

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1.00pm **Parish Bingo** (Hall)
5.30pm **Church Cleaning Team A**
7.00pm **Vocations Prayer Group** (Church)

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration.**
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening.**

Wednesday: 12.00pm **Keep Fit** (Hall)

Saturday: 12 Noon-12.30 **Confessions.**

200 Club: Subscriptions for the May draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend. The draw takes place after the 8.30am. Mass..

Justice and Peace Group: CAFOD self-denial envelopes due for collection this weekend.

St Robert's School

Thursday 10.00am Adoration; 11.20 Holy Mass followed by Adoration until 3.00pm.

Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday 8.00am **Exposition**
Drop In - in April the appeal for S.V.P Youth raised £150. Thank you. **May's appeal** will be for Parkinson's UK.

Saturday: 8.00am **Exposition**
10.30-11.30am **Confessions.**

Lenten Well for CAFOD: Donations in the well has now reached £1200. Well Done a splendid effort and Thank You.

600 Club: May winners 601.Mary Hall, 20.R. Maddison,181. M. Casel,24. Fr. Mark, 364. M. Moore, 359. R. Boyle, 635. C. Burn, 602. Bill Hurst

Children from St Joseph's School will be receiving their first **Holy Communion** during May. There is a selection of cards and small gifts for sale in the Emmaus Room.

Friday 12 May **Beetle Drive** in Our Lady's Parish Rooms 7.00pm for Zambia fund. Donations of raffle prizes welcome.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7.00pm **Craft Group** .

Tuesday: 11.00am **Rosary Group.**

Wednesday: **New time:** Mass is now at 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.40am **Morning Prayer.**

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

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

Monday: 6-6.45pm: **Confessions & Exposition**
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre).

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

Wednesday: 7.30pm **Journey in Faith**

Friday: 09.00-19.00 **Adoration with Evening Prayer** 6.40pm.

Italian Evening on Tuesday 16 May, 7.00pm to raise funds for an education fund in India which was set up in memory of Mol Thomas's father. Tickets at £15 will be available after Mass. Please bring your own drinks.

Please remember to browse the **Fairtrade** items for sale in the re-located shop in the porch. A commitment to changing just one of your regular purchases to the Fairtrade alternative can make a real difference to people living in extreme poverty.

Parish Information

Special Collections 07 May Little Sisters of the Poor.
28 May World Communications Day

This Tuesday, 7.30pm at St Bede's: part two of a 4-week course in **Sacramental Theology** - The sacraments of Initiation 2 (Eucharist).

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Latin course will not begin until next Sunday (14 May), 6.45pm at OBLI. It is a one-year course for anyone interested in working towards a GCSE qualification (taking the exam is not compulsory!) Previous experience not necessary.

Container for Zambia. The container is almost full (waiting for some boxes from the sisters in Chigwell). It will be on its way as soon as customs papers are completed in Zambia. Many thanks to the many people from all four churches who came on Bank Holiday Monday to work tirelessly for the benefit of people in Zambia.

A peer support group for those with mental health concerns, such as depression, is now running in Newcastle at Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle, NE1 7BJ every Thursday evening, 7 – 8.30pm. This PeerTalk project is underpinned by the

Methodist Church and offers a safe space to share without being judged. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive peer support to help anyone work through mental health concerns.

First Holy Communion celebrations will take place for the next 3 weeks at St John Boste & OBLI Sunday morning mass

Evening of Reflection & Prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life: Wednesday 17 May 7pm at St Mary's, Bridge Street, Sunderland SR1 1TQ. Please come along and give this event your support.

Future Information

Saturday 10 June, 11am at the cathedral: mass of thanksgiving for the **Sacrament of Marriage.**

A Parish trip to Lindisfarne will take place on Sat 17 June and we hope as many parishioners as possible will join us? The bus is £10 for adults and free for children and will leave OLQP, Station Road at 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to walk across the causeway on arrival and there will be Mass on the island at 12.30. We will picnic after Mass and people will be free to explore the island as they wish before departure at 6.30pm. Anyone who wishes to go should contact Mrs Ludford on 0191 3854545 by Monday 12 June.

Saturday 24 June: **Pilgrimage to Ladyewll** (Preston, Lancs). Cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693

The fifth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 24 – Sunday 25 June 2017 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. This year's theme is '*Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship*' you are warmly invited to come and experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome! Booking forms are now available either from the back of church or can be downloaded from <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk>

Services this week

Mon May 08	SB	09.05	Special Intention (AC)
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	Bishop Seamus
Tue May 09	SJ	09.15	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	09.30	Our Diocesan Priests
	OBLI	Noon	Communion Service
	SB	19.00	In Hon. of St. Joseph
Wed May 10	SB	09.05	Special Intention
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	Holy Souls
	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
Thu May 11	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (MB)
	OBLI	09.15	Joan Curtin
	OLQP	10.00	Our Diocesan Deacons
Fri May 12	SB	09.15	St. Bede's Schoolchildren in school
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	Priest's Intention
	OLQP	19.00	For new vocations
Sat May 13	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Harry Watson
	SJ	10.00	Intentions of those present

5th Sunday of Easter Yr A

Vigil	SB	17.00	Bob Emery
Sun May 14	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	The repose of the Soul of Mrs Pat Doolan
	OLQP	10.00	Our Parish Family
	OBLI	11.00	Seaton Family
	OBLI	18.00	Jack, Muriel & Terry Hawthorne

Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger
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,
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 McMahan,
June Matthews, Mary Maw,
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,
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Incorporating:

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



06/07 May 2017 Easter 4A

WARMTH, ILLUMINATION AND SELF-SACRIFICE

We are very familiar with the sight of candles in church. Those who attended the Easter Vigil witnessed the new light of Easter being carried through the church to the strain of "Lumen Christi (the Light of Christ)" and that candle is in full view of all in our churches. If you were to touch the flame of a candle you would know straight away its quality of heat and potential for burning. If you experienced a period of an electricity cut or went into a church when it was dark and the only light was from the votive candle stand and sanctuary lamp then you would know its quality of illumination. But there is a further quality that is of the utmost importance in church candles and that is the quality of self-sacrifice. The reason why candles are the perfect image of Jesus is the fact that in order to give light or heat, the candle must allow itself to be consumed (*which is why church candles should never be cut but allowed to burn out naturally*). When we add this quality of self sacrifice (**the Lamb of God**) to the role of Jesus as the **Good Shepherd**, then we have the image of the One who is the perfect giver. The role of a shepherd in Palestine was not a job but a life-long vocation. The shepherd gave up his freedom to stay with the sheep (shepherds were not welcomed in peoples' homes), risked his life for the sheep and spent many a cold night out on the hills. Jesus left His home of heaven in order to be with us; he suffered rejection and was left out on a hill with nails in his hands and feet - let us welcome Him wholeheartedly (and not try to cut Him down to size!).



Vigil	SB	17.00	John Abbott
Sun May 07	SB	08.30	Our Parish Family
	SJ	09.30	Clem Shannon
	OLQP	10.00	Winnie Sweeney
	OBLI	11.00	May Taylor
	OBLI	18.00	Our Parish Family