

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2pm, **Ladies Club** (Lindisfarne Room).

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration**

7.30pm, **Coffee Evening.**

7.30pm, **Bible Study**, St John's gospel (13 -17)

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

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

Please try not to park outside the entrances to houses in Douglas Terrace (opposite the church).

St John Boste, Oxclose

Tuesday: 11am, **Rosary** (Dryburn Room) and every fortnight thereafter. Everyone welcome.

Saturday: 9.40am, **Morning Prayer.**

Fairtrade Stall. The next Fairtrade stall will be open next Sunday 30 July. Please continue to support the producers of Fairtrade goods. Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penschaw

Prayer of Church: 15 minutes before service.

Monday: 6pm-6.45pm, **Confessions & Exposition.**

7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre). New members welcome.

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

Friday: 9am - 7pm, **Adoration**, 6.40pm **Evening Prayer**, 7.30pm, **Prayer Group.**

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday: 8am, **Exposition**

Drop In Appeal - Cancer Research.

Saturday: 8am, **Exposition**

10.30am -11.30am,

Confessions and Exposition.

Cleaning: Group 4.

The Well The Well will remain at the back of the church.

This is the last week of donations for the Zambia Fund.

Donations to date £560. Thank You.

600 Club: Annual subscriptions are due to be collected on

Sunday 6 August. New members welcome, £1 per month (£12 per annum). If paying by cheque please make payable to St. John XXIII.

St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration: Cancelled until after the school holidays.

Parish Information

Latin Class: Will resume on Sunday 3 September.

The bishop has asked **Fr Tony** to move to Newton Aycliffe in September and he will be replaced by **Fr Jim O'Keefe.**

St John Boste Walk: The 33rd annual walk in honour of St John Boste will take place today Sunday 23 July. A bus will leave St John's after the 9.30 Mass and return around 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.

Future Information

Called to the Supper of the Lamb Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, led by Father Shaun Purdy, Ushaw College, Saturday 9 September 2017 10.30am - 4pm. To attend please contact Fr Mark.

Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres

Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. Cost £125 per person.

Booking forms available from Marian Fletcher, Telephone 0191 4174413.

The Parish of St John XXIII and St Michaels Houghton-le-Spring have begun the exciting process of delivering a new Parish Mission that will celebrate the fine work delivered in our Parish working in harmony with the young people of the five primary schools and St Roberts School.

Currently various small teams are working in delivering a variety of activities ranging from outreach work to the wider community, creating a mission prayer, engaging with young families, increased social events and supporting young people in their pastoral work. The mission team are in the process of increasing our church members in participation and helping steer the direction of this process so that all churches and schools play an equal pivotal role in the success of the new mission.

Further details will be made available once they have been established, however the launch date is 20 November 2017 launched by pupils and staff at St Roberts and then this will be then cascaded to the five primary schools the following week commencing 27 November 2017.

Services This Week

Mon 24 July	SB	09.05	In Thanksgiving (MT)
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Priest's Intention
Tue 25 July	SJ	09.15	Our sick and housebound parishioners
	OLQP	09.30	Private Intention
	OBLI	Noon	The Welfare of Kathleen Monaghan
	SB	19.00	The Holy Souls
Wed 26 July	SB	09.05	Special Intention
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 27 July	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	09.15	James Kevin Rigby
	OLQP	10.00	Sep, Sarah, Irene, James Cruddas, Selina Dover
Fri 28 July	SB	09.15	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	Priest's Intention
Sat 29 July	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	The Madden Family
	SJ	10.00	William Pattison

Next week-end: 29/30 July 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	John Graham
Sun 30 July	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	For a successful operation
	OLQP	10.00	Our Parish Family
	OBLI	11.00	Maxwell & Curry Families
	OBLI	18.00	Tom Jopling & Lesley King

**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,
Joseph McIntyre,
Rose McMahon,
Lloyd McLinden,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
Peter Milroy,
Kathleen Monaghan,
Madge Mullen,
George O'Donnell,
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:
Terry Willey

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22/23 July 2017 - 16th Sunday of the Year

We can see two aspects of the character of Jesus which at first glance seem utterly contradictory. We see the best man who ever lived (He did no wrong, no deceit was found in his mouth). Even as Jesus died, he thought first about the women of Jerusalem, the Good Thief and the soldiers who crucified him - the best man who ever lived.

The other man we see is the one who attracted to himself people with all kinds of character flaws. The Gospel of Luke recalls a day when "the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around Jesus in order to hear him." It happened often enough that his enemies nicknamed him "a friend of sinners". They meant it to be an insult, but the rest of his life he wore it as a badge of honour.

What strange sort of goodness is this - a righteous man who had an almost irresistible appeal to people who were unrighteous and knew it? Simple! Because He accepted them and loved them. They didn't have to prove themselves or pretend to be anything they were not. He accepted them, just the way they were.

He knew that in human nature there are always weeds among the wheat, which is why we anoint people about to be baptised: *Through this holy anointing, may the Lord watch over you and protect you from all harm.* We are surrounded by dangers and temptations, but we have the strength to resist, not because we are perfect people, far from it, but because He has accepted us as we are, so why would he abandon us in any kind of need? He really was the best person who ever lived!

Vigil	SB	17.00	Nellie Sweeney Temple
Sun 23 July	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Our Parish Family
	OLQP	10.00	Nancy McHenry
	OBLI	11.00	Sheila Black
	OBLI	18.00	Fr John Coyle 60th Anniversary

ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

