

Extra Opportunities during Lent

OBLI: Sunday 4pm, Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Thursday & Saturday 8am - 9.15am, Exposition
OLQP: Monday 6 - 6.45pm, Friday 9am - 7pm, Exposition
Wednesday Noon, Stations of the Cross followed
by soup lunch
St Bede: Tuesday 6.30pm, Exposition
Tuesday 7.30pm, Seven Circles of Prayer
Thursday 7pm, Stations of the Cross
St John: Tuesday 11am, Rosary
Wednesday 7pm, Stations of the Cross
During Lent Mass will be celebrated in someone's home,
details will be put on the bulletin each week.
Please also keep an eye out on the bulletin for invitations
from our primary schools to join them for prayer in Lent.

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: **Ladies Club** 2pm (Church Hall).
Tuesday: **Coffee Evening** 7.30pm (Church Hall).
Wednesday: **Keep Fit, New Time** 12.15pm (Church Hall).
Friday: **Hunger Lunch** 12 noon (Church Hall).
Saturday: **Confessions** 12 noon-12.30pm.
200 Club: Subscriptions for March draw collected after
both Masses this weekend. Draw after Sunday Mass.
St Bede's Fairtrade stall after both Masses this weekend
supporting people in the third world.
Friday Mass will be in school during Lent.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group** 7.30pm.
Saturday: **Morning Prayer** 9.40am.
St John Boste: We are hoping to produce an updated
book on the life of St John Boste and the development of
our church. If you have any photos and information
regarding the school and church, especially the early days
please get in touch (01914163805 / 07923683046).
Pie and Pea Supper in aid of the Lourdes fund. **Tuesday**
7 March, 7.30pm in the Dryburn Room. Cost £2.50. Tickets
from Jen in the kitchen.
Fairtrade Stall will be open this weekend and next.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.
Monday: **Women's Guild:** 7.30pm (Parish Centre). New
members welcome.
Tuesday: **Bingo** 7.30pm (Parish Centre), all welcome.
Wednesday: **Journey in Faith** 7.30pm.
Friday: **Evening Prayer** 6.40pm (during Exposition).
Audio-Visual Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.
APF/Mill Hill Red Boxes: Total of contributions received
in 2016 was £3020.98. A tremendous effort by everyone
who collected and donated. Thank you very much for your
continuing support and generosity.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Saturday: **Confessions** 10.30am - 11.30am.
Thursday Drop In: March appeal is for Marie Curie
Nurses.
600 Club: Subscriptions for March draw collected this
Sunday after both Masses.
Cleaning Group: 4.
Easter Choir will be preparing for our Easter celebrations

Fairtrade Fortnight - Feb 27 – March 12

Our Lady's: St Bede's Fairtrade will be holding a sale at
Our Lady's after Mass, 12 March. Please come along and
buy something to show your solidarity with the Fairtrade
organisation and the farmers and artisans who produce
the goods we sell to provide for their families and build up
their communities. They cannot do it without us trading
fairly with them. All profits generated go to support educa-
tion projects in the developing world.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: We will be promoting
Fairtrade household essentials such as kitchen roll, wash-
ing up liquid and soap. There will be samples to try and
products to buy during and after Fairtrade Fortnight.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do
small things with great love" (Mother Teresa)*

during the Sundays in Lent beginning on 12 March. We
meet for rehearsals after the Stations of the Cross around
4.30pm and ending at 5.15pm. All singers invited to join us,
especially men of the parish who have bass voices.

St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration at St Robert's School: Thursday 10am, Holy
Mass 11.20am followed by adoration until 3pm.

Parish Information

Any Activities in the Parish: Please phone Anne Casey
on 4162262. Thank you for your co-operation.
Emergency Appeal: Please, please remember your tins of
corned beef.
Parish Ceilidh: Friday 17 March at The Stella. Tickets now
available. Raffle / tombola donations welcome.
Gift Aid: Boxes of envelopes for the new tax year will be
available at the back of each church on the week-end of
4/5 March. Gift-Aiders are reminded that they must be
paying sufficient tax to at least equal the amount which the
Diocese / Parish will claim in their name at the end of each
tax year. For an individual giving £1 per week they must be
paying at least £13 per annum in Income Tax, for an
individual giving £5 per week they must be paying at least
£65 per annum, for an individual giving £10 per week they
must be paying at least £130 per annum, and so on.
This is because the claim is at a rate of 25p for each £1
given using Gift - Aid.
**Thursday 9 March 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated in
Barmston at the home of John & Jane Prendergast,** if
you don't know where they live please ask John, Jane or Fr
Mark. You may like to bring an offering of food for a shared
table after Mass. Thursday 16 March we will celebrate in
Burnmoor at the home of David & Katherine Bramley -
more to follow.
Cafod Family Fast Day this Friday. Please collect an
envelope after Mass and return it next weekend.

Services This Week

Mon 6 March	SB	09.05	Deceased Fonde & Dimambro Families
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (PY)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Intentions of Teresa Storey
Tue 7 March	SJ	09.15	Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	OLQP	09.30	Martin Curran
	OBLI	Noon	Joe Smith
Wed 8 March	SB	19.00	William, Paul & Stephen Harland
	SB	09.05	Deceased Garrity Family
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
Thu 9 March	SJ	10.00	Jane & Tom Rutter & Family
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
Fri 10 March	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Pat Naughton
	OLQP	10.00	Joan & David Byers
Sat 11 March	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	St Bede's School Children (in school)
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
Sun 12 March	OLQP	19.00	Fr Leo Coughlin
	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
Sun 12 March	OBLI	09.15	Mary Davidson
	SJ	10.00	Holy Souls

Next week-end: 11/12 March 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	Joseph Nesbitt
Sun 12 March	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Margaret Sampson
	OLQP	10.00	Ron Hodgson
	OBLI	11.00	Nancy & Cyril Bunting
	OBLI	18.00	John Leo Cullinan & Kirby Family

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 Ditchburn,
Fred and Freda Fletcher,
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,
Terry Ford, 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 McMahan,
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,
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Incorporating:

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw
St Bede, Usworth
St John Boste, Oxclose



4/5 March 2017 - 1st Sunday of Lent Year A

TEMPTATION

Today's readings remind us that people have turned away from God since earliest times. Our return to the Father has been made possible through the life and sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. The benefit to us of Christ's part in the great plan of redemption far outweighs the harm caused by our first parents' rejection of their creator.

Temptation still travels with us. We need to allow ourselves time in peace and quiet to recognise the temptations which are most dangerously close to us. Knowing the dangers we can ask God's help to overcome them.

Jesus knew temptation. In quiet solitude he gained the strength to overcome the power of evil.

The Gospel account of the temptations of Christ, which we hear today, illustrates two of the virtues of Satan: He perseveres and he is an optimist. Although his first attempts to tempt Jesus using hunger and the lure of power had failed, he tried again hoping to win - as he felt he had with our first parents. Our Lord resisted the temptations. He asks us to follow in his footsteps. With his help we can come safely through the darkest days of our temptation to share the joy of Easter. The whole purpose of Lenten sacrifice is to help us to be more aware of the sacrifice of Jesus and more able to celebrate Easter with real joy.



Vigil	SB	17.00	Paddy Gleeson
Sun 5 March	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Our Parish Family
	OLQP	10.00	Joseph Edgar
	OBLI	11.00	Joseph, Grace, Nan & son John Sweeney
	OBLI	18.00	Harry Watson