

## St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 1pm **Parish Bingo** (Lindisfarne Room)  
7pm **Vocations Prayer Group** (in church)

Tuesday: 6pm, **Adoration**, 6-6.45pm, **Confessions**,  
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening** (Lindisfarne Room).

**Church Cleaning** - Team C, Tuesday, 9am.

**Confessions** - Please note that The Sacrament of Reconciliation is now moved permanently to Tuesday at 6pm.

**Rosary** will be recited in St Bede's School, Monday 1.15pm.

**Hunger Lunch** - Friday, 12 noon to 1pm. (Lindisfarne Room).

**St Bede's Fair Trade** - Open for Business - Next Weekend, 14/15 October. Come along and do your Christmas Shopping early!

**200 Club** - Winners for October: 258 A Casey, 61 W Bell, 84 M Straker, 164 A Olsen, 286 U Monaghan.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

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

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

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

Wednesday: 7.30pm, Journey in Faith.

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

**October Month of the Rosary:** each Wednesday starting 4 October 12 noon, Rosary followed by soup lunch - please join us!

**Food for thought Lenten Recipes.** A booklet of soup recipes served during Lent and October at OLQP over the years will be available today. All donations to Fr Tony's worthwhile charity in Zambia. Thank you for your support.

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

**Drop In Appeal** raised £400 for the Great North Air Ambulance. Thank you.

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

**Cleaning:** Group 3

**The Well** will remain at the back of the church for donations to the Cafod clean water project. £300 was sent to Cafod from the September collection. Thank you.

**Fair Trade Stall** after 11am Mass this Sunday.

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Club**

Saturday: 9.40am, **Morning Prayer**

10.30am - 11.30am, **Confessions**

**A McMillan Coffee Morning** will be held in the Dryburn Room, after Mass, on Saturday 28 October. Mass on that day will be held in the church. Everyone welcome.

## St Robert of Newminster School

**Adoration** Thursday, 10am - 3pm. Holy Mass/Service 11.20am. All welcome.

## Parish Information

**Holocaust Memorial Evening: 'A SURVIVOR'S STORY'**

Mrs Marta Josephs will tell the story of her father, Andrew Frankel. Wednesday 25 January 2018 at 7pm at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Longbenton, Newcastle NE7 7PE. Further information available from Graham Wilkins, tel: 07929 115712 or email: interreligiousrelations@diocesehn.org.uk.

**The rosary group** at St John Boste church is on every Tuesday in October at 11am, starting on the 10th.

**Parish Raffle** Tickets are available in all churches. Please support this parish event.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** Please return your envelope this week, if possible, or before the end of October.

**The Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled** will be holding their Annual Bishop's Mass at St Bede's this Sunday at 2pm. All welcome to participate.

**Youth Sunday Preparation** An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St Joseph's Academy, Hebburn on Sunday 8 October, 3pm to 5.15pm. This year's theme is 'YES', inviting us to reflect on how Mary, as a young person, had the faith and courage to say 'Yes' to what God was calling her to do. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and

meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Booking forms are in parishes or available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

**Pilgrimage to Holy Island Saturday 28 October.** Coach leaves St Bede's, Sacriston at 9.15am, picks up St Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street at 9.40am. Mass on the island at midday. Return via Seahouses. Adults £10, children £5. To book a place we need to have your fare by 14 October, please put in an envelope with name and contact details and leave at St Cuthbert's.

**Preparation for First Holy Communion** is beginning. Any family where children are not attending a Catholic Primary School please give Fr Mark a ring.

## Future Information

**Journey of Faith 2017-2018**, this year the Parish of St John XXIII Washington & Penshaw will join with St Cuthbert Chester-le-Street in our new partnership, the sessions will take place between St Cuthbert's and Our Lady Queen of Peace and will begin on Thursday 2 November at 7.45pm. There is a taster session for further information and a program timetable at St Cuthbert's Chester-le-Street Coffee Shop DH3 3PH Thursday 19 October 7.45pm. If you need a lift please ask Maria Ashburner or Fr Mark.

In this 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, there is a special **Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life and Family** at Osmotherley on Sunday 22 October 2017. £15. Reservation essential. Contact :Mrs M. Ollernshaw, Tel:0191 2854395 or Theresa McCabe Tel:0191 4161135.

**Date for your diary** Parish Social at Biddick Social Club, Friday 24 November. Please support this event. Tickets available soon.

### Future Collections

6 October Family Fast Day

22 October Mission Sunday

29 October Priest's Training Fund

## Services This Week

Mon 09 Oct	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	SB	10.00	Funeral Service for Patricia Allon
Tue 10 Oct	OLQP	19.00	<b>John &amp; Theresa McIntyre</b>
	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (VC)
	OLQP	09.30	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	Noon	<b>Annie Moriarty Family</b>
Wed 11 Oct	SB	19.00	<b>Mary &amp; Kelvin Kirkham</b>
	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	19.00	<b>Priest's Intention</b>
Thu 12 Oct	OLQP	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (PY)
	OBLI	09.15	<b>James &amp; Theresa Fitzpatrick &amp; Family</b>
Fri 13 Oct	OLQP	10.00	Word & Holy Communion
	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.30	<b>In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart</b>
Sat 14 Oct	OLQP	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
	OLQP	09.00	<b>Parish Mission</b>
	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	09.15	<b>Agnes &amp; John Quinlan</b>
	SJ	10.00	Word & Holy Communion

### 14 - 15 October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Peggy Emery</b>
Sun 15 Oct	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>David Bentham</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Maureen Bell</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Joseph &amp; Jean Fahey</b>

### Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger  
Michael Anderson,  
Andrew, Mary Askew,  
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,  
Colin Brown,  
Billy Bulch, Tricia Carr,  
Fr Michael Conaty  
Michael Conroy, Pat Coyle,  
Ophelia Davies, Willie Day,  
Baby Luke Defty  
Lynn Ditchburn,  
Fred and Freda Fletcher,  
Brian Flurry, Katy Foggin,  
Terry Ford, Barbara Foster,  
Jenny Gilmaney,  
Sheila Hepple,  
Andrew Hughes,  
Holly Hunter,  
Raymond Irwin,  
Godfrey Keefe,  
Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp,  
George McAfferty,  
Margaret McArdle  
Jim McDivitte,  
Joseph McIntyre,  
Rose McMahan,  
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 Departed:

Patsy Allon, Anthony Kay

Fr Mark Millward 4163583  
Fr Jim O'Keefe 4163805  
Rev Frank O'Neill 07791155845

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## 07 / 08 October, Sunday 27 A

### The Stone Rejected.

I don't know much about building, but I did meet an Irishman in Zambia the other day who said he had spent over 40 years in Zambia as a brother with a religious order. In that time he had been involved in lots of building work, helping to provide safe dwellings for people to live in. He said that he found it difficult going into a building and not looking around for faults, even to the extent of checking whether pictures were hanging straight.

Of course, a wonky picture here and there is no threat to the integrity of a house, but an eye for what is right can be crucial when a building is being constructed - any bricklayer will tell that his most treasured possession is a spirit level. But before you can even begin to think about being involved in construction, you have to have the basic skills. Such skills are passed on from one generation to another, although the builders of Durham cathedral might question what happened over the centuries to their incredible skills! To master any particular skill you need to learn from a master, someone who has shown by their life endeavours that they can do what others might only dream about.

In a building, the cornerstone is crucial - get that right and the rest might be right, get in wrong and your building will fall down, no matter how good your craftspeople are. For the Jewish people, from the time of Abraham onwards, their whole lives were built around the cornerstone of their faith, but at times they looked away from that cornerstone and then trouble was not far away.

The prophet Isaiah talks about exile, which he sees as a direct result of the faithlessness of God's people. How faithful are we today? If our society continues to move away from God, then who knows if there will be any produce to collect at the end of time?

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Peggy Emery</b>
Sun 08	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Nancy Matthews</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b>
Oct	OBLI	11.00	<b>Paul Iley</b>
	SB	14.00	<b>Bishop's Mass for the Disabled</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Thomas Wilson</b>

## ST JOHN XXIII

Incorporating:

**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington**

**Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw**

**St Bede, Usworth**

**St John Boste, Oxclose**

**In the Partnership of Benedict**

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Lane, Houghton-Le-Spring, Penshaw,  
Sacriston, Washington*

