

## St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1pm **Parish Bingo** (Church Hall).

Tuesday: 6.30pm **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**,  
7.30pm: **Coffee Evening** (Church Hall).

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

**200 Club Winners for February:** 48 - W Craggs, 211 - J Watt, 49 - W Craggs, 96 - M Dragone, 38 - Fr Anthony.

**Church Cleaning:** If you are able to help with church cleaning on a Monday evening at 5.30 pm or a Tuesday morning at 9am please give your name to one of the welcoming group as you come into church at the weekend. Your turn would only come once every 6 weeks.

**Northern Catholic Calendar** - On sale in church porch.

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group**. Please note there will be no meeting on Monday 13 February.

Wednesday during Mass: **Exposition**.

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

**Church Council Meeting:** Tuesday 14 February at 7pm. Please add any agenda items to the list in the porch.

**St John's handbook:** The contacts in the handbook are being updated. If you carry out any duties in the church could you please put your name on the list in the Sacristy.

**Thank you:** Leeann would thank to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

**Prayer of the Church:** 15 minutes before Mass / service

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

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

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

Wednesday, 7.30pm: **Journey in Faith**.

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

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School:** the school will be 80 years old this year. Do you have photographs, memorabilia or interesting stories that you can share with us? Great care will be taken of all items & they will be

returned safely. Items can be left in school, in the basket at the back of church or given to OLQP parishioners, Rosanna Erskine & Teresa McIntyre. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with the contact details of the owner. On May 25 Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass with us and we have further celebrations planned.

**Readers:** There will be a short meeting for all readers in the small liturgy room after Mass on Sunday 26 February.

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

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

Thursday, 8am: **Exposition**.

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

**600 Club February Winners:** 264 - L Pickles, 26 - S Myers, 262 - M McLoran, 632 - K Cook, 191 - M Robson, 56 - D Bramley, 603 - A Hurst, 238 - M Barry.

**Cleaning Group:** 1.

## St Robert of Newminster School

**Adoration at St Robert's:** Thursday's 10.00 am - 3.00 pm including Holy Mass or Communion Service. If you are able to help with the Adoration please feel welcome to come along.

## Parish Information

**Parish Ceilidh:** Please note date is **17 March** at The Stella, (not 7 March stated in last week's Newsletter).

Tickets will be available soon & donations are welcome.

**Thank You:** Your generous response to Father Marriadass' appeal for the Carmelite community's work in India raised £2214.61.

**Special Collection:** In all churches this weekend for Racial Justice.

**Diocesan Asylum Seekers & Refugee Service**

**Emergency Appeal:** Please remember your tins of corned beef etc.

**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.

## Future Information

**Diocesan Church Music Association:** a day of reflection, preparation & new music for those preparing the Easter Triduum liturgy at St Mary's RC Church, Hexham on Saturday 25 February 2017 from 10am. Contact alisonpurvis1@hotmail.com or phone on 0191 3719184 to reserve a place & state if you wish to take part in either the guided tour of Hexham Abbey or the session for instrumentalists.



### 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. 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 '**Newsletter information**' in the subject line.

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## Services This Week

Mon 13 Feb	<b>SB</b>	<b>09.05</b>	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (EM)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	<b>OLQP</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Terry McKinley</b>
Tue 14 Feb	<b>SJ</b>	<b>09.15</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>OLQP</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b>
	<b>OBLI</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Joseph, Ruth &amp; Jimmy Graham</b>
	<b>SB</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Violet Makepeace</b>
Wed 15 Feb	SB	<b>09.05</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	<b>SJ</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu 16 Feb	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (SB)
	<b>OBLI</b>	<b>09.15</b>	<b>Peter, James &amp; Theresa McGee</b>
	<b>OLQP</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Martin Curran</b>
Fri 17 Feb	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	<b>SJ</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	<b>OLQP</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Florence &amp; Vincent Woodhouse</b>
Sat 18 Feb	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	<b>OBLI</b>	<b>09.15</b>	<b>John Fitzpatrick</b>
	<b>SJ</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Ross Irwin &amp; his family</b>

**Next week-end: 18/19 February 2017**

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Joan &amp; Tommy Moran</b>
Sun 19 Feb	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>William Burlinson</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>June Falloon</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Dean Hill</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Thomas Smyth</b>

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

Michael Anderson,  
Andrew, Mary Askew,  
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,  
Debbie Binns,  
Billy Bulch,  
Tricia Carr,  
Pat Coyle, Ophelia Davies,  
Willie Day,  
Lynn Ditchburn,  
Fr Seamus Doyle,  
Fred and Freda Fletcher,  
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,  
Barbara Foster,  
Jenny Gilmaney,  
Beth Heppell,  
Sheila Hepple, Mary Hill,  
Andrew Hughes,  
Holly Hunter,  
Godfrey Keefe,  
Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp,  
Stephen Kenyon Jnr,  
George McAfferty,  
Joan McHale,  
Joseph McIntyre,  
Rose McMahon,  
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,  
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,  
Frank Tracey, Wendy Tufton,  
Liz Ward, Stephen Willey,  
Freda Winter

### **Recently deceased**

Frederick Pattison,  
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Curran, Ernest Cooper, Keith  
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*Incorporating:*

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

## 11/12 February 2017 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A

Sitting in the departure lounge of Tampa airport in Florida I am suddenly reminded that I had not yet sent in my contribution to the bulletin for this week. It is so easy to be distracted by things like packing and printing boarding passes that you can forget the more regular things that are perhaps not quite as important as arriving at an airport with an up to date passport but still of importance at least to some people who may read this.

Our readings today tell us how important it is not to settle for avoiding the extremes but to want to do your best at every opportunity. This is not just relevant in terms of not doing those things that are hurtful or damaging to others but also reaching out to do things that might perhaps not be noticed if you didn't do them but can make a big difference if you do. It is no good justifying your life by convincing yourself that you are not hurting anyone when neither are you making any positive contribution.

This week I had two opposite experiences, in terms of visiting a nursing home for a service of anointing and then a school for the blessing of throats on the feast of St Blaize. The school is a parish school but goes from reception through to age 14. I visited the 'middle school' (ages 11-14) and was very impressed with one of the classes I visited. As I entered (no one knew who I was but they were expecting a priest) one of the students stood up and offered to shake hands. He then looked at me closely and said 'you have a very nice beard!' Later, the teacher explained to me that he was encouraging his students to take the greeting of visitors seriously by shaking hands, making eye contact and giving a compliment. I would never have thought there was something missing if he hadn't done that but was very impressed with the effort he made in doing it. If only I could have radiated a quality beyond the standard of facial hair!

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>John Graham</b>
Sun 12 Feb	SB	08.30	<b>Lisa Marie Taylor</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Moir &amp; Vin Lamb</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Lisa Taylor</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Eileen Shannon</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Flor Maria Ladino</b>