

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2pm **Ladies Club** (Church Hall), 7pm **Vocations Prayer Group** (Church).

Tuesday: 6.30pm **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**, 7.30pm: **Coffee Evening** (Church Hall).

Wednesday, 12 noon **Keep Fit Cancelled**.

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

200 Club - Subscriptions for the February draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend. The draw takes place after 8.30am Mass.

Church Cleaning: Team C, Tuesday 9am. If you are able to help with church cleaning on a Monday evening at 5.30 pm or a Tuesday morning at 9am please give your name to one of the welcoming group as you come into church at the weekend. Your turn would only come once every 6 weeks.

Northern Catholic Calendar - On sale in church porch.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday from 7pm: **Craft Group**. Please note there will be no meeting on Monday 13 February.

Tuesday 11am: **Rosary Group**.

Wednesday during Mass: **Exposition**.

Saturday, 9.40am: **Morning Prayer**.

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday 14 February at 7pm. Please add any agenda items to the list in the porch.

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.

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Peshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service

Monday: **Exposition & Confessions** 6 -6.45pm, **Woman's Guild**, 7.30pm (Parish Centre). New members welcome.

Tuesday, 7.30pm: **Bingo**, (Parish Centre), all welcome.

Wednesday, 7.30pm: **Journey in Faith**.

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

Help Needed: to take over the running of the Church

cleaning, keeping the cleaning cupboard stocked up & organising the cleaners' rota. Please speak to John Hindmarch after Sunday morning Mass if you are interested. Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School: the school will be 80 years old this year. Do you have photographs, memorabilia or interesting stories that you can share with us? Great care will be taken of all items & they will be returned safely. Items can be left in school, in the basket at the back of church or given to OLQP parishioners, Rosanna Erskine & Teresa McIntyre. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with the contact details of the owner. On May 25 Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass with us and we have further celebrations planned.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

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

Thursday, 8am: **Exposition**, Drop In appeal this week is for HCPT.

Saturday: **Exposition** 8am, **Confessions** 10.30 - 11.30.

Cleaning Group: 4.

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning prayers Tuesday 8.30am, **Adoration** Thursday 10am, **Holy Mass** 11.20am then **Adoration** until 3pm.

Parish Information

Parish Ceilidh: 7 March at The Stella. Tickets will be available soon & donations are welcome.

Special Collection in all churches for Racial Justice Sunday 12 February.

Diocesan Church Music Association: a day of reflection, preparation & new music for those preparing the Easter Triduum liturgy at St Mary's RC Church, Hexham on Saturday 25 February 2017 from 10am. Contact alisonpurvis1@hotmail.com or phone on 0191 3719184 to reserve a place & state if you wish to take part in either the guided tour of Hexham Abbey or the session for instrumentalists.

Diocesan Asylum Seekers & Refugee Service

Emergency Appeal: Please remember your tins of corned beef etc.

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.

APPEAL: for the Order of Discalced Carmelites' work in India this weekend at St Bede's & OLQP.

Future Information

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE: In the Pastoral Letter read out last Sunday 29 January, Bishop Séamus invited everyone to one of two meetings arranged on the evening of 9 February at 7.30pm. The one nearest to us will take place at The Lancastrian Suite, Lancaster Road, Dunston, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE11 9JR. This is an important open meeting & as many people as possible are encouraged to attend.

Would members of our four church councils & the St John XXIII Parish Council make a particular effort to go please?

Please Note - the Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing of the sick, Thursday 9 February 7pm at the Cathedral & the **St John Parish Council Meeting** are **CANCELLED** due to the Forward Together in Hope diocesan meeting above.

Contacts for the Newsletter

If you would like an article published in the Newsletter 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 it 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 '**Newsletter information**' in the subject line.

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OBLI: Patricia McElroy - patriciamcelroy@btinternet.com

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

Services This Week

Mon 6 Feb	SB	09.05	Trevor & Adeline Burdon
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	June Young
Tue 7 Feb	SJ	09.15	Priest's Intentions
	OLQP	09.30	Communion Service
	OBLI	9.15	Communion Service
	SB	13.00	Funeral Service Frederick Pattison
	SB	19.00	Vera Holt
Wed 8 Feb	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (VC)
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 9 Feb	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (TJ)
	OBLI	09.15	In Thanksgiving (J)
	OLQP	10.00	Communion Service
Fri 10 Feb	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Recovery of Dianna Purvis
	OLQP	19.00	Iris & George Harrigan
Sat 11 Feb	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Peter Madden
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (TY)

Next week-end: 11/12 February 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	John Graham
Sun 12 Feb	SB	08.30	Lisa Marie Taylor
	SJ	09.30	Moira & Vin Lamb
	OLQP	10.00	Lisa Taylor
	OBLI	11.00	Eileen Shannon
	OBLI	18.00	Flor Maria Ladino

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Debbie Binns,
Billy Bulch,
Tricia Carr,
Pat Coyle, Ophelia Davies,
Willie Day,
Lynn Ditchbutn,
Fr Seamus Doyle,
Fred and Freda Fletcher,
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,
Barbara Foster,
Jenny Gilmaney,
Beth Heppell,
Sheila Hepple, Mary Hill,
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,
Stephen Willey, Freda Winter

Recently deceased

Frederick Pattison,
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Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Peshaw
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4/5 February 2017 - 5th Sunday Year A

Let Your Light Shine

As we view the turmoil in the USA over the recent changes in immigration policy, it is easy to forget that a potential change of policy in health insurance would have a much more dramatic effect on the lives of millions of poorer people across America. Hospitals in the USA give service that is second to none, as is testified by the number of people who travel to get care they cannot get at home. But it comes at a cost. A stay in hospital will usually cost over \$10000 and can be much more; even with insurance, many people have to pick up some of those costs.

We are so fortunate here in that no one need have any fear of the personal financial cost of a visit to the hospital or the doctor. But there is a lot we can learn from the American attitude to health, particularly hospitals. They value what we sometimes take for granted and they seem to have an attitude of service to people that many countries would do well to adopt. On Tuesday of this week I answered a sick call to the local hospital (amazingly, the daughters of the lady in hospital recognised me from almost 30 years ago!). On arrival I noticed that all the reception staff were volunteers and were exceptionally helpful. People I passed greeted me, asking me if I needed any help getting to where I wanted to go. On the ward, the staff were very accommodating and really appreciated the value of what I was there to do. Then, as I left, a retired man pulled up in a golf cart and asked if I would like a lift to my car; he told me he volunteered twice a week and was really happy just to help people out.

Our readings today invite us to recognise how we can be of help to others and to have the courage to reach out in support and help. American hospitals seem to take this to heart - what a shame that motorists are not so tolerant of people still unused to driving on the right (wrong?) side of the road!

Vigil	SB	17.00	Pauline Bennett
Sun 5 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