

**Macmillan Coffee Morning.
Saturday 19th September. 9.30am - 11.30am.**

Birtley Golf Club, Birtley Lane, Birtley. DH3 2LR
Raffle, Tombola, Tea/Coffee and cakes.
Come along and support this worthy cause.

Your generosity will help raise vital funds so that Macmillan can continue to support people with cancer, whoever and wherever they are

If you have any news you want to share on St Joseph's Newsletter please email me laverypauline9@gmail.com. The deadline for entries is Wednesday evening Fr Martin Wheaton will approve a draft copy before printing.

Catholic Education Service

Chaired by Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds, the CES represents the Bishops' national education policy in relation to the 2,300 Catholic schools, colleges and university colleges across England and Wales. The CESEW negotiates with the Westminster and Welsh Governments and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education. It also offers a Catholic contribution to the English and Welsh educational landscapes, seeking to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching are reflected in all aspects of national education policy.

Partnership Newsletter

Unfortunately, the subscription to Church Desk has now terminated and they can no longer send this out via email. If you still require an electronic copy please email me paulinelavery9@gmail.com and I will (try!) to compile a new distribution list

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

5th September 2026 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

**Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040
Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk**

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	5 th Sept		5:00pm	Fr Aniebiet F.X. Inyang R.I.P
Tuesday	8 th Sept	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	Marion & Bob Slavin R.I.P
Thursday	10 th Sept		12:00am	Bell & Tom & Billy Blue R.I.P
Friday	11 th Sept		10:00 am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	12 th Sept	Education Sunday	5:00pm	Catherine & Jim Tumelty 60 th Wedding Thanksgiving

5th Sept- SVP

12th Sept- Catholic Education Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

**Jackie Lawrie (previously Ouston) died 18th August
Funeral 9th Sept @1:45pm Saltwell Crematorium**

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:

NB There will be No Adoration on Thursday 10th Sept as there is a Wedding Rehearsal

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar Series: Harlow Green - 24th September 2026—12th November 2026. Join us for this opportunity to experience the new life we are promised through baptism in the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit seminars are being run by the Diocesan CHARIS group and you will be very welcome to attend. Many who have attended previous seminars have spoken of how it has given their faith a real boost and helped them experience God's love in tangible ways.

Venue: St Anne, Rokeby View, Harlow Green, Gateshead, NE9 7UD.

Cost: Free. Time: 7pm to 8.30pm.

Dates and Titles of Sessions:

24th September 2026: Introduction,
1st October: G God's Love – Andy Drozdziak,
8th October: Salvation – Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi,
22nd October: The New Life – Christine Dixon,
29th October: Receiving God's Gifts – Fr Chris Warren,
5th November: Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Fr Shaun O'Neill,
12th November: Growth – Nikki Dickenson,
19th November: Transformation in Christ – John Wheeler.

Please book your place. Call 0191 243 3316 or email formation.mission@diocesahn.org.uk

NORTHERN CROSS

On sale at the back of church £2. Please put money in wall safe marked "cards"

PARISH PICNIC

Many thanks to all who joined us for the parish picnic. We all had a wonderful time sharing news, playing games and winning prizes! £350 was raised and will go towards funding for renovation to the Parish Hall.

There is a list at the back of church of the winning raffle numbers, one prize has not been claimed, please see Pauline Lavery to collect it.

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 SVP

WELCOME BACK

All our Children who attend St Joseph's and St Benet's. We hope you have had a wonderful break and are now ready to enjoy your next adventure in your new class

Birtley Heritage Group

On Saturday 12th September at 11:30am

at Birtley Elisabeth RC cemetery DH3 1QZ (also known as the Belgium Cemetery) you are invited to join us as we remember the ***Birtley Belgians*** at our service and unveiling ceremony as we honour the women, men and children from the village of Elisabethville, particularly those who didn't return home after the First World War ended and are buried here in Birtley, including 13 Belgium soldiers who are commemorated with CWGC headstones
Please visit www.Birtleyheritagegroup.uk for a greater insight of the Birtley Belgians

Next Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 13th September. If you have any item you wish to be discussed please contact any member of the council. (See notice at the back of church)

SVP 200 Club

The September draw for the SVP 200 Club has now been made
Congratulations to Frances Thompson who was successful in the draw.
The full results are at the back of the Church.

