



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

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

8th August 2026 19th 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	8 th Aug		5:00pm	Brian & Susan Towns R.I.P
Monday	10 th Aug	Requiem	10:30am	Sheila Tweedy R.I.P
Tuesday	11th Aug	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	Harriet & John Hogan R.I.P
Thursday	13 th Aug		12:00am	Judith Harrison R.I.P (SVP)
Friday	14 th Aug		10:00 am	Billy Wilson R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	15 th Aug	Assumption	5:00pm	John Taylor R.I.P

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

8th August – SVP 15th August – No Collection

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Sheila Tweedy R.I.P : Requiem Monday 10th August 10:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Teresa McAnaney, 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 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.

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 type in the link. <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assisi/>

Fr Luke Wilkinson

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

On sale at the back of church £2:00 please put money in wall safe marked "Cards"

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 VINNIES

Special BBC Songs of Praise Christmas Concert, recorded at the spectacular Glasshouse International Centre for Music in Gateshead on Tuesday 6th October. Join Aled Jones and some very special guests at the iconic Glasshouse for a spectacular Christmas concert. Bring your singing voice and Christmas jumper for an evening of classic carols and traditional hymns. For free tickets telephone 020 8530 8154.

HELP WANTED

Can you spare no more than an hour during the holidays to help sweep and dust our church. A number of our regular volunteers are unable to help due to holidays etc and any time you can give will be appreciated. We start after the 10am Mass every Friday. Thank you

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

(Mother Teresa)



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!

Welcome Back, all of our parishioners who travelled to Lourdes. It was a truly wonderful Pilgrimage with plenty of prayer and fun time.