

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

16th May- 23rd May

7th Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

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MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BIRTLEY				
DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	16 th May		5:00pm	Dennis Duffy R.I.P
Tuesday	19 th May	Rosary 6:40pm	7:00pm	Harry Hattam R.I.P
Thursday	21 st May		12:00am	Raymond Coulson R.I.P (SVP)
Friday	22 nd May	<i>ST BENET'S School</i>	9:15 am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	23 rd May	Pentecost	5:00pm	Brian & Susan Towns R.I.P

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

16th May- World Communications

23rd May- Lay Training Fund

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Joan Hogg Died 10th May aged 95 (Funeral arrangements to follow)

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

Congratulations

To the children of St Joseph's School who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May

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 BIRTLEY FOOD BANK

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 20th June.

Monies for the coach are now due £15 per seat: Please pay Rachel Prior or Pauline Lavery before 29th May to secure your seat. (Cash preferred) There are still a limited number of seats available. Contact rachelprior84@gmail.com

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

Corpus Christi Procession at Ushaw College, Durham, Sunday 7 June, 3pm. Bishop Stephen invites us to this event for the Feast of Corpus Christi. More details to follow

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 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.

Northern Cross: May edition now on sale at the back of church. Please put money in the door safe marked "cards" There are a number of articles this month featuring St Benet's School and the closure of the Parish Centre.

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.

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

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).

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.

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.