

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

2nd May- 9th May

5th Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

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Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	2 nd May		5:00pm	Alex Gilfillan R.I.P
Tuesday	5 th May	Rosary 6:40pm	7:00pm	Margaret & Lawrence Reed R.I.P
Thursday	7 th May		12:00am	Elaine Murphy R.I.P (SVP)
Friday	8 th May	<i>ST BENET'S SCHOOL</i>	9:15am	Alex Proctor R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	9 th May		5:00pm	People of the Parish

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

2nd May - First Holy Communion Programme

9th May- Christian Aid

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. Every Sunday 10:30am 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. The charity this week is for the SVP

To all members of the SVP 200 Club

The SVP would like to thank you for all the help that you have given to Vinnies during 2025-2026 by your membership. Subscriptions are due for 2026-2027 starting on 1st June which will be £12 per number. Please either contact Peter Monaghan on 0191 4108103 or see me at the back of church after Saturday Mass during May. Shirley Ennis will also be available to take subscriptions. Anyone willing to join this worthwhile enterprise will be most welcome and can contact Peter for more information.

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 20th June. **Good news** there are **10 additional seats available on the coach - £15 per seat.** **If you would like to join us on our visit to Holy Island please contact rachelprior84@gmail.com.**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

From next weekend we will be reverting back to printing the Joint Newsletter at Birtley and are seeking volunteers to help print on a Saturday morning on a rota basis. This will take just 30-60 minutes, once every few weeks, and training will be given. If you are able to help, please contact Catherine Tumelty on 07512-101206 or email cath.tumelty@btinternet.com. Many thanks!

Church Pastoral Council.

Next meeting Sunday 10th May, 7:00pm in the Presbytery. Please contact any CPC member if you want anything mentioned on the agenda.

The Pastoral Strategy

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

Northern Cross: May edition now on sale at the back of church. Please put money in the door safe marked "cards"

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

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

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).

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.