Advent with the Jesse Tree

At the 5pm Mass each Saturday in Advent we will decorate our Jesse Tree. The Jesse tree is a way of preparing for Christmas, by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree.
We are going to place symbols onto the tree and reflect on God's love for his people

Where does Jesse Tree come from?

The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Chistmas Eve: Vigil 7:00pm (Carols from 6:30pm)
Christmas Day: 11:00am
Boxing Day: 5pm
New Years Day 12:00 noon

Penitential Services

St Joseph's, **Tuesday 15th December 7pm Mass and penitential Service**

Our Lady Queen of Peace(Penshaw) **Thursday 10th December 7pm**

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

28thNovember – 5th December
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
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DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	28TH Nov	First Sunday of Advent(B)	5:00pm	Mary Shields R.I.P
Tuesday	1ST Dec	Rosary 6 :40	7:00pm	In Thanksgiving (CB)
Thursday	3rd Dec		12:00am	Keean, Leeown & Bradshaw Family
Friday	4th Dec	ST BENET'S	9:15	Priest's Intention
Saturday	5th Dec	SVP Christmas Appeal	5:00pm	Minnie & Frank Knott R.I.P

Retiring Collection
Throughout Advent there is a collection for Advent Alms (please see wall safe next to door)
Advent Alms donations are towards the upkeep of St Cuthberts Care. (see Diocesan Website: diocesehn.org.uk for an insight in all the good works they support

PLEASE PAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED
Wilf McCann : Died 22nd November aged 82.
Funeral at St Anne's, Winlaton, 9th December 1pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:
Ian Brennan, Teresa McAnaney, Kathleen Haigh, Caroline Kennedy Joe Tyrrell, Pat Lamb; Mick Davison; Ursula Duru; 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.
please message Pauline Lavery

Reconciliation: After 12 noon Mass on Thursday

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

ADORATION
From Thursday 22nd October Adoration will take place in the front room of the presbytery in St Joseph's 6.30pm to 7.30 pm.
All are welcome and you can call in for just a few minutes or the full hour.

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.

This week is for *the SVP*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

on Sunday November 29th at 3pm.

Everyone is invited on this First Sunday of Advent for a time of preparation and reflection and an ideal opportunity for Eucharistic Ministers to meditate and reflect upon their ministry to the sick and housebound in our parish.
Tea and Coffee afterwards in the Parish Hall

This Sunday we mark the beginning of the Season of Advent. Advent is a special time of Grace when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Birthday of Our Saviour. Let us all try and do something a little bit extra during the Advent Season. Whether it's attending an extra weekday Mass, one of the Holy Hours of Prayer, or some spiritual reading, let's try and keep Advent special by spending some extra time with the Lord.

Many thanks for your generous support at our first Parish Fayre in the Parish Hall. **A total of £1120! was raised. This is a great start to our refurbishment fund**

PARISH HALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the group is Tuesday 1.12.26 at 7:30pm, in the Parish Hall all welcome, but particularly any parishioners or friends of the parish with professional experience in finance, grant funding, and planning

CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS ETC ON SALE AFTER MASS.



CHILDRENS LITURGY
Are you able to help lead or support our Children's Liturgy at Saturday Evening Mass?
For further information please contact Ellen McConnell :
Email ; emcconnell@sjjb.bwcet.com. Many thanks

YMT Collection
Many thanks for your generosity, £196 has been sent to help fund all of the great work of the Youth Ministry Trust