, Chester le Street on Saturday 27th June

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.

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).

PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES Unfortunately we still have not received this year's envelopes. Will those who usually donate this way please take 5 of the white numbered envelopes from the back of church

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.

ARTICLES FOR ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

If you wish to include an item for St Joseph's News please contact 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.