

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2.00pm **Ladies Club** Open Day (Lindisfarne Room). All welcome. Profit in aid of the MacMillan Cancer fund

Tuesday: 6.00pm, **Adoration**, 6-6.45pm, **Confessions**, 7.30pm, **Coffee Evening** (Lindisfarne Room).

Thursday: 12 Noon, **Keep Fit**.

Saturday: **Confessions cancelled**.

200 Club - Annual Subscriptions now due. In order to continue with the 200 club we will need new members. If you would like to join please ask whoever is on duty at the church door. If you are already a member and would consider taking an other number please ask when you are paying your subs

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of Church: 15 minutes before service.

Monday: 6-645 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**.

Everyone is welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace School on Friday 29 September for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at 9.15 am.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Drop In Appeal - This week, Great North Air Ambulance.

Tuesday: 1pm, **OLOFF Club**

Saturday: 8am, **Exposition**, 10.30am -11.30am, **Confessions Cancelled**

Cleaning: Group 4

Latin Classes 6.45pm Sunday.

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 September winners 284. Ella McNeill, 121. D. Cunningham, 313. T. Madden, 110. Carol Dance, 626. McLoran, 47. Brian Simpson, 146. Chris Godbolt, 54. John Cantwell.

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**.

Note: There have been safety catches put on some of the kitchen cupboards, Please be careful when opening. The craft group invite anyone interested in gardens, gardening or just interested, to join them on **Monday September 25** at 7.30pm for a presentation about gardens given by a member of the **National Garden Scheme**. Look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments available.

Offertory Gifts: We are seeking more volunteers to carry the offertory gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass. If you would be prepared to join this rota, please leave your name and telephone number in the Sacristy. Thank you.

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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St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration recommences on Thursday, 10.00am - 3.00pm. Holy Mass/Service 11.20am. All welcome.

Parish Information

All musicians and singers from our four churches are invited to come together for **Fr Tony's and Fr Deni's thanksgiving mass** on Thursday. Anyone who would like to contribute is asked to come to a practice at St Bede's church 6pm Wednesday 20 September.

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 24 July 1594 in Durham, Blessed John Ingram was executed in Gateshead on Friday 26 July and Blessed George Swallowell in Darlington on Monday 29 July.

Special collections: 17 September Home Mission Sunday.

Future Information

In this 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion act, there is a special **Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life and Family** at Osmotherley on Sunday 22 October 2017. £15. Reservation essential. Contact :Mrs M. Ollernshaw, Tel:0191 2854395 or Theresa McCabe Tel:0191 4161135.

Services This Week

Mon 18 Sept	SB	09.05	Patrick Gleeson
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	McDevitte family wedding
Tue 19 Sept	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OLQP	09.30	Communion Service
	OBLI	Noon	Communion Service
	SB	19.00	Joan Stobbs
Wed 20 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (VC)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 21 Sept	SJ	09.15	No Mass or Service
	OBLI	09.15	No Mass or Service
	OLQP	10.00	No Mass or Service
	SB	19.00	In thanksgiving for Fr Tony & Fr Deni's ministries.
Fri 22 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Our schoolchildren and staff
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Sat 23 Sept	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	For a Sick Person (M.L.B.)
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (PY)

23/24 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	Tommy & Joan Moran
Sun 24 Sept	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Cath and Ron Joy
	OLQP	10.00	Annie Bowers
	OBLI	11.00	Andrea Kane
	OBLI	18.00	Terry Willey

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger
Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Colin Brown ,
Billy Bulch, Tricia Carr,
Fr Michael Conaty
Michael Conroy, Pat Coyle,
Ophelia Davies,
Willie Day,
Baby Luke Defty
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,
Margaret McArdle
Jim McDivitte,
Joseph McIntyre,
Rose McMahan,
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
Fr Anthony Donaghue

Fr Mark Millward 4163583
Rev Frank O'Neill 07791155845

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Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

St Bede, Usworth

St John Boste, Oxclose

In partnership with Benedict



16 / 17 September 2017, Sunday 24 A

A lesson in patience and a challenge in arithmetic

In the continuation of the *Sermon on the Church*, part of which we heard last week, Jesus gives his answer to Peter's very practical question - a question which many of us might also have been tempted to ask... **Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? - Up to SEVEN times?**

Peter was joking! The other disciples probably smiled and laughed with him as he offered this ridiculously high estimate.

Who could possibly be expected to show such great patience? In those less complicated times, seven indicated a large quantity. In most people's lives there would rarely be a need to deal in higher figures, except perhaps to check the safety of a hundred sheep, or to calculate the amount of money owing to a creditor.

Their smiles would change to expressions of incredulity when Jesus produced his amazing answer. Whether we translate his reply as 'seventy seven' or 'seventy times seven', it was an astronomical figure.

UNLIMITED forgiveness is expected from those whom God has forgiven. To follow Christ one must be willing to be seen as a fool judged by worldly standards. Again we see that the Christian way of life requires courage and the support of the Spirit, as well as a mathematical ability way beyond that of people 2000 years ago!



Vigil	SB	17.00	Fr. Eddie Gibbons
Sun 10 Sept	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Keith Shannon
	OLQP	10.00	Barry Ainger
	OBLI	11.00	Ted Stephenson
	OBLI	18.00	Bernard Wallace Simons