

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
Wednesday 7pm, Stations of the Cross
St John: Tuesday 11am, Rosary
Meditation with the children in school:
St Joseph's school on Thursday 6 April at 1.30pm
St John Boste school on Monday 10 April at 9.15am
St Bede's school on Monday 10 April at 11am
During Lent Mass will be celebrated in someone's home,
details in the bulletin each week.

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: **Ladies Club** 2pm (Church Hall).
Tuesday: **Church Cleaning** 9am, Team C
Coffee Evening 7.30pm (Church Hall).
Wednesday: **Keep Fit**, 12.15pm (Church Hall),
7pm, **Stations of the Cross (please note change of day)**.
Friday: **Hunger Lunch** 12 noon (Church Hall).
Saturday: **Sung Latin Mass**, 11am (no Communion
Service), **Confessions** 12 noon -12.30pm.
Monday 10 April, 7pm: **Passover Meal**.
Toddler Group. Places still available for Mondays. Come
along between 10am and 11am to register.
Remember A Loved One at Easter. List in the church
porch if you wish to add the name of anyone recently
deceased to The Easter Cross.
Lenten Alms. Basket at the back of church for donations
to St Cuthbert's Care.
Flowers for Easter. Donations gratefully accepted.
200 Club. Subscriptions for the April draw will be collected
after both Masses this weekend. Draw after 8.30am Mass.
Justice & Peace Group. CAFOD self-denial envelopes
due for collection next weekend.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group** 7pm.
Saturday: **Morning Prayer** 9.40am.
Please note that because of the **Penitential Service** this
week, Stations of the Cross will be at St Bede's on
Wednesday.
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.
Tombola and Raffle. Carol Dance is putting on one of her
spectacular Tombola and raffles on Easter Sunday after
Mass in aid of the Lourdes Fund. Please stay behind and
support the event.
The big Easter Church Cleaning will be on Wednesday
12 April at 10.45am. Everyone welcome to help.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.
Monday: 6 - 6.45pm **Exposition and Confessions**.
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),
**Revised Date: A Meditation in Song and Pictures on the
Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ** by David Ritson,
Sunday 9 April 3pm at OLQP. All welcome.
The Primary School Chapel will be open every
Wednesday at 8.30am during Lent for personal prayer.
Would you like to read during one of the Services over
Easter? If so please put your name on the list in the porch.
Thank you.
Emily would like to thank everyone who supported and
helped with the curry evening. It was a great success and
raised £430 towards her First Aid Africa appeal.
Fairtrade - can you make the swap for one of your regular

purchases? Remember we have Fairtrade products which
are not available in supermarkets.

St Robert of Newminster School

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

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Saturday: **No Exposition or Confessions**.
Thursday Drop In: March appeal for Marie Curie Nurses
raised £300, thank you for donations. April Appeal will be
for SVP Youth.
600 Club April subscriptions will be collected today.
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. So far in Lent we have
collected £341.21, well done, keep it up.
There is a selection of First Holy Communion cards and
small gifts for sale in the Emmaus Room.

Parish Information

Tuesday 4 April 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated at
Deacon Frank & Chris O'Neill's house, you may like to
bring food for a shared table afterwards. Mass on
Tuesday 11 April will be at the home of Terri Trotter.
Please ask Fr Mark or the hosts for addresses.
Youth Evening. A time to reflect on Lent, followed by
games and snacks. All welcome Year seven upwards.
OLQP 7pm - 8.30pm, **TODAY** Sun 2 April.
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: a chance to volunteer
in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and
visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/
Education/CAFOD-Gap-year](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year) or call Catherine / Lucy on
0207 095 5308.

Lent Service of Reconciliation & Healing
Thursday 6 April 7pm
St John Boste

Services This Week

Mon 3 April	SB	09.05	George Maw
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
Tue 4 April	OLQP	19.00	Audrey McNay in thanksgiving for 80th birthday
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OLQP	09.30	John Docherty & Family
	OBLI	12.00	Edward & Margaret Clark
Wed 5 April	SB	19.00	John Monaghan
	SB	09.05	In Honour of Our Blessed Lady
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	In Thanksgiving (SB)
Thu 6 April	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	OBLI	09.15	Roy Stephenson RIP
Fri 7 April	OLQP	10.00	Catherine Larne & Family
	SR	11.20	In St Roberts School
	SB	09.15	St Bede's Schoolchildren (School)
	SJ	09.30	S Mc
Sat 8 April	OBLI	12.00	Requiem Mass for Joan Curtin
	OLQP	19.00	Mary Devlin
	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	11.00	Sung Latin Mass
Sun 9 April	SJ	10.00	Holy Souls
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OBLI	18.00	Tom Jobling & Lesley King

Next weekend: 8/9 April 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	John Graham
Sun 9 April	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	90th Birthday Celebration
	OLQP	10.00	Our Parish Family
Sun 9 April	OBLI	11.00	Ted & Betty Lank & Margaret Payne
	OBLI	18.00	Tom Jobling & Lesley King

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,
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 McMahon,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
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,
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,
Frank Tracey,
Wendy Tufton, Liz Ward,
Stephen Willey,
Freda Winter

Recently Deceased:
Michael Pittiglio, Joan
Curtin, Beth Heppell

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Like Lazarus, we can seem so close to death at times.
(below is an account of last Wednesday's events in London as seen by Alexander Willis, aged 15, who attends our parish when here on holiday.)

"How little did I imagine the chaos that I would be walking into as I stepped out of the tube station in Westminster. It was a surreal moment when I realised what was going on. The feeling of possible imminent harm was overwhelming, and I saw and heard things that day that no one should ever have to witness. To say I was lucky is an understatement. We will always remember the innocent lives, like P.C. Keith Palmer, that were horrifically taken away from us that day. However, when turning to the future we must not live in the darkness of the past. It was no coincidence that it was exactly one year since the attack in Brussels. It was no coincidence that it was an attack at the 'Mother of all Parliaments'. It was an attack on our democracy, liberty, freedom, and everything we in Britain hold dearly. We must not change the way we live our lives. We must not lose faith. Despite all the mayhem, that day I saw an excellent operation by our inspirational police force who everyday put their lives on the line for our safety.

To change the way we live our lives would be allowing these barbaric terrorists to win. That simply cannot happen. If history has taught us anything, it is that we should never give the enemy what they want.

Not only is this a battle in the shadows of the secret services, or in warfare in the Middle East, but a battle that everyday people like you and I can help to win. It's a battle of beliefs. The terrorists are determined for death and hatred. In Britain, we have weapons of unity, love, freedom of speech and compassion. These are ideals that always have, and always will, be stronger and come out triumphant."

Vigil	SB	17.00	Freda & Kevan Bell
Sun 2 April	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Deceased Members of the Coulson Family
	OLQP	10.00	Rita Marshall
Sun 2 April	OBLI	11.00	Dileva Family
	OBLI	18.00	Bill Blevins

ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

