

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS
28th & 29th September 2024
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

DEACON PETER LAVERY:

It is with the greatest sadness that we include an update message just received from Michael, Deacon Peter Lavery's son, which is self-explanatory :-

"Peter passed away peacefully at home this morning (Friday 27 September) surrounded by his loving family. The family are thankful for everyone's continued prayers and support. Funeral details will be announced in due course. With our thanks for all your help with this - and your continued prayers and kindness. Michael x"

PRAYERS OF THE MASS

You will find these prayers, especially the Nicene Creed, on pages 4-10 of our Hymn Books.

SUNDAY LITURGY SERVICE

Please note that this week's Sunday Liturgy at St Joseph's, Birtley, Sunday 29th September, will be at the later time of 11.15am.

SUNDAY MORNING CELEBRATION IN ST JOSEPH'S, BIRTLEY

(Please notice time change this week @ 11.15am, normally 10.00am)

Every Sunday, there is a Service of The Word, Prayer and Music, including Children's Liturgy, at St Joseph's Church. Our celebrations will continue over tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.

THURSDAY MIDDAY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Please note that the midday Mass at St Joseph's on Thursday, 3rd October will be held at 11.00am for Billy Gaff's Requiem Mass. The time change is for this week only.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

- **Deacon Peter Lavery**, died Friday, 27th September, funeral arrangements to be announced
- **Rita Kennedy**, died 17th Sept in QE with her family at her side, aged 85 years (She was widow of Tom)
- **Sarah Jane Armstrong Beveridge (Sadie)**, died 14th Sept, aged 92, Requiem Mass 11th Oct 11.45am
- **Billy Gaff**, died 11th Sept, aged 71 years, Requiem Mass Thursday 3rd October at 11.00am
- **Francis (Frankie) James Knox**, died 1st Sept, aged 74 years, Requiem Mass 17th Sept 10.00am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK:

John Comerford; Dorothy Hattam; Maureen Joyce (nee Casey); Jean Greenwood; Bob Fish and Valerie Waggott.

NB. Please let Fr Martin W know if anyone else from our parish wishes to ask for prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

28 & 29 September - SVP (St Joseph's Parish)

05 & 06 October - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

HALF DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES

Many thanks to those who attended this morning's Recollection at St Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, entitled "Facing Ministry in a Changing World". Thanks also to everyone who helps in our community at St Joseph's, no matter how small or involved, e.g. Altar Server, Bidding Prayer Writer, C, Catechist, Children's Liturgy, Church Cleaner, Church Grounds Maintenance, Church Pastoral Council, Choir, Communications (Live-streaming, Bulletin, Website) Eucharistic Minister, Financial Management, Food Banks, Lourdes, Ministry of Welcome, Offertory Procession Rota, Piety Stall, Reader, SVP, Youth Ministry, or any other not mentioned here. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

As part of our Partnership-wide worshipping schedule, an hour of Adoration & Benediction will continue in St Joseph's on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm until November. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a few minutes or an hour in silent prayer with our Blessed Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

If your child, or someone that you know, is in Year 4 or above and has not made their First Holy Communion but would like to, our preparation programme begins soon. If you would like more information, please email Bev Wildish beverley.wildish@yahoo.co.uk or Monica Kelsey monicakelsey82@outlook.com.

We will also once again be asking the parish to support the programme by signing up to be prayer partners. If you know anyone who would like to do this, please ask them and watch out for the sign-up sheets arriving at the back of church.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those who have registered with Fr Martin already, the preparation begins **on Tuesday 1st October in the Meeting Room at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington Village, NE38 7HS) at 7.00pm**. Please let Fr Martin know if you have already contacted him and are unable to attend, or if you require any further information. Mobile 07709 961040 E.mail martinwheaton1@gmail.com

VINNIES (SVP BLACKFRIARS)

Vinnies, St. Vincents Newcastle, are looking for our support with their Christmas appeals (know it's only September sorry!) There are several ways that you could help :-

- For £6.50 you could sponsor a Vinnies 4 course Christmas dinner and a gift.
- Donate Christmas hamper items – there is a list of suggestions on the poster.
- Give a gift or toy for children of all ages, teens, a young adult, lady or gent.
- Complete the Reverse Advent Calendar, set up a box at home or work and add an item every day.

Donation boxes are at the back of church and there is more information on the posters on display. Thank you for all your support.

SVP 200 CLUB

The September draw has now taken place and the results are at the back of the church. Congratulations to Pauline Kell from the Parish who was one of the winners.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

In the short-term Catherine Tumelty will produce the St Joseph's News with the deadline for entry midday the previous Wednesday. Please send by email to cath.tumelty@btinternet.com (it is easier to cut and paste!) or phone 0191-4104577. Fr Martin Wheaton will approve a draft copy before printing. Please note that "Sick & Recently Deceased" notices must have the approval of a family member and should be submitted by clicking the link on the main Parish Newsletter.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Priests of St John XXIII & St Joseph's will be available directly after the following masses:

- Thursday @ 10.00am – Our Lady Queen of Peace (Penshaw DH4 7JZ)
- **Thursday @ 12.00 noon – St Joseph's (Birtley) – cancelled 3rd Oct due to funeral that day**
- Friday @ 10.00am – St John Boste (Oxclose Village NE38 0LB)
- Saturday @ 10.00am – Our Blessed Lady Immaculate (Washington Village NE38 7HS)
- Saturday @ 5.00pm – St Bede's (Coach Road Estate NE37 2HE)