

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1.00pm **Bingo**

Tuesday: 6.30pm **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**

7.30pm: **Coffee Evening**

Wednesday, 12 noon **Keep Fit**

Saturday, 12 noon-12.30pm: **Confessions - cancelled**

200 Club - Subscriptions for the February draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend.

Justice and Peace Group - CAFOD self-denial envelopes due for collection next weekend.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday from 7pm **Craft Group**. New members are always welcome to come along and knit items for a number of good causes.

Tuesday 11am **Rosary Group**

Wednesday during Mass: **Exposition**

Saturday, 9.40am: **Morning Prayer**

Altar Servers: Please give Andrew a contact telephone number or email address.

St John's handbook: The contacts in the handbook are being updated. If you carry out any duties in the church could you please put your name on the list in the Sacristy. Thank you

Fairtrade Stall: The next Fairtrade Stall will be held on Sunday 5 February. Please continue to support those less well off than ourselves. Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service

Monday: **Exposition & Confessions** 6 -6.45pm

Monday, 7.30pm: **Woman's Guild**. New members welcome

Tuesday, 7.30pm: **Bingo**, all welcome.

Wednesday, 7.30pm: **Journey in Faith**, all welcome

Friday, 9am - 7pm: **Adoration**. (Evening Prayer 6.40pm)

There is now available a **Baby Changing Facility** in the Church. This is located in the accessible toilet next to the coffee room.

Help Needed: we are looking for someone to take over the

running of the Church Cleaning. This entails keeping the cleaning cupboard stocked up and organising the cleaners rota. Anyone interested please speak to John Hindmarch after Sunday morning Mass. Thank you.

The **monthly prayer group** will be on Friday 3 February following 7pm mass. All very welcome.

Cake Sale: The children from St. Roberts who are going to Zambia will be holding a cake this Sunday after mass.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Wednesday to Saturday, 8.45am: **Morning Prayer**

Thursday, 8am: **Exposition**

Thursday: **Drop-in** January appeal raised £275 for St. Cuthberts care. This weeks appeal is for H.C.P.T.

Saturday: **Exposition** 8am

Confessions 10.30 - 11.30

Ministers of the Eucharist: please collect new lists.

Cleaning Group: 3

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning prayers Tuesday 8.30am **Adoration** Thursday

10am, **Holy Mass** 11.20am then **Adoration** until 3pm.

Parish Information

Diocesan Asylum Seekers & Refugee Service

Emergency Appeal: Please remember your tins of corned beef.

All activities in the Parish of St John XXIII: To avoid any duplication or clashes of activities, please phone Anne Casey on 416 2262 before arranging anything. The Parish diary will then be updated accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Diocesan Association of The Eucharist - Day of Recollection, Saturday, 4 February, 10.30am, St. Joseph's Church, Gateshead. Please bring a packed lunch. All Welcome.

Hexham Galilee Talks: Max Winthrop talks on 'Three Popes and their Three Papers on Work'. Saturday 4 February 2017 at 11.00am at St. Mary's RC Church, Hencotes, Hexham NE46 2EB. Free admission (donations requested), refreshments available from 10.30 am.

Thursday 2 February **St John XXIII finance committee** 7pm
OLQP presbytery

APPEAL: for the Order of Discalced Carmelites' work in India. This weekend at St John Boste & OBLI. Next Weekend at St Bede's & OLQP.

Future Information

Flame: Saturday, 11 March 2017. Bookings now open for this national gathering of Catholic young people at Wembley Arena. Twenty coaches will leave from local pick-up points, based around our twenty Catholic Secondary Schools and eighteen deaneries. This invitation is for Year 10 and above. Cost is £40 which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Tel: 01207 92244, www.ymt.org or email: admin@ymt.org.



Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they
will be called
sons
of God.
Matthew 5:9

Contacts for the Bulletin

If you want an article published in the bulletin please send it to the contact listed below for the applicable Church. If you would like a message to go in the Parish section send them to any of the contacts. They need to be sent no later than the Tuesday 7pm of the week prior to when you want it to be published. Please put '**bulletin information**' in the subject line.

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OLQP: **John Hindmarch** - john.hindmarch@talk21.com

Services this week

Mon 30 Jan	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Kathleen Robertson
Tue 31 Jan	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (TJ)
	OLQP	09.30	Communion Service
	OBLI	12.00	S.V.P. Intentions
	SB	19.00	Special Intention
Wed 01 Feb	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (VC)
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 02 Feb	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Charles & Annie Thompson
	OLQP	10.00	Communion Service
Fri 03 Feb	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Kieran Defty
	OLQP	19.00	Leslie Travena
Sat 04 Feb	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Stephen Kennedy
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (SB)

Next week-end: 04/05 February 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	Pauline Bennett
Sun 05 Feb	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	In thanksgiving (Young Family)
	OLQP	10.00	Mary Rose Winship, Gavin & family
	OBLI	11.00	Cosmo Dimambro
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family

**Please remember
in your prayers:**

Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Debbie Binns,
Billy Bulch,
Tricia Carr,
Pat Coyle,
Martin Curran (S),
Ophelia Davies,
Willie Day,
Lynn Ditchbutn
Fred and Freda Fletcher
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,
Barbara Foster,
Jenny Gilmaney
Sheila Hepple, Mary Hill,
Jonathan Howard (7),
Andrew Hughes,
Holly Hunter,
Godfrey Keefe,
Annette Keitel,
Jade Kemp,
Stephen Kenyon Jnr
George McAfferty,
Joan McHale,
Joseph McIntyre
Rose McMahon,
June Matthews,
Peter Milroy, Madge Mullen,
Maureen Naylor,
George O'Donnell,
Chris Palmer, Brian Purvis,
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,
Ronnie Shields,
Mary Skilcorn,
George Stagg,
John Sweeney,
John Tilley,
Vicky Tindall,
Frank Tracey
Wendy Tufton,
Liz Ward, Harry Watson,
Stephen Willey,
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ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

St Bede, Usworth

St John Boste, Oxclose



28 / 29 January 2017 - 4th Sunday Year A

Walk with Jesus

Recently I was reading an article about swearing! It suggests that using certain words can be beneficial, with the proviso that if you use them all the time, then their effectiveness disappears. It suggests in particular, that an expletive can help when encountering an accident that produces pain, actually relieving some of the pain caused - many people reading this can possibly testify to the truth or otherwise of such a statement. One thing is sure: people used to be very careful about who might hear them if they used certain words and consequently were very careful about offending people in their company, or people who would overhear them. Sadly, this has become less and less commonplace and some people are happy to say whatever they want irrespective of who might hear them. When we look at the gospel of today, different translations have always struggled with how to translate the Latin word *Beatus* or, more correctly the earlier Greek word *Makarios*. *Beatus* basically means 'Blessed', but it is not a very accurate translation of the earlier text *Makarios*. What it means primarily is: 'Someone who walks with God'. When we are in the presence of someone special, then we tend to act in a different way to how we would react with a family member or close friend; we are careful of how we act and what we say. Walking with Jesus means that the person who is described as 'Meak' or 'Poor in spirit' etc behaves in a way that enables them to recognise that Jesus is with them and so they display the very best human characteristics that they can. Would we use bad language in the presence of Jesus? Would we openly lie in His presence? Would we wander off and forget that He was with us?

Walk with Jesus always, and behave accordingly!

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sun 29 Jan	SB	08.30	Carmela Fonde
	SJ	09.30	Christine Trainer dec'd
	OLQP	10.00	In Thanksgiving Cox family
	OBLI	11.00	Billy Bowdon
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family