

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
25th April 4th Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	25 th April	Vocations Sunday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday	28 th April	Requiem Mass Harry Hattam	10:00am	
Tuesday	28 th April	<i>Rosary 6:40pm</i>	7:00pm	Margaret & Robert Bryson
Thursday	30 th April		12:00am	
Friday	1 st May		10:00	Ursula Jobson R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	2 nd May		5:00 pm	Alex Gilfillan R.I.P

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

25th April Little Sisters of the Poor **2nd May** No Collection

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 who is sick to St Joseph's list please message

Pauline Lavery

COFFEE MORNING. We are pleased to announce that the Sunday Coffee Morning will commence again this Sunday at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and also raise money for some of our local charities.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO GET THE PARISH HALL READY TO USE. THERE IS STILL A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE TO MAKE IT FULLY FUNCTIONAL SO ANY VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

The Pastoral Strategy

Following on from the responses received a copy of our submission is available on our website www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

Justice and Peace Council AGM

Saturday May 9th 10am-3pm, Conference Room, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

Theme: Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergency (10.30am-12.30pm).

Free Vegetarian Lunch 12.30-1.30pm. Followed by AGM

See full poster in church porch for more details

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

PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES Unfortunately we still have not received this year's envelopes.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM Fr Martin Wheaton

"Unfortunately, last week the door from the Sacristy into church was again left open with all the lights left on. The code to the outside 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."

WEEKLY COLLECTION COUNTING

We need to establish a group who are willing to help count the weekly collection. It would usually be on a Wednesday or Thursday. Hopefully, if we get enough volunteers we can start up a rota. If you can spare about 1 hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pauline Lavery (see below for details) and she will pass on your names to Fr Martin

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: Will now be in Church every 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).

CAFOD: Many thanks to all contributed to the Lenten Family Fast Day £430 + Gift Aid has been sent to CAFOD plus those who donated on line.

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.