

## St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2pm **Ladies Club** (Lindisfarne Room). The ladies would like to thank all who supported their Open Day on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Fund. A total of £354 was raised .

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. All welcome to come along and pray with the children.

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

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

## Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

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

Monday: **Confessions & Exposition Cancelled.**

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.

**Water Aid:** Thanks to everyone who contributed. We have raised £1,006 so far.

**McMillan Mass and Coffee Morning** will take place on Saturday 11 November at 10am. All are most welcome.

**Christmas Toy Collection:** This annual toy collection for

poor families in the area will take place on Sunday 26 November. Gifts donated should be labelled for a family, girl or boy (including age please). They will be collected after the 10am. Mass. All gifts greatly appreciated.

**New rotas for all ministries** are now available in the folder in the porch . Please take a relevant copy.

## Our Blessed Lady, Washington

**Drop In Appeal :** October appeal is for St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland.

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

**Cleaning:** Group 4

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

**600 Club October Winners:** 326 D O'Hara, 201 C Stephenson, 116 Ann Hooper, 4 Peter Gibson, 560 W Stobbs, 65 Hilda Feeley, 20 Richie Maddison, 189 Jane Moran.

## St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Club**

Saturday: 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.

**There is a display of Fairtrade Christmas cards** at the back of church which will remain throughout October and early November. If you would like to place an order please leave your name, telephone number and details of your order on the list provided. Orders will be available in November when you can pay for your cards.

## St Robert of Newminster School

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

## Parish Information

All Saints Day Tuesday 31 October 7pm St John Boste. **Mass of Welcome for Fr Jim O'Keefe** (this is the vigil of the Holy Day of Obligation).

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

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

**All Saints Family Celebration** to be held at St Benet's Church, The Causeway, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland on Saturday 28 October 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Cost £3, please contact Paul or Angela Hammond on 01914154555 or [angela@hammond.me](mailto:angela@hammond.me) if you would like to attend or for further information.

## 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. The Parish Raffle will be drawn at this event, please support it. Tickets available soon.

**Icon Exhibition.** To mark the opening of a new Centre (in the old Montessori School ) in Sunderland there will be a display of some of the beautiful icons produced in workshops/retreats at Seaham Centre for Prayer and Mission in the last few years. Some are "written" by beginners, others by experienced iconographers – all amateur. Come and learn how to "write" an icon ( not paint) and experience the powerful spirituality behind icons. You will be pleasantly surprised. We have some very attractive icons. Tunstall Road, Sunderland SR2 7JR. For parking, use the electronic gate below the main entrance of Oak Lea Convent, 16 – 31 October, 2-4pm every day with input and refreshments, all welcome!

## Services This Week

Mon 16 Oct	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (SB)
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Paul Lyons 50th Birthday</b>
Tue 17 Oct	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (AT)
	OLQP	09.30	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	Noon	<b>Betty McCoy</b>
	SB	19.00	<b>Vera Monaghan</b>
Wed 18 Oct	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	19.00	<b>The Sick and Housebound</b>
	OLQP	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
Thu 19 Oct	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (TY)
	OBLI	09.30	<b>St Josephs School Harvest Mass</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>The Bentham Family</b>
Fri 20 Oct	SB	09.05	<b>Ann Connolly</b>
	OBLI	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	SJ	09.30	<b>Jenny &amp; Peter McGuigan</b>
	OLQP	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
Sat 21 Oct	OLQP	09.00	Word & Holy Communion
	SB	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	OBLI	09.15	<b>John Callaghan</b>
	SJ	10.00	<b>Elaine Spuhler</b>

### 21 - 22 October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	SB	17.00	<b>Fr Bryce</b>
Sun 22 Oct	SB	08.30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	SJ	09.30	<b>Charlie &amp; Peggy Purvis</b>
	OLQP	10.00	<b>Michael McMonigle</b>
	OBLI	11.00	<b>Edith Lavery</b>
	OBLI	18.00	<b>Gary Fiddler</b>

### Please remember in your prayers:

Barry Ainger,  
Michael Anderson,  
Andrew, Mary Askew,  
Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell,  
Colin Brown,  
Billy Bulch, Tricia Carr,  
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:

Fr Michael Conaty

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

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## 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**  
*Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Easington  
Lane, Houghton-Le-Spring, Penshaw,  
Sacriston, Washington*

### 14 / 15 October, Sunday 28 A

Having played a lot of dominoes this week, I was as usual trying to understand why the double tiles are placed at 90 degrees to the others; it doesn't make any difference (same as tennis would be exactly the same if deuce was at thirty all) yet everyone does it. Finally I went to Google and discovered the answer! In some versions of dominoes, you can add to the doubles (or just the double six) in four different directions, hence the need to place them at a different angle on the board. I also discovered that they are called bones (presumably because original ones were made from bones) and at the start of the game you select from the 'graveyard' of dominoes.

The gospel today talks about things being done in the correct order at first, where invitations to a wedding are sent to relatives and friends, but then when those who were invited refuse to come you have to look in different directions (like some versions of dominoes) and call on people of all types and backgrounds to join you for the celebration.

When I was a student leaving Ushaw College, I had a farewell party with a barrel of beer and didn't invite anyone! As you might expect, lots of people came because whoever was passing by in the corridor was invited in. No-one was invited, so no one was excluded, and anyone who wanted to be there was able to join in. That is the Kingdom of God - no one has a special invite or a special place. No one is second class because we are all first class!

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