

## St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1pm, **Bingo** (Lindisfarne Room)

5pm, **Church Cleaning**

Tuesday: 6.30pm, **Adoration**

7.30pm, **Coffee Evening**

Saturday: 12 Noon -12.30pm, **Confessions**

**200 Club.** Subscriptions for the August draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend.

**Justice and Peace Group.** Cafod self-denial envelopes due for collection next weekend.

Please try not to park outside the entrances to houses in Douglas Terrace (opposite the church).

## Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

**Prayer of Church:** 15 minutes before service.

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

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

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

Friday: 9am - 7pm, **Adoration**, 6.40pm **Evening Prayer**, 7.30pm, **Prayer Group.**

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Thursday: 8am, **Exposition**

**Drop In Appeal** - Grace House, Sunderland.

Saturday: 8am, **Exposition**

10.30am -11.30am,

**Confessions and Exposition**

**Cleaning:** Group 1.

**The Well** will remain at the back of the church for donations to the CAFOD clean water project Zambia Fund.

Donations to date £615 plus £450 from the Beetle Drive.

Grand total £1065. Thank You.

**600 Club:** Annual subscriptions are due to be collected on Sunday 6 August. New members welcome, £1 per month (£12 per annum). If paying by cheque please make payable to St. John XXIII.

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Club** continues throughout the summer holidays except for August Bank Holiday Monday.

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

**Fairtrade Stall.** The next Fairtrade stall will be open today. Please continue to support the producers of Fairtrade goods. Thank you.

## St Robert of Newminster School

**Adoration: Cancelled** until after the school holidays.

## Parish Information

**Sea Sunday Collection:** The Apostleship of the Sea Team, on behalf of all seafarers, thank all who supported the above collection on Sunday 9 July, at St Bede's, St John Boste, Our Lady Immaculate and also the hunger lunch at St Bede's for their kind donation of £100. Many thanks also to Mary Pickles and Winifred Waite for the help and time given to this appeal, £860 has been forwarded to our Head Office. Donations of clothing, footwear, woolly hats, toiletries and any other gifts are always welcome. These may be left at St Bede's for the attention of Frank Barrett, Voluntary Lay Chaplain to the AOS, for distribution around our ports. Please ring Frank Barret on 0191 431 3342 for further help or information.

**St John Boste Walk:** Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the 33rd annual St. John Boste walk were well attended and were very enjoyable events. Thank you to all those who came and helped to make both occasions successful. Hopefully, next year even more people will join us.

## A Message from Father John Coyle

I wish I could fully express all it meant to me to be invited to return amongst you and celebrate my Diamond Jubilee. It was a great joy and privilege for which I am immensely grateful. The sight of you all and your kindness on the night I shall never forget.

Thank you for all the work put into preparing for it.

Thank you for that and for your kindness, love and support over the years we've shared together.

Thank you too for your kind cards and gifts. Where I have names and addresses I do hope to drop a line to thank you - please be patient!

I do hope you will be happy, if I tell you that any monies I have received I have it in mind to send to the wonderful Cancer Transport Charity "Daft as a Brush".

With my love and gratitude,

John Coyle.

## Future Information

**Called to the Supper of the Lamb Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,** led by Father Shaun Purdy, Ushaw College, Saturday 9 September 2017 10.30am - 4pm. To attend please contact Fr Mark.

## Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres

Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. Cost £125 per person. Booking forms available from Marian Fletcher, Telephone 0191 4174413.

## Services This Week

Mon 31 July	SB	09.05	<b>Mary Cosgrove Parker, Winifred Mitchell, Billy Cosgrove</b>
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (VC)
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	OLQP	19.00	<b>Clare &amp; Redmond Shaw</b>
Tue 1 August	SJ	09.15	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQP	09.30	<b>Nancy Matthews</b>
	OBLI	Noon	<b>The Sick of the Parish Family</b>
Wed 2 August	SB	19.00	<b>Peggy Glendenning</b>
	SB	09.05	<b>Tom Cox</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Thu 3 August	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (TJ)
Fri 4 August	OBLI	09.15	<b>Ann &amp; Jack Smith</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Kevin Doyle</b>
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
Sat 5 August	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	09.30	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQP	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Sun 6 August	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	<b>Sylvia Davison</b>
	SJ	10.00	<b>Intentions of those present</b>

### Next week-end: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Doreen &amp; Paul Sproul</b>
Sun 6 August	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Jamie Ferguson</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Arthur McPartlin &amp; Family</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Our Parish Family</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,  
George McAfferty,  
Jim McDivitte,  
Joseph McIntyre,  
Rose McMahon,  
Lloyd McLinden,  
June Matthews, Mary Maw,  
Peter Milroy,  
Kathleen Monaghan,  
Madge Mullen,  
George O'Donnell,  
Brian Purvis,  
Marie Robson, Molly Shiel,  
Ronnie Shields,  
Mary Skilcorn,  
George Stagg,  
John Tilley, Vicky Tindall,  
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## 29/30 July 2017 - 17th Sunday of the Year

An ambitious young man was struggling to turn round a failing business, and felt that what he needed more than anything was a massive cash injection to get things back on an even keel. No-one would give him the loan he wanted, but did suggest he attend a series of short business seminars instead. There he discovered he had been throwing good money after bad and he turned his business around without further cash injections — he learned to recognise this truth.

Most of us behave like his man from time to time. We pour all our energies into what we believe to be important, often overlooking other aspects of our lives that may afford far greater value. Perhaps we could all do with taking a leaf from Solomon's book. In his dream, Solomon is invited to request anything from God. In Solomon's shoes we might have given God a huge shopping list, but he asked for an understanding heart that he might rule well.

Today's gospel describes different ways in which the kingdom of heaven might be found. It can be found by chance in the same way that the person in the gospel parable stumbled upon buried treasure. On the other hand it can be found by diligent search in the same way the merchant searched for fine pearls.

The kingdom of God is in our midst. It is only hidden in so much as we need the discernment to recognise it when we find it. In our overly busy and materialistic world, today's readings urge us to use wisdom to decide what in our lives we must treasure most.

As the Coldplay song says: *When you get what you want but not what you need, you are stuck in reverse - but play your cards right and lights will guide you home!*

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>John Graham</b>
Sun 30 July	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>For a successful operation</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Maxwell &amp; Curry Families</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Tom Jopling &amp; Lesley King</b>

# ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

