

## St Bede's, Usworth

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

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

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

**200 Club Winners** -113 Julia Lourie, 56 M Kenyon, 188 M Winder, 132 D Jones, 211 J Watt.

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: **No 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**.

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

Tuesday: After 11am Mass for the Holy Day, there will be a **meeting for ALL Lay Leaders, Ministers of Word and Communion, Servers and Sacristans** who Minister during mid-week.

Thursday: 8am, **Exposition**.

**Drop In Appeal** - August, Great North Air Ambulance.

July £400 sent to Cancer Research & £250 sent to Grace House, Sunderland. Thank you for all donations.

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

**Cleaning:** Group 3.

**Latin Classes** resume Sunday 10 September.

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

**600 Club:** August winners, 176 Ellen O'Hare, 86 E McParlin, 163 Chris Godbolt, 116 Ann Hooper, 106 Helen Kelly, 193 Agnes Anderson, 360 J Boyle, 185 Joan Cosgrove.

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Club continues** throughout the summer holidays except for 14 August, Holy Day vigil mass & 28 August, Bank Holiday Monday.

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

## St Robert of Newminster School

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

### Parish Information

**Reminder** - Tuesday 15 August, The Assumption of Our Lady, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Thank You** - The family of Mr Terrey Willey would like to thank those who contributed to Cancer Research in his memory, £244.25 was collected.

There will be a **Messy Church Event** on Tuesday 15 August from 9.30 - 12.30 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, families are very welcome to come and spend time together being creative and worshipping! Please book a place by emailing [hannah.mitchell@stjohnbostepriamary.org.uk](mailto:hannah.mitchell@stjohnbostepriamary.org.uk)

Next weekend is the last full weekend Fr Tony will be with us, please pray for him and his move to Newton Aycliffe. We will have the opportunity to come together as a whole parish of all four churches to offer our thanks for his ministry with us and to pray for him at a Mass on St Matthew's Day Thursday 21 September, 7pm at St Bede's Church. Fr Deni is also leaving so we will have the opportunity to thank him too. There will be a gap between Fr Tony leaving & Fr O'Keefe arriving on the weekend of October 7 & 8, so Fr Tony is kindly going to help out with some things during September.

**Fr Tony writes...** *I shall be going to Okehampton army camp in Devon after the 8.30am mass next Sunday (August 20) and when I return I shall move in to St Mary's, Newton Aycliffe. When I came to this parish, I was amazed at the amount and variety of charity work that was underway and so was staggered to discover that so many people reached out to support the school in Zambia that I have been involved with over the past 20 years, so much so that when the container was sent this year there were no worries about how to pay for it. My sincere thanks to the many generous individuals and groups who have given great support, both in terms of muscle, patience, gifts and financial assistance. I can assure you that your efforts are greatly appreciated.*

## Future Information

**Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres** Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October, cost £125. Booking forms available from Marian Fletcher Tel:0191 4174413.

**A Spiritual Spa Day for Women** - A day for women to experience the renewing love of God. Soak up God's blessings, inspirational teaching, fellowship with other women, cream tea, quiet adoration, stroll in our gardens and prayer ministry. Allow Jesus to pamper you! Sat 9 September 2017, Coret Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - Donation Only Event. To book or for more information: [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)  
Email: [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)  
Tel: 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.

### Parish Mission

The Parish of St John XXIII and St Michaels Houghton-le Spring have begun the exciting process of delivering a new Parish Mission that will celebrate the fine work delivered in our Parish working in harmony with the young people of the five primary schools and St Roberts School.

Currently various small teams are working in delivering a variety of activities ranging from outreach work to the wider community, creating a mission prayer, engaging with young families, increased social events and supporting young people in their pastoral work.

The mission team is in the process of increasing our church members in participation and helping steer the direction of this process so that all churches and schools play an equal pivotal role in the success of the new mission.

Further details will be made available once they have been established, however the launch date is 20 November 2017 launched by pupils and staff at St Roberts and then this will be then cascaded to the five primary schools the following week commencing 27 November 2017.

## Services This Week

Mon 14	SB	09.05	<b>Thanksgiving for 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	<b>Vigil Mass - Priest's Intention</b>
Tue 15 August	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Day of Obligation</b>		
	OLQP	09.30	<b>Amy</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>SVP Intentions</b>
	SB	19.00	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
Wed 16 August	SB	09.05	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
	SJ	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Thu 17 August	OLQP	19.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	SJ	09.15	Communion Service (AT)
Fri 18 August	OBLI	09.15	<b>Pat Naughton</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Phil &amp; June Falloon</b>
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
	OBLI	09.15	Communion Service
Sat 19 August	OBLI	11.30	<b>Nuptial Mass</b> Karen Mitchell & Andrew Naylor
	SJ	09.30	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQP	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
	OLQP	09.00	Communion Service
	SB	09.05	Communion Service
Sun 20 August	OBLI	09.15	<b>Vin &amp; Margaret McCormack</b>
	OBLI	13.00	Wedding Service Jessica Whitley & Leon Edmundson
	SJ	10.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>

### 19/20 August - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Harry Cowan &amp; Hannah &amp; Malcolm Vincent</b>
Sun 20 August	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>John O'Brien</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Joe Foster</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>John Sweeney</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Peter McGee</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,  
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,  
Frank Tracey,  
Wendy Tufton, Liz Ward,  
Stephen Willey,  
Freda Winter

### Recently Dead:

John Wade, Paul Iley,  
John Smail, Marian  
Jacques & John Maine

Fr Mark Millward 4163583  
Fr Anthony Cornforth 4163805  
(07923683046)

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Rev Chas Ferguson 3854573  
Rev Frank O'Neill 07791155845

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## 12 / 13 August 2017, Sunday 19 A

*Even in the most turbulent times of life,  
Jesus is there to calm the storm and bring his peace.*

### God's voice is a gentle breeze

Elijah felt dejected and was having serious doubts about his vocation. The people had forsaken God's covenant, thrown down his altars, slain his prophets and given themselves to the worship of false gods. Elijah prayed to God to take him out of life.

Perhaps we can sympathise with him. Life can hit us hard from time to time. When it does we too may be tempted to behave out of character, reacting against the whirlwind, earthquake and fire of life's problems.

It was only after experiencing such violent, destructive power that Elijah found the presence of God in the sound of a gentle breeze.

Through the turbulence of our troubles we should listen for the voice which bids us to have courage: Do not be afraid. Many people fail to hear God speaking to them because of the noise of life, unable to set aside some time in their busy life to allow God's voice to be heard. The noise and activity of modern life can claim every second of our time, and it seems that a growing number of people experience acute discomfort if they find themselves with more than a few seconds of peace and quiet. I remember reading in the paper one year about someone who was on a bus when it stopped for the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day. She couldn't stand it and begged to be let off the bus; soon afterwards the bus passed her by, as do many of the opportunities in life to experience the stillness of God.

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Brendan James Holland</b>
Sun 13	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Charles &amp; Margaret Walker</b>
Aug	OLQP	10.00	<b>Michael McMonigle</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Margaret &amp; Edward Clark</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Terry Willey R.I.P.</b>

# ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

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

