

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
4th April – 11th April (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	4 th April	The Easter Vigil	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	5 th April	Easter Sunday Mass	11:30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	7 th April	<i>Rosary 6:40pm</i>	7:00pm	Agnes McGrahan R.I.P
Thursday	9 th April		12:00am	Marrion & Bob Slavin R.I.P
Friday	10 th April		10:00am	Michael Ryder R.I.P
Saturday	11 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	5:00 pm	John Littlewood R.I.P

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

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Easter Sunday NBF- (Sick & Retired Priests)
11th April No Collection

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).

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.

Many thanks to all who entertained us at the "Farewell to the Club" Music Night. It was a wonderful evening of fun and nostalgia. Hopefully, the Old Parish Hall will soon be renovated and we can continue all our community events.

There are copies of Michael's poem at the back of the church or email me paulinelavery9@gmail.com

Pastoral Strategy Discernment

Returns are due by Thursday 9th April. Please put any completed forms in the box at the back of the church.

Church Pastoral Council.

Next meeting Sunday 12th April, 7:00pm in the Presbytery. Please contact any CPC member if you want anything mentioned on the agenda.

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!



NORTHERN CROSS

The April edition of the Northern Cross is now on sale at the back of the 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.

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.