

****WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

On World Mission Sunday (WMS) every Catholic parish around the world celebrates Mass together and has a special collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. WMS is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church via Missio.

Mission is the responsibility of the whole Church, and this global celebration of WMS is a reminder that we are one family in Christ. This special day is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love.

THE NORTHERN CROSS IS ON SALE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH £2:00
Please put your money in the wall safe marked "Cards"

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.
As usual on a Tuesday evening at 6:40pm you are welcome to join us in praying the rosary; Or

On the Vigil of All Saints —
Pray the Rosary Through the Heart of Newcastle
Sat 31 Oct 2026 10:00 a.m. Mass —Lady Chapel, St Dominic's
11:00 a.m. Procession to Grey Street
11:30 a.m. Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
12:45 p.m. Shared table —bring food to share

LOURDES YOUTH

The YMT are opening the Registration for the Youth Section of the Pilgrimage. Please see their Facebook page for more information

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.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

10th October 2026 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

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DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	10 th Oct	Welcome*	5:00pm	Proctor, Bonar, Fitzgerald Family
Tuesday	13 th Oct	Funeral Service	11:00 am	Carole Boyle R.I.P
Tuesday	13 th Oct	Rosary 6 :40	7:00pm	Joseph Smith R.I.P
Thursday	15 th Oct		12:00am	Peter Mulcahy R.I.P
Friday	16 th Oct	<u>ST BENET'S</u>	9:15am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	17 th Oct	World Mission Sunday**	5:00pm	Maurice Mulcahy R.I.P

***WELCOME To our St Joseph's and St Benet's children who are beginning their preparation for their First Holy Communion**

10th October SVP — 17th October World Mission Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Carole Boyle, Blessing Agbara, Fr John Coyle. (A Requiem Mass will be offered at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday 23rd October. All Welcome)
Bob Fish: Janet Henry Lawson: Martha Gorman

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

Ian Brennan, Teresa McAnaney, Kathleen Haigh, Caroline Kennedy (nee Hattam) Joe Tyrrell, Pat Lamb; Mick Davison; Ursula Duru; Claire Avery; Beverley Homes, Maureen Joyce, Neil Robson: Sandra Neal

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.

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 CAFOD

Join us for a fun-filled Holy Family Guild celebration, where we'll reflect on our call to holiness and pray for our departed loved ones.

Welcome to the HFG All Saints Family Celebration! Our aim with this event is to provide families with a wholesome, fun, Catholic alternative to the secular celebrations of Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes' Night, through honouring the saints and, above all, honouring our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. We will also pray for our departed loved ones, that they too may soon be counted among the saints in heaven.

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Gateshead.

Sunday 1st November • 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Arrivals from 3.30pm to be ready for a prompt 4pm start.
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BIDDING PRAYER WRITERS:

We are seeking additional volunteers to join the Rota to write the Bidding Prayers for our Vigil Mass each Saturday. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Catherine Tumelty (m. 07512-101206, cath.tumelty@btinternet.com) or speak with Jim Taylor. It works out once every 7/8 weeks and guidance can be given. Many thanks!

Quarterly Mass for Blessing of the sick

This will be on Thursday 22nd October at 12:00pm.

Everyone is welcome

Parish Hall

Michael Lavery has agreed to chair a team who are willing to share ideas on how to fund the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email me laverypauline9@gmail.com and I will finalise a meeting. Please let me know which days you are available so we can get as many as possible to attend the initial meeting. Many thanks to those who have already shown an interest we will be in touch soon with a meeting date.

I have a copy of Michael's initial ideas, if you would like to see this please email me.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 11th October @7:00pm. Any items you wish to be discussed can be given to any council member – See poster on the Notice Board at the back of church