

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: Please note change in time of Mass.
Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration**.
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening**.
Wednesday: 12.15pm **Keep Fit** (Hall)
Friday: Please note Mass in School.
Saturday: 12 Noon-12.30 **Confessions**.
200 Club: Subscriptions for the May draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend.
Church Cleaning Teams: Please collect your new rota from the Church porch.
Justice and Peace Group: Cafod self-denial envelopes due for collection next weekend.
Ladies Club; please note the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 2.00pm.

St Robert's School

Thursday 10.00am Adoration; 11.20 Holy Mass followed by Adoration until 3.00pm.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday 8.00am **Exposition**
Drop In: This weeks Appeal will be for Grace House, Sunderland.
Saturday: 8.00am **Exposition**
10.30-11.30am **Confessions**.

Lenten Well for Cafod: Donations in the well have now reached over £900. This weekend is your last chance to donate. Let us try to make it £1,000. Thank you.

600 Club: May subscriptions will be collected on Sunday 30th April.

Children from St Joseph's School will be receiving their first **Holy Communion** during May. There is a selection of 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: **Craft Group cancelled**.
Tuesday: 11.00am **Rosary Group**.
Wednesday: **New time**: Mass is now at 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.40am **Morning Prayer**.

Easter Tombola and Raffle: Carol Dance would like to thank everyone who supported the Easter Raffle and Tombola which raised a fantastic total of £1,138. The target, for sending people to Lourdes, was £1,000 so the total was fantastic. Thank you.
The next **Fairtrade Stall** will be on Sunday 7th May. Please continue to support the producers of Fairtrade goods. Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.
Monday: 6-6.45pm: **Confessions**.
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre).
Tuesday: **Bingo** 7.30pm (Parish Centre), all welcome.
Friday: 09.00-19.00 **Exposition with Evening Prayer** 6.40pm.

There will be a **Church Council Meeting** on Thursday 4th May at 7.00pm. Please make sure all groups are represented.

Thank you to all who helped and supported the **Lenten Lunches**. You donated £803 to Fr Mariadas's charity in India.

Italian Evening on Tuesday 16th May, 7.00pm to raise funds for an education fund in India which was set up in memory of Mol Thomas's father. Tickets at £15 will be available after Mass.

Please remember to browse the **Fairtrade** items for sale in the re-located shop in the porch. A commitment to changing just one of your regular purchases to the Fairtrade alternative can make a real difference to people living in extreme poverty.

Parish Information

Container for Zambia. The container has arrived at St Bede's and has been partially filled. If you would like to help with the completion of this process then please come to St Bede's this Monday, 10.30am (after mass). It is not just about muscle – there are lots of jobs that need to be done!

Tuesday 2nd May, 7.30pm at St Bede's: beginning of a 4-week course in **Sacramental Theology**. The sacraments of Initiation 1 (Baptism & Confirmation). 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.

Future Information

The Way We See It: A Response. On Saturday 13 May 2017 at Newcastle Assembly Rooms. We have a wise and inspiring speaker in Rev David Wilkinson from St. John's College, Durham and we will also hear from some of our young people who will share with us 'the way they see it'. The day aims to bring together priests, parishioners, parents, youth leaders, catechists, teachers and school chaplains. The conference is aimed at an adult audience but young people 16+ are most welcome. For further details visit the Youth Ministry Team [website](#).

I, Daniel Blake: A Challenge to Discipleship?

The AGM of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. Saturday May 13 2017 from 10.00am to 3.30pm (with a shared lunch) at St. Joseph's Centre, Gateshead NE8 1LX. As part of the AGM, there will be a screening of the film "I, Daniel Blake" at 7.30pm on Friday May 12 at St. Joseph's Centre, Gateshead (doors open 7pm, free entry)

ENCOUNTER - Experience the loving presence of Jesus Sat 20th - Sun 21st May 2017, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT

To book or for more information:

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Saturday 24 June: **Pilgrimage to Ladyewll** (Preston, Lancs). Cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693

The Ministry of Consolation: Saturday 10th June 2017 10:30am - 3:30pm Ushaw College. For many people, bereavement begins before the death of a loved one, and the person themselves often feels a deep need for support and consolation. This day will help us look at these needs and how people and parishes can respond to them. To book for free: Tel 0191 243 3302 or Email: spirituality@diocese.org.uk - (Lunch provided sponsored by Walker & Morrell Funeral Directors).

Services this week

Mon May 01	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	10.00	Connie & Barney Casey
	OLQP	19.00	George O'Neill
Tue May 02	SJ	09.15	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	OLQP	09.30	OLQP School
	OBLI	Noon	Olive Dunbar R.I.P.
	SB	19.00	Cockburn & Nattress Families
Wed May 03	SB	09.05	Priest's Intention
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Priest's Intention
Thu May 04	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Rachel Chapman R.I.P.
Fri May 05	OLQP	10.00	In Thanksgiving (Anna)
	SR	11.20	In St Robert's School
	SB	09.15	St Bede's Schoolchildren (School)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
Sat May 06	SJ	09.30	Our Schoolchildren & Staff
	OLQP	19.00	Sylvia Gaze
	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
Sun May 07	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Joan Scott
	SJ	10.00	Cath & Ron Joy
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4th Sunday of Easter Yr A

Vigil	SB	17.00	John Abbott
Sun May 07	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Clem Shannon
	OLQP	10.00	Winnie Sweeney
	OBLI	11.00	May Taylor
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish 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,
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,
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

29/30 April 2017 3rd Sunday of Easter Yr A

THE EUCHARIST

An artist designed a tabernacle door for a church. He divided it into four panels, each panel with a set of symbols that stood for a gospel story that was related to the Eucharist.

The first panel had six water jars; the second five loaves and two fish; the third panel had thirteen people seated around a table; the fourth three people seated at a table.

The six jars symbolised the miracle of Cana, where Jesus changed six jars of water into wine. The artist interpreted this miracle as a **preview of the Eucharist**, when Jesus would change wine into his own blood.

The loaves and the fish symbolised the miracle where Jesus multiplied these two foods to feed a hungry crowd, saying to them: *whoever comes to me will never hunger. . I am the living bread that came down from heaven .. and the bread that I will give is my flesh. . Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on that last day.* The artist interpreted the miracle as a **promise of the Eucharist**.

The thirteen people around a table symbolised Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper: **fulfillment of the promise** Jesus made after he multiplied the loaves and the fish.

Finally, the three people seated at a table symbolised the Emmaus supper, where the risen Jesus broke bread and revealed himself to two disciples. The artist interpreted this as the **first celebration of the Eucharist** which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper.



Vigil	SB	17.00	Vera Holt
Sun	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday (PI)
Apr 30	OLQP	10.00	David Bentham
	OBLI	11.00	Keith Mitchell
	OBLI	18.00	Jake Fenwick