

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1.00pm **Parish Bingo** (Lindisfarne Room).

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

Saturday: **Confessions cancelled**.

Church Cleaning - Team B, 5.30 p.m. Monday. Help is needed for the cleaning of the church. If you are available at 5.30 p.m. on a Monday or 9.00 a.m. on a Tuesday please give your name to whoever is on duty at the church door. Your turn would only come once every six weeks.

Hunger Lunch - Friday, 12 noon to 1.00 p.m. This will continue every two weeks until further notice. Please come along and support the poor and needy of the world and those in our own community who are in need.

200 Club - Subscriptions for the October draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend. Annual subscriptions now due. In order to keep the club going we need new members. If you would like to join please see whoever is on duty at the church door. If you are already a member and would consider taking another number please ask when you next pay your subscription.

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 2members welcome.

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

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

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.

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

Cleaning: Group 1

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 Subscriptions due October 1

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.

St Robert of Newminster School

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

Parish Information

Thank you to all those who contributed to the celebration of Fr. Tony's ministry at the mass last Thursday and for your generous contributions towards his collection, we were able to present him with a cheque for £2500.

Parish Raffle Tickets are available in all churches from this weekend. Please support this Parish event.

Youth Sunday Preparation An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's Academy, Hebburn on Sunday 8th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm. This year's theme is 'YES' inviting us to reflect on how Mary, as a young person, had the faith and courage to say 'Yes' to what God was calling her to do. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Booking forms are in parishes or available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Youth Ministry Module Adults who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 30 September and 28 October at the Emmaus Youth Village. Further information from education@diocesehn.org.uk

Future Information

Diocesan Association of The Eucharist - Day of Recollection, at St. Joseph's Gateshead (next to the Metro), Saturday, 7 October, 2017. Tea/coffee 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. 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.

Date for your diary Parish Social at Biddick Social Club. Friday November 24. Please support this event. Tickets available soon

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 25 Sept	SB	09.05	Billy Bowden
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Joseph & Henrietta Anderson
Tue 26 Sept	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OLQP	09.30	Communion Service
	OBLI	Noon	Communion Service
	SB	19.00	Louise Fonde
Wed 27 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 28 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	09.15	S.V.P. Intentions
	OLQP	10.00	Communion Service
Fri 29 Sept	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	John Wade
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Sat 30 Sept	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Susan Ann Gale R.I.P. & her Family
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (VC)

30 Sept/01 Oct - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	Stephen Bottoms
Sun 01 Oct	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	James, Alice & Terry McGee
	OLQP	10.00	Cosgrove & Docherty families
	OBLI	11.00	Mary Hill
	OBLI	18.00	Jack & Anne Smith

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,
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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



23 / 24 September 2017, Sunday 25 A

The Generosity of God (Matthew 20:1-16)

It is hard not to sympathize with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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