

Missio Magazines

The new quarterly Missio magazines are back of the Church for people to take and could anyone having mission money to bank bring it to church for John to process- Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

**Our wonderful team of First Holy Communions catechists would love some help with this year's programme. If you would like to get involved, once a month on a Thursday evening for an hour, we would love to hear from you!
Please get in touch with Rachel Prior on 07940291009.**

"Children's Liturgy:

If everyone involved with our Children's liturgy could please note:
The diocesan Liturgical Team have arranged to host a day of reflection and refreshment for leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Hilda's Resource Centre on Saturday 17th October. Details are on the What's On section of the diocesan website along with a link to the booking form.
" The cost is £15 and will be paid by the parish"

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.

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 laverypauline9@gmail.com and I will (try!) to compile a new distribution list

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

26th September 2026 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Fr Martin Wheaton 07709 961040

Website. www.stjosephsbirtley.co.uk

DAY	DATE		TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	26 th Sept		5:00pm	Peter Lavery R.I.P
Tuesday	29 th Sept	REQUIEM	1:30pm	Janet Henry Lawson
Tuesday	29 th Sept	Rosary 6 :40	7:00pm	James Scott R.I.P
Thursday	1 st Oct		12:00am	Harriet & John Hogan R.I.P
Friday	2 nd Oct	REQUIEM	10:00am	Bob Fish
Saturday	3 rd Oct		5:00pm	Dec. McLoughlin Family

26th Sept- No Collection

**3rd Oct CAFOD Harvest Fast
(envelopes at the back of church)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Bob Fish: Janet Henry Lawson:

Martha Gorman- Requiem Tuesday 6th October 12pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

**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 LOURDES YOUTH

Vinnies are extremely short of Forks and Dessert Spoons if you have any to spare there is a basket at the back of church for your donations. Many thanks

HARVEST FAMILY FAST Fri 2nd October

(Envelopes available at the back of Church)

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.

Get tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hfg-all-saints-family-celebration-tickets-2000315321975>

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the event such a social and financial success.

A total of £774 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

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!

Catechists: Anyone who is interested in becoming a catechist, in order to assist with sacramental preparation, please contact Fr Martin. If you're already a trained catechist could you also contact Fr Martin. This will assist us to form a list for future programmes.

The Parish Centre Grounds We are planning another tidy up of the Parish Centre grounds. If you can spare some time on Saturday 3rd October from 10am we would appreciate your help. (Don't forget to bring any garden tools you have)