

Frs Tony, Mark and Deni, and Deacons
Chas and Frank wish everyone a
Blessed and Happy Easter

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 10.00am Mass (**Change in time**)

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration.**

Coffee Evening Cancelled.

Wednesday: **Keep Fit Cancelled**

Friday: 10.00am Communion Service (**Change in time**)

Saturday: 12 Noon-12.30 **Confessions.**

Flowers for Easter; Many thanks to all who contributed to the flowers for Easter.

Ladies Club; please note the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 2.00pm.

St Robert's School

No Adoration or Mass until after the Easter Holidays.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday **Drop In:** The April Appeal will be for SVP Youth.

Saturday: **No Exposition or Confessions.**

Lenten Well for Cafod: Donations in the well have now reached £500. Open for further donations until 1st May. Thank you.

600 Club: April winners: 290 Tom McGee; 519 C. Madden; 106 Helen Kelly; 245 J. Wilkinson; 144 L. Newton; 66 J. McPartlin; 59 Pat Hogg; 117 M. Powell. May subscriptions will be collected on Sunday 30th April.

There is a selection of First Holy Communion cards and small gifts for sale in the Emmaus Room.

Carol Dyson will be taking part in **Race for Life Cancer U.K.** on Sunday 4th June in Herrington Park in aid of St. Benedict's Hospice. There is a sponsor form on the noticeboard in the Church porch.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Group.**

Wednesday: **New time:** Mass is now at 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.40am **Morning Prayer.**

Rosary Group: Will start again on 25th April at 11.00am after the Easter break. Everyone welcome.

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 TODAY after Mass in aid of the Lourdes Fund. Please stay behind and support the event.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.

Monday: **Exposition and Confessions Cancelled.**
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre).

Tuesday: **Bingo** 7.30pm (Parish Centre), all welcome.
Fairtrade - can you make the swap for one of your regular purchases? Remember we have Fairtrade products which are not available in supermarkets.

Parish Information

Looking for something to do over the holidays?

Thursday 20th April: **Messy Church:** 10.00am to 12.30pm, in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, families are very welcome to come and spend some time together being creative and worshiping! Please book a place by emailing Hannah.mitchell@stjohnbostepriamary.org.uk

Container for Zambia: Many thanks to all those who have given donations for the container, which should be arriving at St Bede's very soon. If you would like to help with the boxing of items then please come to St Bede's this Monday, 10.30am (after Mass). Thank you.

Thank you to all who provided **hospitality** for the celebration of the house Masses during Lent.

Future Information

Saturday 22 April at 2.30pm: **Edwin Bonney Organ Recital Series:** at St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College, Durham DH7 9RH. **James Lancelot**, Master of the Choristers and Organist, Durham Cathedral, will play a selection of music including Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C; Mendelssohn, Sonata in F Minor; Franck, Piece heroique. Retiring Collection. Café open from 11.00am – 5.00pm.

Saturday 29 April at 10.00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. **Mass for Justice and Peace.** Celebrant is Mgr. Andrew Faley with the Homily by Fr. Chris Hughes, Chair of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. All welcome!

Saturday 29 April 2017 from 10.00am until 3.00pm: **A Day for Confirmation Catechists** and those interested in becoming one held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead NE8 1LX. Booking essential contact us by tel: 0191 243 3313.

Tuesday 2nd May, 7.30pm at St Bede's: beginning of a 4-week course in **Sacramental Theology.** This is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Sunday 7th May, 6.45pm at OBLI: beginning of a one-year **Latin Course** for anyone interested in working towards a GCSE qualification (taking the exam is not compulsory!). Previous experience not necessary.

29 July – 5 August: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** There are places for sick pilgrims (and a Jumbulance for overland travel) and a youth section for 16 – 25. Contact 01732 886666 or 01670 513 410 or www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

If you are organising anything in the parish (in church, hall, school or elsewhere), please phone Anne Casey on 0191 4162262.

Car drivers

Please think of offering a lift to those without transport to Mass. If you need a lift please don't be shy about asking.

Services this week

Mon Apr 17	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	10.00	Beth Heppell
	OLQP	19.00	In Thanksgiving (MS)
Tue Apr 18	SJ	09.15	Eleanor & Maldwyn Roberts
	OLQP	09.30	Joan & Miah Curtin
	OBLI	Noon	Austin & Vera Hughes
	SB	19.00	Catherine Connolly
Wed Apr 19	SB	09.05	Dinah Watt
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu Apr 20	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Mary Olivera
	OLQP	10.00	Paul McArdle
Fri Apr 21	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	SB	10.00	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Charles Tritton & Family
Sat Apr 22	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Grogan Family
	SJ	10.00	Holy Souls

2nd Sunday of Easter Yr A

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sun Apr 23	SB	08.30	Joan Curtin
	SJ	09.30	Terry McGee
	OLQP	10.00	Peter Doherty
	OBLI	11.00	Vin & Margaret McCormack
	OBLI	18.00	In Thanksgiving (A)

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,
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ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

15/16 April 2017 Easter Sunday

TEARS ARE TURNED INTO JOY

There has been a lot to cry about in recent weeks and lots that could make us worry about the future. The situation on Westminster Bridge brought suffering and death into the lives of so many, and the bombings in Syria and warship movements towards North Korea give us plenty to worry about, not to mention the year upon year of conflict and suffering that has led to destruction, homelessness and displacement for so many. Add to that the dangers facing people as they flee their own countries and the propaganda war against refugees and it is a sad, sad world with no hope in sight. But that is only for those who do not have faith!

Today is the day when we realise that sadness can become joy, pain and suffering can become freedom and death can become life. Jesus died to save us and save us he did. What we need to do is recognise His gift of Salvation.

The children in our primary schools take time each day to sit in quiet meditation. They are not working out solutions to world problems in that time, they are simply recognising that God is with us. When we are afraid, it makes a huge difference to have someone there with us, even if they wouldn't be able to help much if we were attacked - just their presence is reassuring. By taking time each day to sit in the presence of God we are reassured that God is alive and is with us, and the great news is that He can most certainly help!

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sat	OBLI	19.00	Harry Watson
Apr	SJ	19.00	Our Parish family
15	OLQP	20.00	Those received into Church
Sun	SB	08.30	Michael Pittiglio
	SJ	09.30	Kieran Defty
Apr	OLQP	10.00	Andrew Long
16	OBLI	11.00	Jack & Vera Lawless & John Callaghan
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family