

Mass Times & Intentions - Week Beginning Monday 11 February 2019			
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Monday 11 February	St Bede	09:05	No Service
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	No Service
	St John Boste	09:15	No Service
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Diocesan Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Lisa Taylor
Tuesday 12 February	St John Boste	09:15	Word and Holy Communion (TJ)
	Our Blessed Lady	14:00	Requiem Mass for Michael Wallace
	St Joseph	18:30	Kevin Jobson
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede	19:00	Special Intention (AO)
Wednesday 13 February	St Joseph	09:00	Special Intention
	St Bede	09:05	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	19:00	Special Intention (JC)
	Thursday 14 February	St Bede	09:05
St John Boste		09:15	Word and Holy Communion (TY)
Our Blessed Lady		09:15	Margaret Purdy
Our Lady Queen of Peace		10:00	Michael Nightingale
St Bede		11:00	Requiem Mass for Joe Marshall
St Joseph		12:05	George Smith
Friday 15 February	St Joseph	09:00	Sarah Sables
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	St. Joseph School Class 1 led Children Liturgy
	St John Boste	09:30	Syd McElhenny
	St Bede	10:30	Special Intention (VF)
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 16 February	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede	09:05	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Eric Moran
	St John Boste	10:00	Priest's Intention
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Vigil	St Bede	17:00	John Graham
	St Joseph	18:00	John Lee
Sunday 17 February	St Bede	08:30	Lisa Taylor
	St John Boste	09:30	Moira and Vin Lamb
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Anthony and Family
	St Joseph	10:00	People of the Parish
	Our Blessed Lady	11:00	Eileen Shannon
	Our Blessed Lady	18:00	Tom McGee

Parishes of St John XXIII & St Joseph, Birtley

Incorporating:

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

In the Partnership of Benedict

Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Houghton-le-Spring, Penshaw, Sacriston, Washington

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9TH – 10TH FEBRUARY 2019			
Vigil	St Bede	17:00	Special Intention (S&B)
	St Joseph	18:00	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 February	St Bede	08:30	Our Parish Family
	St John Boste	09:30	Nancy, Jack & Kevin Matthews
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Iris & George Harrigan
	St Joseph	10:00	Sarah Sables
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11:00	Matthew Bainbridge
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18:00	Joyce Mulligan

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ. Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned. A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples. What is significant about the Lord's call of his disciples according to Luke's account?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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First Reading: The Holy One of Israel

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth." The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said, "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said, "See now, this has touched your lips; your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "Here I am; send me."

Second Reading: The Earliest Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:3-8. 11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Gospel: The Call of the First Disciples

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration at St Robert's School: Thursday, 10am, Holy Mass/Service 11.20am followed by Adoration until 3pm. All welcome. New adorers needed.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Divine Office: 15 minutes before daily Mass or Communion service.

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

Tuesday: 7.30pm, **Bingo**, Parish Centre. All welcome.

Friday: 9am - 3pm, **Adoration**.

Sewing/Craft Group: any unwanted sewing machines which could be donated or purchased and equipment/fabric/haberdashery are needed urgently. Also any men's shirts and ties, and denim jeans (any size) Thank you. If you can help please contact Laverne on 07516882886.

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

Thursday: **Drop In**, February **Marie Curie Nurses**. St Cuthberts Care Appeal raised £250.

Saturday: **Confessions** 10.30am - 11.30am

CAFOD Well. Donations sent to CAFOD to help provide clean water to the communities most in need.

Asylum Seekers: Collection box is in the church porch, we would be grateful for donations of food items and toiletries.

600 Club. February Winners: 592 Joyce Haran, 138 J Bevan, 314 M Hodgson, 490 J Barker, 205 A. Bennett, 645 R. Freeman, 80 T Bell, 514 J Joyce.

Cleaning Group 1. Anyone willing to spare an hour once a month to help with church cleaning contact one of the cleaning groups.

St Bede's, Usworth

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

Tuesday: 6pm - 6.45pm, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions**.

7.30pm, **Coffee Evening** (Lindisfarne Room).

Church Cleaning - If you are able to help with the cleaning please leave your name on the list in the church porch.

Water Aid: Basket in church for donations to this project.

Hunger Lunch - Friday 15 February, 12 noon to 1pm.

200 Club. Winners for February: 202 A Olsen, 125 M O'Neill, 270 M Nakonesky, 205 M Dragone, 9 M Fletcher.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: 7pm, **Craft Group**.

Friday: 8.45am - 9.15am, **Exposition** then Morning Prayers.

Saturday: **Confessions**, 30 minutes before Mass.

Church Wheelchair: Thanks to Carol's raffles, St John Boste now has a new folding wheel chair for use by anyone who needs it at the church or for short term loan.

Pie and Pea Supper: in aid of the Lourdes fund will be held on Tuesday 26 February at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £3 which includes tea or coffee. Tickets on sale soon please see Jen or Carol.

Parish Information

Faith in Politics internship for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme is recruiting at least six recently graduated Catholics to learn from an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The scheme will run from September 2019 until July 2020. Internship positions are given with Christian MPs and Peers in Parliament, the Catholic Education Service, CAFOD and the

Caritas Social Action Network. All interns also gain from retreats and spiritual guidance, as well as living in a vibrant, young Catholic community in the centre of London. During the year, as part of their overall formation, interns will study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from St Mary's University, Twickenham. Further information can be found at www.faihinpolitics.org.uk. Applications are open, and the closing date is **28 February 2019**. Applications should be made through the website. Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk, or visit @faihinpolitics on Facebook or @catholicinterns on Twitter for more information.

Youth Fund Ceilidh: Friday March 15 2019 7pm-11pm, The Stella Albany. Tickets £5 available now. Donations for raffle prizes welcome.

Deputy Head Teacher Vacancy.

St Bede's RC Primary School in Sacriston are currently advertising the Deputy Head Teacher post. The closing date is Thursday 21 February at 12 noon. Please see <http://www.stbedessacriston.co.uk/community/vacancies/> or contact 0191 3710272 for more details. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. If you know anybody who could fit the bill, please tell them we are a lovely school!

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Robert Byrne as the 14th Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle:

Bishop Byrne succeeds Bishop Séamus, who has been Bishop of the Diocese since 2009. Bishop Robert was born in Manchester on 22 September 1956. He is a member of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri (Oratorians) and was ordained priest in 1985 and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 13 May, 2014. Please pray for Bishop Séamus in his retirement and for Bishop Robert and our Diocese at this time.

Installation of Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 25 March 2019, Feast of the Annunciation. Entry to the Cathedral for this Mass will be by invitation and ticket only.

Retirement Mass for Bishop Seamus

To mark the retirement of Bishop Seamus, a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 22 February 2019, Feast of The Chair of St Peter, Apostle. Everybody is welcome to this Mass which will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. The Cathedral will be open to everyone and tickets are NOT required.

A Prayer for Yemen

Giver of Life.

Who hears the cries from Yemen;
of mothers choosing between medicine or food,
of parents grieving children lost to starvation.
of those who have given up everything in hunger.
Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace.

In your mercy,
Break political deadlocks,
Soften hardened hearts,
Change closed minds,
Open unhearing ears.
Let people come before power
Let life be holy again
Let your justice and peace
Shape the nation of Yemen
And the lives of all people
Amen

Dates for your Diary

The Diocesan Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated at OLQP Monday 11 February at 7pm. This will be part of the 100th anniversary celebration.

Please Note: On Monday 11 February there won't be any Masses or services in the other churches.

The Gathering: Sunday 17 February. Being held at St Joseph's, High Street West, Gateshead NE8 1LX between 3.30pm and 5pm. For Prayer and Praise, Input and Healing Prayer.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Centenary – "celebrating the past, committed to the future"

Coffee morning Wednesday 13 February 10.30am at OLQP. Please come along to share your stories and give suggestions as how to celebrate our church's birthday this year.

Please pray for those of our parish who are sick:

Michael Anderson, Andrew, Mary Askew, Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell, Colin Brown, Tricia Carr, Hilary Cassidy, James Thomas Charlton, Margaret Collins, Michael Conroy, Ophelia Davies, Willie Day, Baby Luke Defty, Lynn Ditchburn, Mary Dragone, Bernard English, Fred and Freda Fletcher, Terry Ford, Anne-Marie Foster, Barbara Foster, Molly French, Jenny Gilmaney, Margaret Gleeson, Rene Gordon, Sheila Hepple, Stan Horwood, Andrew Hughes, Holly Hunter, Raymond Irwin, Bill Jeffells, Godfrey Keefe, Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp, Joe Marshall, Daniel Mason, Mary Maw, George McAfferty, Ann Metcalf, Joseph McIntyre, Lloyd McLinden, Kathleen Monaghan, Madge Mullen, George O'Donnell, Marie Robson, Molly Shiel, Ronnie Shields, Mary Skilcorn, George Stagg, Terry Stephenson, John Tilley, Vicky Tindall, Frank Tracey, Wendy Tufton, Stephen Willey, Alison Winship.

