



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

22nd August 2026 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	22 nd Aug	Queenship of Mary	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday	25 th Aug	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	Billy Gaff R.I.P (SVP)
Thursday	27 th Aug		12:00am	Lilian Fletcher R.I.P (SVP)
Friday	28 th Aug		10:00 am	Joan Taylor R.I.P
Saturday	29 th Aug		5:00pm	Mary Shields R.I.P

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

22nd August – No Collection 29th August – No Collection

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.

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 the BIRTLEY FOOD BANK

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/>

Important Message from Fr Martin

Anyone donating Gift Aid using the Gift Aid envelopes (2025-26, to present day), please pass on your name and Gift Aid number either to Fr Martin directly, through the parish post box or via the sacristy.

For your confidentiality, If you could please just add your name and number on a piece of paper and put this into an envelope, addressing it "Gift Aid"

We won't be able to include envelope donations in our claim for 2025-26 or any years going forward unless/until we can confirm who used/is using each envelope number in our parish.

There are 2 articles regarding The Assisted Suicide Bill and Stand with Palestine Families in the Joint Newsletter produced by Washington. Please visit our website www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk for full details