

Extra Opportunities during Lent

OBLI: Sunday 4pm, Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Thursday & Saturday 8am - 9.15am, Exposition
OLQP: Monday 6 - 6.45pm, Friday 9am -7pm, Exposition
Wednesday Noon, Stations of the Cross followed
by soup lunch
St Bede: Tuesday 6.30pm, Exposition
Tuesday 7.30pm, Seven Circles of Prayer
Thursday 7pm, Stations of the Cross
St John: Tuesday 11am, Rosary
Wednesday 7pm, Stations of the Cross
During Lent Mass will be celebrated in someone's home,
details in the bulletin each week. Please look in the bulletin
for invitations from our primary schools to join them for
prayer in Lent.

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: **Parish Bingo** 1pm (Church Hall).
Tuesday: **Church Cleaning** 9am, Team C
Coffee Evening 7.30pm (Church Hall).
Wednesday: **Keep Fit**, 12.15pm (Church Hall).
Friday: **Hunger Lunch** 12 noon (Church Hall).
Funeral service for Thomas Martin, Sunderland
Crematorium, 2pm.
Saturday: **Confessions** 12 noon -12.30pm.
Toddler Group. Places still available for Mondays. Come
along between 10am and 11am to register.
Remember A Loved One at Easter. List in the church
porch if you wish to add the name of anyone recently
deceased to The Easter Cross.
Lenten Alms. Basket at the back of church for donations
to St. Cuthbert's Care.
Flowers for Easter. Donations gratefully accepted.
200 Club. Subscriptions for the April draw will be collected
after both Masses this weekend.
Church Cleaning. Team C, Tuesday, 9am.

Lent Service of Reconciliation & Healing
Thursday 6 April 7pm
St John Boste

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft Group** 7pm.
Saturday: **Morning Prayer** 9.40am.
Altar Servers: Sunday 2 April, training session to prepare
for Holy Week. If you cannot attend please contact Andrew
on andrew.cox803@icloud.com to arrange to attend a
different day. It is important that all Altar Servers planning
to serve at Easter have this training.
Lottery. We are coming to the end of another year of our
lottery bonus ball game. Thank you again for your support
which enables us to send parishioners to Lourdes each
year. We are able to give everyone two free weeks at the
beginning of April due to small winnings. Can all who settle
up annually pay £51 per number by the middle of April.
There are spare numbers if anyone would like to join.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Prayer of the Church: 15 minutes before Mass / service.
Monday: **No Exposition or Confessions** (*this week only*)
Women's Guild: 7.30pm (Parish Centre). New members
welcome.
Tuesday: **Bingo** 7.30pm (Parish Centre), all welcome.
Wednesday: **Journey in Faith** 7.30pm.
Friday: **Evening Prayer** 6.40pm (during Exposition),
7.45pm **Audio-visual Stations of the Cross.**
**Revised Date: A Meditation in Song and Pictures on the
Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ** by David Ritson,
Sunday 9 April 3pm at OLQP. All welcome.
The Primary School Chapel will be open every
Wednesday at 8.30am during Lent for personal prayer.
New rotas for all Ministries are now available in the
folders in the Church Porch.
Audrey would like to thank Mary and Margaret for kindly
agreeing to clean the church brasses.
Fr Stephen Foster Provincial, Order of St Camillus,
would like to say a big thank you for the donation received
for the Uganda Hospital

St Robert of Newminster School

Morning Prayer: Tuesday 8.30am.
Adoration: Thursday 10am, Holy Mass 11.20am followed
by adoration until 3pm.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Saturday: **No Confessions or Exposition.**
Thursday Drop In: This week the appeal is for Grace
House, Sunderland.
600 Club April subscriptions will be collected on 2 April.
The Lenten Well for Cafod is at the back of the church
again for your donations. You probably have seen the
heart rending scenes of mass starvation and drought in
the countries bordering the Sahara Desert. **In the first
three weeks of Lent we have only raised £187, not
even enough to provide half a well.** There is an urgent
need for money to provide food and fresh water,
particularly for the children. Please give generously and
remember every penny counts.

Parish Information

Container for Zambia: We hope to send a container of
good, second-hand goods to Zambia after Easter. The
school has asked for walking aids (especially for children)
including grab rails and any rails that can be attached to
the wall. Items can be left at any of the churches. We hope
to begin the process of boxing up items to be sent; if you
have any spare time on Monday of this week at 9.45am we
will meet at St Bede's (no heavy lifting required!).
Tuesday 28 March 6.30pm Mass in Penshaw at the
home of Terry and June Ford, **no shared table.** **Tuesday 4
April 6.30pm** will be at Deacon Frank & Chris O'Neill's
house, you may like to bring food for a shared table
afterwards. Please ask the people concerned or Fr Mark
for addresses.
Youth Evening. A time to reflect on Lent, followed by
games and snacks. All welcome Year seven upwards.
OLQP 7pm - 8.30pm, Sun 2 April.
A Big Thank You to all who came to the Ceilidh at The
Stella, to Shebang for the music, to all who donated prizes.
A very enjoyable evening and £1136 raised for the youth.

Services This Week

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| Mon 27 March | SB | 09.05 | Deceased Garrity Family |
| | SJ | 09.15 | Communion Service (TJ) |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Communion Service |
| | OLQP | 19.00 | Communion Service |
| Tue 28 March | SJ | 09.15 | Private intention (RM) |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Communion Service |
| | SB | 11.15 | Funeral Service for Samuel Morris Prudhoe |
| | OLQP | 18.30 | House Mass (see Parish Information) |
| Wed 29 March | SB | 19.00 | Vera Holt |
| | SB | 09.05 | Tom, Edward & Mary McAdam |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Communion Service |
| | SJ | 10.00 | Ross Irwin RIP |
| Thu 30 March | OLQP | 19.00 | Communion Service |
| | SB | 09.05 | Communion Service |
| | SJ | 09.15 | Communion Service (PY) |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Frank Young |
| | OLQP | 10.00 | Joan Stobbs |
| Fri 31 March | SR | 11.20 | School Mass at St Roberts |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Communion Service |
| | SB | 09.15 | St Bede's Schoolchildren (in school) |
| | SJ | 09.30 | Priest's Intention |
| Sat 1 April | OLQP | 19.00 | Martin Curran |
| | OLQP | 09.00 | Communion Service |
| | SB | 09.05 | Communion Service |
| | OBLI | 09.15 | Communion Service |
| Sat 1 April | SJ | 10.00 | Vince Brooks |

Next week-end: 1/2 April 2017

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| Vigil | SB | 17.00 | Freda & Kevan Bell |
| Sun 2 April | SB | 08.30 | Our Parish Family |
| | SJ | 09.30 | Deceased Members of the Coulson Family |
| | OLQP | 10.00 | Rita Marshall |
| | OBLI | 11.00 | Dileva Family |
| | OBLI | 18.00 | Bill Blevins |

**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,
Fred and Freda Fletcher,
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,
Terry Ford, Barbara Foster,
Jenny Gilmaney,
Beth Heppell,
Sheila Hepple, Mary Hill,
Andrew Hughes,
Holly Hunter, Paul Iley,
Godfrey Keefe,
Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp,
Stephen Kenyon Jnr,
George McAfferty,
Joan McHale,
Joseph McIntyre,
Rose McMahon,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
John Lloyd McLinden
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 Tufon, Liz Ward,
Stephen Willey,
Freda Winter

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25/26 March 2017 - 4th Sunday of Lent

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
HAS COME INTO THE WORLD

In Jesus' time, people thought disability was a sign of God's displeasure but, if illness and disability were signs that someone was not at rights with God, then why did Jesus spend so much time among them? Surely, if that was "God's will", then Jesus would not go against it by making someone well again?

A blind man was given sight and people were unable to accept what they had seen with their own eyes - and so raised questions about whether the healing was authentic, suggesting that perhaps the man hadn't been blind from birth or asking how someone like Jesus, who didn't keep the Sabbath, could do something like this?

Onlookers abused the healed man: *How can someone like you (a sinner) tell us (the righteous) the truth of what has happened?*

Not only do they refuse to see - but they also refuse to hear....

We need to develop the confidence of the newly-sighted man, who knows what he has seen and is prepared to speak of it, even when this means rejection by his community and even his family.... The light of Christ has come into our lives and we are His witnesses in a world shrouded in shadow.

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| Vigil | SB | 17.00 | James & Hannah Walker & Mary & Billy Heslop |
| Sun 26 March | SB | 08.30 | Our Parish Family |
| | SJ | 09.30 | Deceased of Frazer & Murtaugh Families |
| | OLQP | 10.00 | Martin Curran |
| | OBLI | 11.00 | Fr Clement Haverty |
| | OBLI | 18.00 | In Thanksgiving (J) |

ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

