

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: **Parish Bingo** 1pm (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. Winners for March: 256 A Casey, 34 M Kenyon,
203 R Matthews, 260 C Formosa, 90 M. Blakey .

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group** 7.30pm.
Saturday: **Morning Prayer** 9.40am.
Fairtrade Stall will be open this weekend.
Altar Servers: On Sunday 2 April there will be a training
session for all Altar Servers to prepare for Holy Week. If
you cannot attend please contact Andrew on
andrew.cox803@icloud.com and arrangements will be
made for you to attend a different day. It is important that
all Altar Servers planning to serve at Easter have this
training.
Red Mission Boxes: the total collected for the last quarter
was £691.12, thanks to all who donated and collected.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Thursday Mass: please note time change to 9.30am.
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).
**A Meditation in Song and Pictures on the Passion of
Our Lord Jesus Christ** by David Ritson, Sunday 26 March
at 3pm at OLQP. All welcome.
The Primary School Chapel will be open every
Wednesday at 8.30am during Lent for personal prayer.
Curry evening: Thursday 23 March 7pm at OLQP to raise
funds for Emily's First Aid Africa appeal. Tickets £15 will be
available after Mass on Sunday 12 and 19 March.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Saturday: **Confessions** 10.30am - 11.30am.
Thursday Drop In: March appeal is for Marie Curie
Nurses.
600 Club March Winners: 262 J Pascoe, 258 James
McAdam, 487 Mike Purdy, 24 Terry Ford, 7 R Erskine, 443
J Prendergast, 348 B A Bell, 58 K Bramley.
Cleaning Group: 1.
Easter Choir will be preparing for our Easter celebrations
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.
There will be a display of Art Work in St Josephs School
Hall at 3.15pm on Monday 13 March.

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning Prayer: Tuesday 8.30am.
Adoration: Thursday 10am, Holy Mass 11.20am followed
by adoration until 3pm.

Parish Information

Dementia Prayer Week takes place on 12-19 March.
"During this week we remember especially the often
forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia, and those
who care for them" (Bishop McGough of Birmingham)
Prayer: Loving Father, you are close to the broken
hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost
memories have robbed them of home and belonging.
Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they
make their home in you. This we ask through Christ Our
Lord. Amen.
Family Fast please return your envelopes this weekend or
during the coming week.
Parish Ceilidh: Friday 17 March at The Stella. It's St
Patrick's Day - why not dress in green?
**Thursday 16 March 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated in
Burnmoor at the home of David & Katherine Bramley,** if
you don't know where they live please ask David,
Katherine or Fr Mark. You may like to bring an offering of
food for a shared table after Mass. Next week we will
celebrate in Oxclose at the home of Veronica Christie.
Walking Together in Hope
Fancy some exercise? An opportunity for a walk with
friendly folk from across the diocese and beyond? To
celebrate St Cuthbert's Day we are organising a walk along
Cuddy's Corse on Sunday 19 March. Details to be finalised
but the plan is to start at Chester-le-Street late morning/
early afternoon, prayer service and break at Finchale
Priory and conclude at St Cuthbert's tomb in Durham
Cathedral. It's an eight mile route but there are options to
join just for the service or do part of the walk. Please add
your name to the list at the back of church or see Maria
Ashburner for more details. To register interest or for more
information e-mail to hope@diocesehn.org.uk. Details
about the Cuddy's Corse route can be found at
[www.northumbrianassociation.com/uploads/cuddys-
leaflet.pdf](http://www.northumbrianassociation.com/uploads/cuddys-leaflet.pdf)
**Medjugorje Annual Day of Prayer in Honour of The
Annunciation,** 10.30am Saturday 25 March, St Aidan's
Church, Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD. All welcome,
shared lunch. Tea/coffee available from 9.45 am.

Services This Week

Mon 13 March	SB	09.05	Ken & Lilian Burns
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Leslie Travena
Tue 14 March	SJ	09.15	Peter O'Brien
	OLQP	09.30	Nellie, Joe Guthrie & Family
	OBLI	Noon	In thanksgiving for 80th birthday
	SB	19.00	Peggy Emery
Wed 15 March	SB	09.05	Holy Souls
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	Priest's Intention
Thu 16 March	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.30	St Josephs Schoolchildren
	OLQP	09.30	Johnson Family
Fri 17 March	SR	11.20	Mass in St Robert's School
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	St Bede's Schoolchildren (in school)
	SJ	09.30	Our Schoolchildren and Staff
Sat 18 March	OLQP	19.00	Tony Feeley
	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Jack & Vera Lawless & John Callaghan
	SJ	10.00	Intentions of those present

Next week-end: 18/19 March 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	James & Margaret Cowan & Deceased Family
Sun 19 March	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Keith & Clem Shannon
	OLQP	10.00	Audrey McNay thanksgiving for 80th birthday
	OBLI	11.00	Patrick Naughton
	OBLI	18.00	Joan Scott

**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, Paul Iley,
Godfrey Keefe,
Annette Keitel,
Jade Kemp,
Stephen Kenyon Jnr,
George McAfferty,
Joan McHale,
Joseph McIntyre,
Rose McMahan,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
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, Peshaw
St Bede, Usworth
St John Boste, Oxclose

11/12 March 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

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Gerard Manley Hopkins elaborates on the idea of work and prayer being perfect 'mates':

It is not only prayer that gives God glory but work. Smiting on an anvil, sawing a beam, white-washing a wall, driving horses, sweeping, scouring, everything gives God some glory if being in his grace you do it as your duty.

To go to communion worthily gives God great glory, but to take food in thankfulness and temperance gives God glory too. To lift up the hands in prayer gives God glory, but a man with a dung fork in his hand, and a woman with a slop-pail give him glory too. He is so great that all things give him glory if you mean they should. So then, my brethren, live.

This is similar to one of the prayers in 'Everyone's Way of the Cross' one of the better known versions of the Stations:

*Seek me not in far-off places; I am close at hand.
Your workbench, office, kitchen; these are altars where
you offer love. And I am there with you.*

As was suggested at the 'Seven Circles of Prayer' meeting on Tuesday, we can pray anywhere in any situation, and if you find your mind wandering and suddenly realise you are still praying (the rosary, for example) then perhaps you are on the way to what St Paul calls 'Prayer without Ceasing' and you are not being distracted, but inspired!



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