

St Bede's, Usworth

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration.**
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening.**
Wednesday: 12.15pm **Keep Fit** (Hall) **cancelled until 14 June**
Saturday: 12 Noon-12.30 **Confessions.**
Change in Mass Time - Mass on Monday will be at **10.00 am.**
200 Club - Subscriptions for the June draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend.
Justice and Peace Group - Cafod self-denial envelopes due for collection next weekend.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday 8.00am **Exposition**
Drop In - for Grace House Appeal -
Sunderland
Saturday: 8.00am **Exposition**
10.30-11.30am **Confessions.**
The Well will remain at the back of the church. Donations for the next three months will be for the Zambia Fund.
600 Club Subscriptions for June will be collected on June 4
Cleaning: Group 4

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7.00pm **Craft Group - cancelled until 12 June**
Tuesday: 11.00am **Rosary Group.**
Wednesday: **New time:** Mass is now at 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.40am **Morning Prayer.**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.
Monday: 6-6.45pm: **Confessions & Exposition**
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre).
Tuesday: 7.30pm **Bingo** (Parish Centre), all welcome.
Friday: 09.00-19.00 **Adoration with Evening**
Prayer 6.40pm.
New rotas are available for all ministries in the folders in the Church porch.

Thank you to all who took part in and to those who supported our School's 80th anniversary celebrations.

St Robert's School

Thursday 10.00am Adoration; 11.20 Holy Mass followed by Adoration until 3.00pm. **Cancelled this week**

Parish Information

The **senior youth club** is looking for adult volunteers that could help out from 7-9pm on Thursday nights during term time. The parish would pay for the DBS check. You would be on a rota so it would not be every week. If you can help please contact Vincent Reed on 07791199734.
A peersupport group for those with mental health concerns, such as depression, is now running in Newcastle at Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle, NE1 7BJ every Thursday evening, 7 – 8.30pm. This PeerTalk project is underpinned by the Methodist Church and offers a safe space to share without being judged. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive peer support to help anyone work through mental health concerns.

Future Information

Saturday 10 June, 11am at the cathedral: mass of thanksgiving for the **Sacrament of Marriage.**
The Ministry of Consolation: Saturday 10 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).
CAFOD are organising a Charity Fundraising evening at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Birtley on Saturday 10 June from 7.00 p.m. With music by 2econd Wind who play music from the 60s up to the present day. CAFOD will also be promoting Connect 2 -their parish twinning scheme. Tickets cost just £3 each. You are invited to bring along some food for a shared table. There is a licensed bar. If you would like tickets please contact

Malcolm Bengston on 4169804 or hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk Thank you
Celebration of the work of the S.V.P. and the 'Minnie Vinnies' - children from all our partnership primary schools will come together with our S.V.P. members and parishioners at St John Boste Church on Friday 16 June Mass at 11:30am followed by refreshments - please join our celebration and encourage our young people!
A Parish trip to Lindisfarne will take place on Sat 17 June and we hope as many parishioners as possible will join us? The bus is £10 for adults and free for children and will leave OLQP, Station Road at 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to walk across the causeway on arrival and there will be Mass on the island at 12.30. We will picnic after Mass and people will be free to explore the island as they wish before departure at 6.30pm. Anyone who wishes to go should contact Mrs Ludford on 0191 3854545 by **Monday 12 June.**
Saturday 24 June: **Pilgrimage to Ladyewill** (Preston, Lancs). Cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693
Note for your diary: Fr John Coyle will celebrate a mass to mark his 60th jubilee of priesthood on Sunday July 23rd, 6pm at Our Lady's Washington Village

Contacts for the Newsletter

If you would like an article published in the Newsletter please send it to the contact listed below for the applicable Church. If you would like a message to go in the Parish section send it to any of the contacts below. Items need to be sent no later than the Tuesday 7pm of the week prior to when you want it to be published.

Please put '**Newsletter information**' in the subject line.

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Services this week

Mon May 29	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	10.00	Trudy Boyle
	OLQP	19.00	John Sweeney
Tue May 30	SJ	09.15	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	09.30	Docherty & Cosgrove families
	OBLI	Noon	Margaret & John Barrett
	SB	19.00	Deceased Jones Family
Wed May 31	SB	09.05	John Sweeney
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu June 01	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	S.V.P. Intentions
	OLQP	10.00	Priest's Intention
Fri June 02	SB	09.15	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Priest's Intention
Sat June 03	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Mary Davidson
	SJ	10.00	Intentions of those present

Pentecost Sunday Yr A

Vigil	SB	17.00	Ann Denise Graham
Sun June 04	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Betty Slowther
	OLQP	10.00	Jamie Ferguson
	OBLI	11.00	Thanksgiving for 70th Birthday Margaret Smith
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger
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,
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,
George O'Donnell,
Chris Palmer, Brian Purvis,
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,
Ronnie Shields,
Mary Skilcorn,
George Stagg,
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,
Frank Tracey,
Wendy Tufton, Liz Ward,
Stephen Willey,
Freda Winter

Recently deceased

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Incorporating:

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



27/28 May 2017 Feast of the Ascension

The critical moment in a relay race is the passing of the baton from one runner to another; more races are lost at that moment than at any other. Our feast today might be compared to the passing of the baton in a relay race. On this day 2,000 years ago, Jesus passed the baton of responsibility for the Kingdom of God to his followers, commissioning them to complete the work he had begun. In today's first reading Jesus tells his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, and in the gospel reading he tells them to be his teachers to the world.

How do you and I, in the 21st century, carry out Jesus' commission to be his witnesses to the world and his teachers to the nations?

It is to become witnesses and teachers in our homes, our work places, and our schools; to carry out Jesus' commission wherever we find ourselves. Practically, how do we do this? Do we suddenly turn into religious fanatics and begin preaching to our families, our friends, and those around us? Not at all!

We do it simply by making an effort to become the kind of person God made us to be. We do it simply by making an effort to become the kind of person Jesus teaches us to be. We do it simply by making an effort to become a person inspired by the Holy Spirit. We witness to Jesus and teach others by our love when others need us, by our patience when others annoy us, by our forgiveness when others wrong us, and by our perseverance when we feel like quitting.

Our lives speak much more eloquently than our lips do when it comes to witnessing and teaching. People would much rather see a sermon than listen to one



Vigil	SB	17.00	Maureen Naylor
Sun May 28	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Deceased members of Casey & Cox Families
	OLQP	10.00	Our Parish Family
	OBLI	11.00	Fr Kevin Gallagher
	OBLI	18.00	Joan Scott