

SAVE THE DATE

Everyone is invited to come together and have fun at a **Summer Picnic** to be held in the church grounds **on Sunday 30th August from 12-4p.m.**

Bring your own picnic and blankets.

Children's games, Music, tombola and raffle, tea and coffee.

Any donations for the raffle and tombola would be gratefully received and can be left in the boxes at the back of church.

All proceeds to go towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.



We hope and pray that those travelling during the Summer Holidays all have a wonderful holiday and a safe journey and return refreshed and renewed.

To those staying at home, relax and enjoy the peace!

Blessing of the Sick

This was a great success on Thursday, especially as the weather helped us all enjoy tea and coffee afterwards outside. The next "Blessing of the Sick" will be on Thursday, 22nd October 2026 and Thursday 21st January 2027.) Sorry we can't guarantee the weather!

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

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

25th July 2026 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

St Joseph's Mass Times

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	25 th July		5:00pm	Kath & Bob McLeman R.I.P
Tuesday	28 th July	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	Susan Garounatis R.I.P
Thursday	30 th July		12:00am	Harriet Rowntree R.I.P
Friday	31 st July		10:00 am	Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
Saturday	1 st August		5:00pm	People of the Parish

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

25th July – Fr Luke open until 15th August (see note overleaf)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Kathleen Haigh, Caroline Kennedy (nee Hattam)

Joe Tyrrell, Bob Fish; Pat Lamb; Mick Davison; Ursula Duru;

Claire Avery; Beverley Homes, Maureen Joyce

Neil Robson- please pray for his recovery and that his operation is successful

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 or remove any family member to St Joseph's list please message Pauline Lavery

Reconciliation: After 12 noon Mass on Thursday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Held 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

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you wish to arrange a Mass Intention at St Joseph's, special envelopes are available at the back of Church.

SVP 200 Club

The results of the July draw are at the back of church.
Unfortunately there were no winners from the parish.

Blessed John Ingram Walk 2026

The 54th Annual Blessed John Ingram Walk will take place on
Sunday 26th July 2026.

Intending walkers should meet at St Andrew's Church, Gallowgate at 2:30pm for a short service at 2:45pm.

The walk will commence after the service, cross the Tyne via the Swing Bridge and terminate at St Edmund's Chapel on Gateshead High most welcome.

LOURDES

A large number of our Parish are going to Lourdes this year to be part of the Diocesan Centenary Pilgrimage. If you want any Mass petitions to be handed in at the Grotto, a basket is at the back of the church.

***Please do not include any money with your petition
(The Pilgrimage leaves Newcastle on Friday 31st July)***

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi -

Bishop Stephen will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and the centre of the Eternal City before then moving onto Assisi in Umbria, the 'green heart' of Italy, and the centre of St Francis and St Clare's ministry.

The Pilgrimage will take place 22nd 29th October 2027 at a cost of £1,725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. For information and how to book please click here or type in the link. <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assisi/>

COFFEE MORNING.

Every Sunday 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 CAFOD

Fr Luke Wilkinson

As we all now know, Fr Luke will be leaving us at the end of August. As is the custom when this happens, we will give him a going-away present in thanks for all he has done for St Joseph's over the last few years.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Fr Luke, there will be a collection after this weekend and next weekend's Vigil Masses, or you could leave your donation in an envelope marked "Fr Luke's Collection" and post it through the Presbytery front door. This collection will close on Saturday, 15th August. Fr Luke is leaving the parish on the weekend 22nd/23rd August with his "Goodbye Mass" at OBLI at 10am on Saturday, 22nd August, to which everyone is invited. Many thanks for your support.

Northern Cross

Unfortunately, to help the publication survive, the monthly price has increased to £2 but, because Birtley St Joseph's is on the "Volunteer Delivery Route", you can arrange an "Annual Collection Copy Subscription" for just £18 (which works out at £1.50 per month) and your copy will be delivered to church personally addressed to yourself. You will find an application form on Page 14 of the July edition of the Northern Cross.

Parish Centre Car Park

Many thanks to all who turned out this morning to help tidy the car park.

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love"

(Mother Teresa)