

SVP Mass for the Elderly, Sick and Housebound

The SVP Mass for the Housebound will be held at the Eardulph Centre next to St Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street on Saturday 27th June at 1:30pm. Letters have been sent out to Eucharistic Ministers and invitations will be sent out to parishioners who attended last year's event. If anyone else wishes to attend, could they please speak to Peter Monaghan or any other member of the SVP.

On Sunday 7 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's beautiful gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction.

The Corpus Christi procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the highlights of the year at Ushaw. Everyone is invited to be a part of this important and enjoyable event.

There is no charge for this event, but please sign up below to help Ushaw to estimate numbers.

If you are signing up on behalf of a parish group, please indicate how many cars are likely to be coming to Ushaw, or if the group will be arriving by coach: this will help us to manage car parking requirements.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

23rd May-30th May Pentecost (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

St Joseph's Mass Times

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	23 RD May	Pentecost	5:00pm	Brian & Susan Towns R.I.P
Tuesday	26 th May		7:00pm	Tommy & Peggy Finnegan R.I.P
Thursday	28 th May		12:00am	Brian Wilson R.I.P
Friday	29 th May	Requiem Mass	10:00am	Joan Hogg
Saturday	30 th May	Holy Trinity	5:00pm	People of the Parish

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

23rd May- Lay Training Fund - 30thMay - No Collection

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Joan Hogg - Died 10th May aged 95 (Funeral, Friday 29th May 10:00am followed by Cremation at 11:00am)

Harris McKenna- Died 18th May aged 90 (former parishioner of St Joseph's)

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 now **10:00am** 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 Lourdes Youth

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Are now available at the back of church. If you Gift Aid your contribution your envelopes will have your name on. All other envelopes are for anyone who wishes to make a regular donation

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: We are seeking volunteers to help print the Joint Parish Newsletter on a Saturday morning on a rota basis. This will take just half an hour, once every few weeks, and training will be given. If you are able to help and haven't yet contacted Catherine Tumelty, please do so on 07512-101206 or email cath.tumelty@btinternet.com. Many thanks!

NB. As from now we will only be printing the first 2 pages of the Joint Newsletter if you want to receive the full electronic version please contact

www.washingtoncatholic.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS:

There are very few Mass Intentions received for the coming months and dates are available

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 in advance so, if you want to pick a particular day, please give as much notice as possible to save disappointment.

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

starting on 1st June which will be £12 per number. Please either contact Peter Monaghan on 0191 4108103 or see him 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.

Update on Club and Old Parish Hall

The diocese have been given permission to employ an assessor on the parish's behalf.

They will find the correct lease value for the property, formerly the Catholic club. When this is complete it will be put on the market.

As I mentioned in the past, although it is yet to be officially put on the lease market one or two businesses have already been in touch seeking to lease it.

The Old Parish Hall is, as you know, going to be our new parish hall. At the moment a leaking roof is being assessed and the electrics are being checked. Once this is complete we can begin using it on a limited basis, until a proper refurbishment is complete. It's hoped that the cost of the refurbishment will be met, in a large part, from the income we hope to receive from the lease of the club.

SVP Camp – Holy Island Calling all young adults 18+.

Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time! **Week 3 Sat 1 August - 8 August, Week 5 Sat 15 August - 22 August,**

Week 6 Sat 22 August- 29 August If you are interested, have a look at the website or email Barbara Taws: barbarat@svp.org.uk. All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.