

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: **St Bede's Ladies Club** 2pm (Church Hall).
Tuesday: **Church Cleaning** 9am, Team C
Coffee Evening 7.30pm (Church Hall).
Wednesday: **Keep Fit**, 12.15pm (Church Hall).
Friday: **Hunger Lunch** 12 noon (Church Hall).
Saturday: **Confessions** 12 noon -12.30pm.
St Bede's Toddler Group. Places are still available for the
Monday morning session. Please come along between
10am and 11am if you would like to register.
Lenten Alms. Basket at the back of church for donations
to St. Cuthbert's Care.
Flowers for Easter. Donations gratefully accepted.
Family Fast please return your envelopes this weekend.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group** 7pm.
Saturday: **Morning Prayer** 9.40am.
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.

Lottery. We are coming to the end of another year of our
lottery bonus ball game. Thank you again for your support
which enables us to send parishioners to Lourdes each
year. We are able to give everyone two free weeks at the
beginning of April due to small winnings. Can all who settle
up annually pay £51 per number by the middle of April.
There are spare numbers if anyone would like to join.

Thank you to everyone who supported **Fairtrade
Fortnight** and the **Pie and Pea Supper**. Both events
raised £170 each. Thank you for your continued support.

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).

**A Meditation in Song and Pictures on the Passion of
Our Lord Jesus Christ** by David Ritson, Sunday 26 March
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 TODAY.

New rotas for all Ministries are now available in the
folders in the Church Porch.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Saturday: **Confessions** 10.30am - 11.30am.

Thursday Drop In: March appeal for Marie Curie Nurses.

600 Club April subscriptions will be collected on 2 April.

Congratulations to Charlie and Jasper Preston who will
be receiving communion for the first time this Sunday at
11am .

The Lenten Well for Cafod is at the back of the church
again for your donations. You probably have seen the heart
rending scenes of mass starvation and drought in the
countries bordering the Sahara Desert. There is an urgent
need for money to provide food and fresh water, particularly

for the children. Please give generously and remember
every penny counts.

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning Prayer: Tuesday 8.30am.

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

Parish Information

Fr Chris Jackson's sister Wendy died last week. Her
funeral will be Friday 24 March 12 noon at St Mary's Bridge
Street, Sunderland. Please pray for Wendy, her family and
Fr Chris.

Container for Zambia: It is hoped to send a container of
good, second-hand goods to Zambia after Easter. They
have asked in particular for mattresses, sheets and quilt
covers but basically anything that is easy to pack and of
reasonable quality and cleanliness. It will cost about
£7000 to send it, but the contents are priceless to those
who receive them. Items can be left at any of the
churches. Many thanks for the books and toys already
collected.

**There is still time to apply to CAFOD's gap year
programme**, including a new placement at Leeds Trinity
University. For anyone aged 18 – 30, an opportunity to
volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership
skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit
www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year or call
Catherine / Lucy on 0207 095 5308 .

Thursday 23 March 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated in
Oxclose at the home of Veronica Christie. You may like to
bring an offering of food for a shared table after Mass.

Tuesday 28 March 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated in
Penshaw at the home of Terry and June Ford, **no** shared
table. Please ask the people concerned or Fr Mark for
addresses.

For your diary the **Lent Service of reconciliation and
healing** will be Thursday 6 April, 7pm at St John Boste.

**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 20 March	SB	09.05	Special Intention
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	12.00	Requiem Mass for Christopher O'Brien Peddie
	OLQP	19.00	Martin Curran
Tue 21 March	SJ	09.15	Priest's Intention
	OBLI	09.30	St Joseph's School
	OLQP	10.00	Special Intention
	SB	19.00	John Liddle
Wed 22 March	SB	09.05	Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	Souls in Purgatory
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 23 March	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (VC)
	OBLI	09.15	In Thanksgiving (SOC)
	OLQP	10.00	Martin Curran
	SR	11.20	Mass in St Robert's School
Fri 24 March	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	St Bede's Schoolchildren (in school)
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Michael Walker & deceased Walker family
Sat 25 March	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Christine Egan
	SJ	10.00	In Thanksgiving (SDB)

Next week-end: 25/26 March 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	James & Hannah Walker & Mary & Billy Heslop
	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
Sun 26 March	SJ	09.30	Deceased of Frazer & Murtaugh Families
	OLQP	10.00	Martin Curran
	OBLI	11.00	Fr Clement Haverty
	OBLI	18.00	In Thanksgiving (J)

**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,
John Lloyd McLinden
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,
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Incorporating:

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

18/19 March 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

Together - at all costs!

What Jesus did was not only unusual, but unthinkable. He sat at a well with a woman, a source of scandal to Jewish people at the time. And to make matters worse, she was a Samaritan and Jews and Samaritans did not mix, no matter who you were.

There are many parallels in history of people being the first to step out into the unknown and do the unthinkable. We ask ourselves today how dominated we are by the traditions of our society, or by the pressures of advertisers or, hopefully, how independent we are, wanting only the best for ourselves **and** the people around us. Let us be prepared to step out into the unknown! The gospel tells us that all people are equal and deserving of our care and attention, or even just our acknowledgement. Let us not live in darkness but be open to the light.

Awaken me, Lord, to your light.

Awaken me, Lord, to your love.

Awaken me, Lord, to your life.

Awaken me to your purpose.

Open my eyes to your presence.

Open my heart to your indwelling.

Open my mind to your life in me.

Open my will to your guidance.



Vigil	SB	17.00	James & Margaret Cowan & Deceased Family
	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
Sun 19 March	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