

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1.00pm, **Parish Bingo**, (Lindisfarne Room)
5.30pm, **Church Cleaning**, Team B
7.30pm, **Vocations Prayer Group**

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration**
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening**
7.30pm, **Understanding the Gospel of Saint John** (similar to the recent theology course). Also on 18 July, all welcome.

Wednesday: 12.15pm, **Keep Fit**, (Lindisfarne Room)

Saturday: 12 Noon -12.30, **Confessions**
Please try not to park outside the entrances to peoples' houses in Douglas Terrace (opposite the church). Last week, someone in a wheelchair was unable to get into their house because of a parked car.

200 Club: Subscriptions for July draw collected this weekend. Draw takes place after Mass on Sunday.

CAFOD: Envelopes are due for collection this weekend.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Sunday: 6.45pm, **Latin class**, (Emmaus Room)

Thursday: 8.00am, **Exposition**
Drop In Appeal - Grace House, Sunderland

Saturday: 8.00am, **Exposition**
10.30 -11.30am, **Exposition & Confessions cancelled**.

The Well: Remain at the back of the church. Donations received in June £285 for the Zambia Fund. Thank you.

600 Club: Subs for July due on Sunday, 2 July.

Afternoon Tea in the Garden: Raised £760 for the Christmas lunch.

Walk for Life: Carol Dyson would like to thank all who sponsored her, £444 was raised for St Benedict's Hospice.

Cleaning: Group 1

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7.00pm, **Craft Group**. Would you like to learn to crochet? Come along to the Dryburn Room at 7pm on Monday 3rd, 10th or 17th July armed with a size 5mm crochet hook (wool will be provided and let's learn together. Everyone welcome.

Saturday: 9.40am, **Morning Prayer**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of Church: 15 minutes before service.

Monday: 6-6.45pm, **Confessions & Exposition**
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre)

Tuesday: 7.30pm, **Bingo** (Parish Centre), all welcome

Friday: 9.00am - 7.00pm, **Adoration**, 6.40pm **Evening Prayer**, 7.30pm, **Prayer Group**.

600 Club: Michael Frain will be at OLQP on Sunday 9 & 16 July to collect annual membership subscriptions (£12). New members most welcome. If paying by cheque please make payable to St John XXIII.

Cotton Tote Bags: Any size are needed to safely transport art works for the Suzy Fund Exhibition on Holy Island. Please leave them at the back of church. Thank you.

St Robert's School

Thursday: 10.00am **Adoration**, 11.20 **Holy Mass** followed by **Adoration** until 3.00pm.

Parish Information

As mentioned last weekend, the bishop has asked **Fr Tony** to move to Newton Aycliffe in September and he will be replaced by Fr Jim O'Keefe, who has supplied in Washington before but not for many years. However, he did visit all of our churches last year as part of the Forward Together in Hope programme.

Ten-pin bowling for all altar servers: Monday 17 July, 4.00pm. Please e-mail anthony.cornforth@gmail.com if you would like to go.

St Bede's Primary School Summer Fair: Friday, July 14 from 3.15 until 5.30pm. Everyone welcome.

St. Joseph's Primary School Summer Fair: Saturday, 15 July 12 noon - 3.00pm. Historical School & Parish photographs and documents will be on display in the school hall.

Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina): Session 2 of the Lectio Divina - a way meditating on and praying the scriptures led by Tony Joy. All welcome at St John Boste 7.45pm (after evening Mass) on Wednesday, 5 July, then on the next two Wednesday's at the same time.

Parish Picnic at Penshaw: Come along on Sunday, 9 July 1.00pm-3.00pm with your picnic. There will be a circular

Treasure Hunt/Nature Walk at 11.30am starting from OLQP followed by activities, games and picnic on the school field. Everyone welcome.

Mass in Honour of St John Boste: This will be said in Durham Cathedral, in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, on Thursday, 20 July at 7.00pm. If you are interested in going please sign the list at the back of church. Parking facilities on Palace Green will be available.

St John Boste Walk: The 33rd annual walk in honour of St John Boste will take place on Sunday, 23rd July 2017. A bus will leave St John's after the 9.30 Mass and return at approx 6pm. The walk is about 9 miles and a picnic lunch will be needed. The group will assemble at 4.30pm in the Galilee Chapel, in Durham Cathedral, to say the rosary. The walk then continues to St Leonard's School, the site where Father John Boste was executed. If interested, add your name to the list, at the back of church. The bus is free but some funds will be raised towards the cost via a raffle. If for any reason, you are unable to walk, please feel free to join us for the rosary.

Please Note: Lay Training Fund open until 2 July 2017, collections for Peter's Pence 2 July and Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday 9 July.

Future Information

Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres Friday, 13 to Sunday, 15 October. Cost £125 per person. Booking Forms available from Marian Fletcher, Tel: 0191 417 4413.

St Benedict's Day

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 7pm there will be a Partnership Mass at St Joseph's Birtley followed by social in the parish centre. Please support our new partnership by coming together to pray for it and share hospitality afterwards.

Services this week

Mon July 3	SB	09.05	A Sick Person
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	John Sweeney
Tue July 4	SJ	09.15	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	OLQP	09.30	Vera Cosgrove
	OBLI	Noon	Rita Parker
	SB	19.00	Protection of the Unborn
Wed July 5	SB	09.05	Priest's Intention
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu July 6	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (VC)
	OBLI	09.15	Jim Kennedy
	OLQP	10.00	Joan Stobbs
Fri July 7	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	SB	10.00	St Bede's Schoolchildren (In Church)
	OLQP	19.00	Priest's Intention
Sat July 8	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Binks, Davison & Dirber Families
	SJ	10.00	Holy Souls

8/9 July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sun July 9	SB	08.30	Gordon & Jenny Watt
	SJ	09.30	Ross Irwin
	OLQP	10.00	Christine Swainston
	OBLI	11.00	In Thanksgiving (W)
	OBLI	18.00	Joyce Adams

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger
Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Debbie Binns,
Colin Brown,
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,
Jim McDivitte,
Joan McHale,
Joseph McIntyre,
Rose McMahon,
Lloyd McLinden,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
Peter Milroy,
Madge Mullen,
George O'Donnell,
Brian Purvis,
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,
Ronnie Shields,
Mary Skilcorn,
George Stagg,
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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

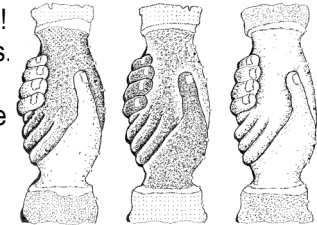


1/2 July 2017 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The gospel reading today is beloved of people who are anti-Christian! They will accuse Jesus of not wanting people to care for their families.

In some ways, the teaching does seem harsh - is it really necessary to put Jesus above our closest relations and, if we cannot do that, are we really unworthy of Him? What does Jesus really say? One clue may lie in the word "prefer". The original phrase is: "The one who Loves more." In other words it implies that we would love God less than we love others and, as we should all know, love is not love if it pushes aside someone else. If we love God the way we should love, then we would love those close to us even more than we would if we knew nothing of God. To be family-orientated is what makes our society so special and when we hear of societies where family life is discouraged (Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge) we are rightly offended. But people can sometimes use family as an excuse for not wanting to have anything to do with others, or even being hostile to outsiders. For Jesus, that is escape, using our families as an excuse for not doing our bit in building the Kingdom on earth. Such building requires sacrifice. For some, the sacrifice is as radical as giving up the chance of family life and even leaving Washington for Newton Aycliffe! This is the cross that Jesus asks us to take up and so follow in His footsteps.

For others, the building of the Kingdom is to take place within families where Jesus is the invisible member at their heart. In such homes, children grow up valuing the relationships of family - but aware that there is big world outside it. Such families find mutual strength and support, but are not closed in on themselves. They become places of welcome where others can also find love and shelter. In the Church, there should always be a welcome, especially for those on the move!



Vigil	SB	17.00	All Victims of the London Fire
Sun July 2	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Our Parish Family
	OLQP	10.00	Brown & Gunn Families
	OBLI	11.00	John Sweeney
	OBLI	18.00	In Thanksgiving (J)