

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2.00pm **Ladies Club** (Lindisfarne Room)
Tuesday: 6.00pm, **Adoration**, 6-6.45pm, **Confessions**,
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening** (Lindisfarne Room).
Thursday: 12 Noon, **Keep Fit**.
13.45: **Mass in Church with St Bede's
School.**

Saturday: **Confessions cancelled.**

Church Cleaning: New rota available in the Church Porch.

200 Club: Subscriptions for the September draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend. In order to keep the club going we are in need of new members. If you are not a member or if you would consider taking an extra number please let us know. The draw will take place after the 8.30am Mass.

Justice & Peace Group: Cafod self-denial envelopes due for collection this weekend.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of Church: 15 minutes before service.

Monday: 6-6.45 pm, **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**.
7.15pm, **Prayer Group**.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Drop In Appeal - This week, Grace House, Sunderland.

Tuesday: 1pm, **OLOFF Club**

Saturday: 8am, **Exposition**, 10.30am -11.30am,
Confessions and Exposition.

Cleaning: Group 2

Latin Classes resume Sunday 10 September.

The Well will remain at the back of the church for donations to the CAFOD clean water project. £200 sent from the August collection.

600 Club: Subs collected on this Sunday.

Please collect new **Minister rotas** from the Church Porch.

Midweek Pattern for Mass and Confessions:

Monday OLQP: 6-6.45pm, Exposition and Confessions.	7.00pm: Mass.
Tuesday St Bede: 6-6.45pm, Exposition and Confessions.	7.00pm: Mass.
Thursday OBLI: 8-9am Exposition	9.15am: Mass
Friday St John: 8.45-9.15am Exposition	9.30 am Mass Confessions after Mass.
Saturday OBLI: 8-9am Exposition	9.15am Mass. 10:30-11.30am Confessions.

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before Mass in each Church.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Club**

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

St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration recommences on Thursday, 7th September,
10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Holy Mass/Service 11.20 a.m. All welcome.

Parish Information

Thank you to the lay leaders and extraordinary ministers of word & sacrament who are organising and keeping the midweek services of Word & Holy Communion going thank you for all your help - Fr Mark.

Petition to Rome for the canonisation of local martyrs
Blessed John Ingram & Blessed George Swallowell: There is a petition at the back of each church to sign in support of the Canonisation of Blessed John Ingram and Blessed George Swallowell: They stood trial in Durham in 1594 with St. John Boste. All three were convicted and condemned to be executed. St. John Boste was executed on Wednesday 24th July 1594 in Durham, Blessed John Ingram was executed in Gateshead on Friday 26th July and Blessed George Swallowell in Darlington on Monday 29th July.

Future Information

Area Mission: In November our Area Mission takes place in St Robert of Newminster School and in the Churches and Primary Schools of St John XXIII Parish and St Michael's Parish, Houghton-le-Spring. We are all invited to be part of the Mission. It will be a

wonderful opportunity for each one of us to grow in our faith and to share it with others. Everyone is invited to an **Open Meeting on Thursday 14th September at 7pm** at St Robert of Newminster School. This is an opportunity to find out more about the Mission and how we can all support it and make it happen in the best possible way. Please come along. **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)** – Mass at Hexham and Newcastle Cathedral. Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:05pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hexham and Newcastle on Friday 22 September 2017. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. **Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres** Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October, cost £125. Booking forms available from Marian Fletcher Tel:0191 4174413.

Please pray for Fr Tony and his move to Newton Aycliffe. We will have the opportunity to come together as a whole parish of all four churches to offer our thanks for his ministry with us and to pray for him at a Mass on St Matthew's Day Thursday 21 September, 7pm at St Bede's Church. Fr Deni is also leaving so we will have the opportunity to thank him too. There will be a gap between Fr Tony leaving & Fr O'Keefe arriving on the weekend of October 7 & 8, so Fr Tony is kindly going to help out with some things during September.

Services This Week

Mon 04 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (PY)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Norman Greener
Tue 05 Sept	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OLQP	09.30	Communion Service
	OBLI	Noon	Communion Service
	SB	19.00	Deceased Jones Family
Wed 06 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 07 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Mary Rigby R.I.P.
	OLQP	10.00	Communion Service
	SB	13.45	Mass in Church: St Bedes School
Fri 08 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	OLQP	10.15	Requiem Mass: Debra Binns
Sat 09 Sept	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Lorretta McGowan & Bernie Ward
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (MB)

16/17 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	John Graham
Sun 10 Sept	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	John Wade
	OLQP	10.00	Ricky Marshall
	OBLI	11.00	Marion Slavin
	OBLI	18.00	Charles McGiven & Deceased Family

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger
Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Colin Brown,
Billy Bulch, Tricia Carr,
Michael Conroy, 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,
Raymond Irwin,
Godfrey Keefe,
Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp,
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 Staggs,
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,
Frank Tracey,
Wendy Tufton, Liz Ward,
Stephen Willey,
Freda Winter

Recently Deceased Debra Binns

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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

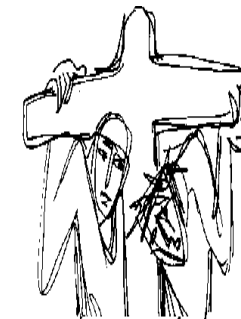


02 / 03 September 2017, Sunday 22 A A New Year?

I often get mixed up with September and January! I imagine the reason is that until the age of 25, September was the month of new beginnings as I started a new school or college year. Sometimes, this was just a matter of moving from one year to another, and at other times it meant moving to a new place and even a new town. Like January, with its new start and promise of new resolutions, September is for many people a new beginning, a time to take up your cross, perhaps in a different location, and continue to carry it behind Jesus our Saviour, following in the footsteps of Simon of Cyrene, who supported Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary.

Our first reading today tells us of despondency, something we have probably all felt at one time or another as plans do not come together as we had hoped. Jeremiah had a lot to make him despondent with the constant physical, religious and social opposition he faced; in spite of it all, he persevered in carrying his many crosses. We have many crosses to carry today, but as we carry them we should consider those who carry very heavy burdens today. We think of the people whose lives were devastated by the crash on the M1 last week or by the many acts of senseless terrorism and fear. We think of those people suffering from incurable and painful illnesses along with those enduring recent bereavements.

Wherever we look there are people who are worse off than we are ourselves, but that does not make our crosses irrelevant or unimportant. We have a cross to hold on to, and only we can carry it, but we have a Saviour who guides us expertly along the right path.



Fear can keep a man out of danger but courage can support him in it. Thomas Fuller 1608-1661

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sun 03 Sept	SB	08.30	Janet Johnson
	SJ	09.30	The Sick of the Parish
	OLQP	10.00	Paul Lyons
	OBLI	11.00	Oswald Shannon
	OBLI	18.00	Paul Bottoms