

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

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,

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

29th August 2026 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	29 th Aug		5:00pm	Mary Shields R.I.P
Tuesday	1 st Sept	Rosary 6 :40pm	7:00pm	Louise Howell (operation)
Thursday	3 rd Sept		12:00am	Christine Thompson R.I.P 4 th Anniversary
Friday	4 th Sept		10:00 am	Sarah Jane Beveridge R.I.P (SVP)
Saturday	5 th Sept		5:00pm	Fr Aniebiet F.X. Inyang R.I.P

SPECIAL RETIRING COLLECTIONS

29th August – No Collection 5th Sept- SVP

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:

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.

COFFEE MORNING.

No Coffee morning this week due to Parish Picnic

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

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.

A Message from Father Luke Serving in Washington and Penshaw these past three years has been an incredible joy. I'm sure you will make Fr Andrew Shaw as welcome as you've made me. I wanted to say thank you to everyone for your kindness and welcome over the years, for faith and friendliness, and as I leave, for your incredible generosity. I'm somewhat nervous about the new appointment, but knowing that you're praying for me is certainly smoothing the path ahead. Thank you and be assured of my ongoing prayers. If you're ever in St Dominic's do say hello! God Bless,
Fr Luke.

(A cheque for £1500 was presented to Fr Luke)

LOURDES CENTENARY BALL - SAT 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE. The Hexham & Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage Hospitalite invite all to the Lourdes Centenary Ball taking place at the Newcastle Civic Centre on Saturday 5th September between 7pm and 11.30pm. Please order your tickets using this link <http://events.tapaygo.com/events/844>

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: 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

"Well Done: Several parishioners have spent many hours in the sun helping to clear the grounds of the Parish Centre.

This will have a great affect on making it more attractive to potential lease holders. So we owe each of them a big Thank You."

Fr Martin

A warm welcome to Father Andrew Shaw new Assistant Priest. Father Andrew will live in the Presbytery at Our Lady Queen Of Peace. We wish him many happy years here in our partnership