



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

15th August 2026 The Feast of the Assumption
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	15 th Aug	ASSUMPTION	5:00pm	John Taylor R.I.P
Tuesday	18 th Aug	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	25th Anniversary Kufre & Attah Okoji
Thursday	20 th Aug		12:00am	Mary Ann Grieveson R.I.P (SVP)
Friday	21 st Aug		10:00 am	Harry Daglish R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	22 nd Aug		5:00pm	People of the Parish

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

15th August – No Collection

22nd August – No Collection

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Sheila Tweedy R.I.P

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.

Fr Luke Wilkinson

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.

(£205 was donated by St Joseph's. 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 LOURDES YOUTH

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

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.

Pastoral Strategy - In our latest Pastoral Strategy video message, Bishop Stephen reminds us that "we are all called to be the Lord's Missionary Disciples." Over the summer and into autumn, Bishop Stephen and others will be reflecting and responding to the discernments locally submitted. During this time we are asked to keep the process in our prayers and also to continue to witness what the Lord is calling us to be and do. To watch the video please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy-stage3/>

The Feast of the Assumption

Mary already experiences God's glory. She has reached the goal where we will one day all find ourselves. This is why Mary is today a sign of consolation and hope because if she, a creature like ourselves, is already there, we can also join her there. Let us fix our gaze and our hearts on her who never abandoned her Son Jesus and who today enjoys the joy and glory of Heaven. And let us entrust ourselves to her so that she might help us journey the paths of life knowing how to recognize the great things that God accomplishes in us and around us, to know how to magnify Him with the hymn of our existence

