

## St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2pm **Ladies Club**, (Lindisfarne Room)  
Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration**  
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening**  
Wednesday: 12.15pm, **Keep Fit**, (Lindisfarne Room)  
Saturday: 12 Noon -12.30, **Confessions**  
**200 Club** subscriptions for July draw collected this weekend.

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Sunday: **Latin class** 6.45pm, OBLI (Emmaus Room)  
Thursday: 8.00am, **Exposition cancelled**  
**Drop In Appeal** - June Cancer Research  
Saturday: 8.00am, **Exposition - cancelled**  
10.30 -11.30am, **Confessions cancelled**  
**The Well** will remain at the back of the church. Donations received in June £200 for the Zambia Fund. Thank you.  
**600 Club**: Subs for July due on Sunday, 2 July  
**Cleaning** Group 4

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7.00pm, **Craft Group**.  
Would you like to learn to crochet? Come along to the Dryburn Room at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> July armed with a size 5mm crochet hook (wool provided) and let's learn together.  
Everyone welcome.  
Saturday: 9.40am, **Morning Prayer**  
**Fairtrade Stall** will be open today.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

**Prayer of Church**: 15 minutes before service.  
Monday: 6-6.45pm, **Confessions & Exposition Cancelled**  
7.30pm, **Women's Guild** (Parish Centre)  
Tuesday: 7.30pm, **Bingo** (Parish Centre), all welcome  
Friday: 9am - 7pm, **Adoration**, 6.40pm **Evening Prayer**  
**Cotton Tote Bags** of any size are needed to safely transport art works for the Suzy Fund Exhibition on Holy Island. Please leave them at the back of church. Thank you.

**Thank you** for the kind donation to the Provincial Order of St Camillus. Fr Foster will ensure this is used for medical supplies.

## St Robert's School

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

## Parish Information

**Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)**: Over the next few weeks Tony Joy will be leading four sessions of Lectio Divina, a way meditating on and praying the scriptures. All welcome. Session 1 at St John Boste 7.45pm (after evening Mass) on Wednesday 28 June, then on the next three Wednesday's at the same time.

**St Bede's Primary School** are opening their Peace Garden at 9:15am on Friday June 30.  
Their **Summer Fair** is on July 14 from 3.15 until 5.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**Vacancy at St John Boste Primary School** for a lunchtime time supervisory assistant to work 8 hours per week. Closing date 3 July Noon. For more details contact the school Tel 0191 2193800 or @ [www.stjohnbostepriamary.org.uk](http://www.stjohnbostepriamary.org.uk)

### St Benedict's Day

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 7pm there will be a Partnership Mass at St Joseph's Birtley followed by social in the parish centre. Please support our new partnership by coming together to pray for it and share hospitality afterwards.

**Mass in honour of St John Boste** will be said in Durham Cathedral, in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, on Thursday, 20 July at 7pm. If you are interested in going please sign the list at the back of church. Parking facilities on Palace Green will be available.

**St John Boste Walk**: The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual walk in honour of St John Boste will take place on Sunday, 23 July 2017. A bus

will leave St John's after the 9.30 Mass and return at approx 6pm. The walk is about 9 miles and a picnic lunch will be needed. The group will assemble at 4.30pm in the Galilee Chapel, in Durham Cathedral, to say the rosary. The walk then continues to St Leonard's School, the site where Father John Boste was executed. If interested, add your name to the list, at the back of church. The bus is free but some funds will be raised towards the cost via a raffle. If for any reason, you are unable to walk, please feel free to join us for the rosary.

**MegaYouth Poll**: If you're aged between 13 and 29 and living in England or Wales, we invite you to complete a survey on your life, faith and vocational discernment, which will be sent to the Vatican in preparation for a gathering led by Pope Francis. Go to [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) to complete the survey. <http://medaille-trust.org.uk/jobs/posting/5/diocesan-representatives>

**Please Note**: Lay Training Fund is open until 2 July 2017, collections for Peter's Pence 2 July and Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday 9 July.

## Future Information

**Ministries Mass** this year will be on Friday, 14 July 7pm at St Patrick's Dipton lead by Bishop Seamus. Four deacons in formation will be progressed to their next stage of formation, including Tony Joy. We are considering putting on a bus from the parish. If you would like to attend please add your name and phone number on the list at the back of church.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017** Friday, 28 July - Friday 4 August. Travel directly to Lourdes by plane or overland by jumbulance, a specially adapted coach. Full information about costs, details of care offered and booking/application forms are available from Fr Peter Stott Tel 01670 513410 or email: [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

## Services this week

Mon June 26	SB	09.05	Joan Curtin
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQ	19.00	Communion Service
Tue June 27	SJ	09.15	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQ	09.30	<b>Hylda Lyons</b>
	OBLI	Noon	<b>Madden Family</b>
Wed June 28	SB	19.00	<b>Katrina McGlynn</b>
	SB	09.05	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	<b>Vigil Mass - Owen Edgar</b>
Thu June 29	OLQ	19.00	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.30	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>
	OLQ	09.30	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>
<b>St Peter &amp; Paul</b>	SB	10.45	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SB	19.00	<b>Trudy Boyle</b>
Fri June 30	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	<b>Our Schoolchildren &amp; Staff</b>
	SB	09.15	<b>St Bede's Schoolchildren (In School)</b>
	OLQ	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Sat July 1	OLQ	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	<b>Tom McGee</b>
	SJ	10.00	<b>Eleanor &amp; Maldwyn Roberts</b>

### Cremation Services This Week

Monday 10.30am at South Shields Sylvia Kean  
Tuesday 1pm at Saltwell William Angus Bell

## Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>All Victims of the London Fire</b>
Sun July 2	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Brown &amp; Gunn Families</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>John Sweeney</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>In Thanksgiving (J)</b>

### Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger  
Michael Anderson,  
Andrew, Mary Askew,  
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,  
Debbie Binns,  
Colin Brown,  
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,  
Andrew Hughes,  
Holly Hunter, Paul Iley,  
Godfrey Keefe,  
Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp,  
Stephen Kenyon Jnr,  
George McAfferty,  
Jim McDivitte,  
Joan McHale,  
Joseph McIntyre,  
Rose McMahan,  
Lloyd McLinden,  
June Matthews, Mary Maw,  
Peter Milroy,  
Madge Mullen,  
George O'Donnell,  
Brian Purvis,  
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,  
Ronnie Shields,  
Mary Skilcorn,  
George Stagg,  
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,  
Frank Tracey,  
Wendy Tufton, Liz Ward,  
Stephen Willey,  
Freda Winter

### Recently Deceased

Nancy Marshall & Ben  
Walmsley

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Fr Anthony Cornforth 4163805  
(07923683046)  
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Rev Chas Ferguson 3854573  
Rev Frank O'Neill 07791155845  
[washingtoncatholic.org.uk](http://washingtoncatholic.org.uk)

## St John XXIII

Incorporating:

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



## 24/25 June 2017 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### God is the strength of his people

Most of us must have experienced, at least once in our lives, a situation in which we had to make a decision to stand up for what we knew to be right - even though we were aware that by doing so we risked unpopularity. This is sometimes referred to as the 'Tall Poppy Syndrome', a very sound metaphor, since the tallest plant in any group is most likely, by virtue of its height, to sustain accidental or deliberate damage from passing traffic, animals or people.

The dangers risked by the tall poppy are rewarded by the success of the plant in spreading its next generation. Other plants have developed different survival techniques. One amazing plant is the Dandelion; it shows a variety of skills. Its thick, deep root system taps and stores deep water supplies which many other plants cannot reach. The light-blocking spread of its leaf rosette keeps other plants at bay. It has the ability to produce many hundreds of double-seeded ovaries from the inflorescence of each golden head, and the cunning to enlist human help to spread those seeds as we count the hours. Perhaps its most impressive trick is to develop its head at the safest height - which varies with its surroundings. In safe, undisturbed places we see dandelion heads held high, atop long stalks, but when we come to cut the lawn we find the plant's head hunched down, almost without a stem, below the level of the grass, its developing seeds well protected from any mower.

It is a great life-skill to survive by adapting to the changing situation. For survival and success it is essential to be aware of the environment and its changes, and to be willing to learn and use appropriate new skills. Now if the dandelion can do it, then surely we can too!



Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Family of Nathan James</b>
Sun	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Brian, Fred &amp; Freda</b>
June 25	OLQP	10.00	<b>Martin Curran</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Joan Curtin</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Michael &amp; Mary Casey &amp; son Michael</b>