

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2.00pm **Ladies Club**

5.30pm **Church Cleaning** - Team B

Tuesday: 6.30pm **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**

7.30pm: **Coffee Evening**

Wednesday, 12 noon **Keep Fit**

Saturday, 12 noon-12.30pm: **Confessions Cancelled for the next two weeks**

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday from 7pm **Craft Group**. New members are always welcome to come along and knit items for a number of good causes.

Tuesday 11am **Rosary Group**

Saturday, 9.40am: **Morning Prayer**

Red Mission Boxes are due to be collected and monies returned by Sunday 29 January. Box holders can leave them at the back of Church if this is more convenient. Last quarter a total of £520 was collected. Thanks to everyone for their help and generosity.

Altar Servers: Please give Andrew a contact telephone number or email address please.

Christmas Card Box: Please check the Christmas card box at the back of church all cards not removed by next Sunday will be recycled.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service

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

Monday, 7.30pm: **Woman's Guild**. New members welcome

Tuesday, 7.30pm: **Bingo**, all welcome.

Wednesday, 7.30pm: **Journey in Faith**, all welcome

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

Saturday 28 January 10am **Celebration of First Reconciliation** (anyone coming to usual confession please come 11 - 11:30am)

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Wednesday to Saturday, 8.45am: **Morning Prayer**

Thursday, 8am: **Exposition**

Thursday: **Drop-in** Grace House Appeal

Saturday: **Exposition** 8am

Confessions 10.30 - 11.30

Parish Lunch Thank You to all who attended the meal at The Black Bush and made it an enjoyable afternoon. The entertainers Michael Gallagher And The Ukulele Ladies who did a marvellous job. The S.V.P. and the Parish Ladies who organised the event.

Cleaning Group 2.

Mill Hill Mission. December collection from Red Boxes raised £ 908 .24 p Thank you for continued support from box holders and collectors.

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning prayers Tuesday 8.30am **Adoration** Thursday 10am, **Holy Mass** 11.20am then **Adoration** until 3pm.

Parish Information

Diocesan Asylum Seekers & Refugee Service

Emergency Appeal: Please remember your tins of corned beef.

All activities in the Parish of St John XXIII: To avoid any duplication or clashes of activities, please phone Anne Casey on 416 2262 before arranging anything. The Parish diary will then be updated accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Holocaust Memorial Evening: 'A SURVIVOR'S STORY'

Mrs Marta Josephs will tell the story of her Father, Mr Andrew Frankel. Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 7.00pm being held at St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Longbenton, Newcastle NE7 7PE. Further information available from: Graham Wilkins, tel: 07929 115712 or email: interreligiousrelations@diocesehn.org.uk

The Society for The Protection of Unborn Children: The White Flower Appeal held in Our Four Churches raised a total of £720 67. Your generous response will enable SPUC to continue their Pro- Life work in guarding the sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Future Information

Diocesan Association of The Eucharist - Day of Recollection, Saturday, 4 February, 10.30am, St. Joseph's Church, Gateshead. Please bring a packed lunch. All Welcome.

Hexham Galilee Talks: Max Winthrop talks on 'Three Popes and their Three Papers on Work'. Saturday 4 February 2017 at 11.00am at St. Mary's RC Church, Hencotes, Hexham NE46 2EB. Free admission (donations requested), refreshments available from 10.30 am.

Flame: Saturday, 11 March 2017. Bookings now open for this national gathering of Catholic young people at Wembley Arena. Twenty coaches will leave from local pick-up points, based around our twenty Catholic Secondary Schools and eighteen deaneries. This invitation is for Year 10 and above. Cost is £40 which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Tel: 01207 92244, www.ymt.org or email: admin@ymt.org.



Contacts for the Bulletin

If you want an article published in the bulletin 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 them to any of the contacts. They need to be sent no later than the Tuesday 7pm of the week prior to when you want it to be published.

Please put '**bulletin information**' in the subject line.

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Services this week

Mon 23 Jan	SB	09.05	Special Intention
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (VC)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Special Intention (AH)
Tue 24 Jan	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (TJ)
	OLQP	09.30	Nellie, Joe Guthrie & Family
	OBLI	12.00	Private Intention
	SB	19.00	John Walker
Wed 25 Jan	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (EM)
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 26 Jan	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Betty Healy
	OLQP	10.00	Communion Service
Fri 27 Jan	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Ross Irwin (TJ)
	OLQP	19.00	Joseph & Henrietta Anderson
Sat 28 Jan	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Deceased Curtis family
	SJ	10.00	Communion Service (PY)

Next week-end: 28/29 January 2017

Vigil	SB	17.00	Our Parish Family
Sun 29 Jan	SB	08.30	Carmela Fonde
	SJ	09.30	Christine Trainer dec'd
	OLQP	10.00	In Thanksgiving Cox family
	OBLI	11.00	Billy Bowdon
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family

**Please remember
in your prayers:**

Michael Anderson,
Andrew, Mary Askew,
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,
Debbie Binns,
Billy Bulch,
Tricia Carr,
Pat Coyle,
Martin Curran (S),
Ophelia Davies,
Willie Day,
Lynn Ditchbutn
Fred and Freda Fletcher
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,
Barbara Foster,
Jenny Gilmaney
Sheila Hepple, Mary Hill,
Jonathan Howard (7),
Andrew Hughes,
Holly Hunter,
Godfrey Keefe,
Annette Keitel,
Jade Kemp,
Stephen Kenyon Jnr
George McAfferty,
Joan McHale,
Joseph McIntyre
Rose McMahan,
June Matthews,
Peter Milroy, Madge Mullen,
Maureen Naylor,
George O'Donnell,
Chris Palmer, Brian Purvis,
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,
Ronnie Shields,
Mary Skilcorn,
George Stagg,
John Sweeney,
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21 / 22 January 2017 - 3rd Sunday Year A

Those who lived in darkness have seen a great light

Being able to bring light into darkness can be the difference between life and death.

This week I had to go into hospital for an endoscopy (a tube through the mouth into the stomach). It wasn't the best experience in the world, but it brought light into a very dark and mysterious place!

Fortunately for me, the light showed that I have nothing much to worry about. It is sadly not always that way with some people. But how fortunate that we live in a part of the world where this technique is available (although I wasn't thinking that at 10.30am on Tuesday!)

How fortunate that we live at a time in the history of the world when the light of the revelation of God's love for us has been revealed. Jesus has come among us and we can all see it. We don't need a degree or training in the technique of understanding what we can see. Jesus is there for all to see and understand - he has brought light into a darkened world. People in the past had faith but they were unable to see. How sad that today there are so many people who have no faith and are content to stumble around with eyes tightly shut.

ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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



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Sun 22 Jan	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Ross irwin and his family
	OLQP	10.00	Ann Thomas
	OBLI	11.00	Billy Swan
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family