

**Mass Times & Intentions - Week Beginning Monday, 13 May 2019**

Day	Church	Time	Intention
Monday 13 May	St Bede	09:05	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09:15	Word and Holy Communion (MB)
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	<b>Teresa Storey</b>
Tuesday 14 May	St John Boste	09:15	Word and Holy Communion (VC)
	Our Blessed Lady	<b>09:15</b>	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	11:00	<b>Requiem Mass Joan Lawrence (nee Thompson)</b>
	St Joseph	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede	19:00	<b>Cockburn &amp; Nattress Families</b>
Wednesday 15 May	St Bede	09:05	Word and Holy Communion
	St Joseph	09:00	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	<b>12:15</b>	<b>Funeral Service Geoffrey Taylor</b>
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	19:00	<b>John Frazer</b>
Thursday 16 May	St Bede	09:05	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09:15	Word and Holy Communion (TJ)
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	<b>Peggy Rowan</b>
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Joseph	12:05	Word and Holy Communion
Friday 17 May	St Joseph	09:00	<b>Special intention</b>
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede	09:15	<b>Frank &amp; Kathleen Cummersdale</b>
	St John Boste	<b>12:45</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Michael Conroy</b>
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 18 May	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09:00	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	<b>Terry Kendall</b>
	St John Boste	10:00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede	<b>11:00</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
Vigil	St Bede	17:00	<b>John Walker</b>
	St Joseph	18:00	<b>Violet Lamb</b>
Sunday 19 May	St Bede	08:30	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	St John Boste	09:30	<b>Marion &amp; Bob Slavin &amp; Cleo</b>
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	<b>Vera Cosgrove</b>
	St Joseph	10:00	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	Our Blessed Lady	11:00	<b>Margaret Purdy</b>
	Our Blessed Lady	18:00	<b>Martin Appleby</b>

# 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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11 - 12 MAY 2019

Vigil	St Bede	17:00	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
	St Joseph	18:00	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 12 May	St Bede	08:30	<b>Connie &amp; Barney Casey</b>
	St John Boste	09:30	<b>Deceased members of the Coulson Family</b>
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	<b>Storey Family</b>
	St Joseph	10:00	<b>Kevin &amp; Linda Webster</b>
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11:00	<b>Cosmo Dimambro</b>
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18:00	<b>Pierce Lennon</b>

### *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd is the nearest saying approaching a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special meaning from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second King David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks. Particularly in these verses we see the unity of the risen Christ and the Father in their role of shepherds of the sheep, just as in our second reading from the Book of Revelation we see the unity of the LORD God and the Lamb, both revered on the one throne.



*What is involved in imitating Christ as shepherd?*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OS**

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**First Reading: Paul Turns to the Gentiles**

**Acts 13:14. 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said, "I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth." It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off .

**Response to the Psalm:**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Second Reading: The Innumerable Gathering of the Redeemed**

**Revelation 7:9. 14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes." .

**“Bring the Christian values as a leavening of society. ”**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd , says the Lord  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

**The Gospel: Jesus the Good Shepherd**

**John 10:27-30**

Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the

Father. The Father and I are one."

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**St Robert of Newminster School**

**Adoration at St Robert's School:** Thursday, 10:00am - 3:00pm; Holy Mass/Service 11.20am. All welcome.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw**

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

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

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

Monday, 7.30 p.m. Woman's Guild in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Tuesday, 7.30pm: Bingo in the parish centre, all welcome.

**Monument View Churches Together:** invite you to a social evening on Wednesday 15 May 7pm at St Oswald's church hall. Music by Kayley Cares and light refreshments tickets £5 from Pat Gardner.

**Message from CAFOD:** A donation of £300 has recently been paid to CAFOD from the Justice and Peace group. This money is mainly raised from Sunday morning coffee and a small amount from the sale of Fairtrade goods. We have received this message from CAFOD:

"Thank you for your donation to CAFOD's Cyclone Idai Appeal which will help families made homeless by floods in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Thanks to your gift, our Church network has already sprung into action, reaching thousands of vulnerable people with life-saving food, clean and safe water and hygiene kits which will support them to survive the coming days and weeks ahead."

**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington**

Thursday: **Drop In**, a donation of £250 sent to Grace House, Sunderland. May appeal is for Parkinson UK.

**Cleaning Group 2.**

**Mass Intention Requests:** It is important to include a contact telephone number.

**CAFOD Well:** All donations have been sent to CAFOD.

**600 Club May Winners** 230.A. McNay, 49. P. Houghton, 339. K. Kilbride, 250. A. Duffy, 68. P. Dance, 65. H. Feeley, 215. H. Lawless, 626. McLoran .

**St. Benedict's Prize Draw Tickets:** 50p each on sale in the Church Porch from Carol Dyson.

Our next **Church Council meeting** will be held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 21 May 7pm. An open Meeting to explore how we can develop our community. Representatives of all groups are invited to attend but everyone is welcome.

**St Bede's, Usworth**

Monday, 2.00pm, **Ladies Club** (Lindisfarne Room)  
7.00pm, **Vocations Prayer Group** (in Church)

Tuesday, 6.00 - 6.45pm, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and Confessions.  
7.30pm, **Coffee Evening** (Lindisfarne Room).

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

**200 Club - Winners for May:** No. 19 J. Barron, No. 128 S. Cox, No. 203 R. Matthews, No. 14 J. Edwards, No. 300 A. Olsen

**Hunger Lunch:** Friday 31 May, 12 noon till 1.00pm.

**St John Boste, Oxclose**

Monday, 7.00pm: **Craft Group**

**John Frazer:** Vera and all the family would like to thank Fr Mark for a beautiful Requiem Mass. Sincere thanks also to you all for the many Mass cards, cards and words of condolence and donations to the Peru Mission (in excess of £400) received following John's death. A beautiful soul, much loved, respected and greatly missed.

**Parish Information**

**The Social Justice and Environment Group:** A short talk will be given after all masses on 18/19 May and a brief questionnaire handed out for completion.

A collection will be taken after today's masses in support of the **Little Sisters of the Poor (Newcastle).**

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.** Please keep all those considering this vocation and their families in your prayers. A prayer card is available for those who wish to use it

**Sick and Retired Priests' Fund:** will remain open until the middle of the month for private donations.

In preparation for our Centenary celebration OLQP will be having **Weekly Wednesday Crafty Coffee Morning** 9.30-12 please pop in to give support or see how we are getting on. Everyone welcome

**Celebration of Marriage and Family Life:** The Annual Mass celebrating Marriage and Family Life will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne from 11.00am. Further information from Deacon Rob Wareing, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator by email or tel: 07841 530991

**Another opportunity to purchase a fabulous "Posh Frock"** from Norma & June collection. Saturday 18 May at OLQP church. 2 to 4pm

A service will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 19 May at 3pm – **'No Outsiders to His Love'**. It will be the culmination of Mental Health Awareness Week, to draw attention to the importance of caring for and those living with mental health and emotional issues. The service will involve music, dance, reading and teaching; intended to highlight the dignity of our brothers and sisters whose mental and emotional health causes them pain and a lack of peace. All are welcome.

**Ushaw Organ Weekend:** Is being held on the weekend of Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2019. Curated by James Parsons. An invitation to organists at all ages and stages, observers - and all

seeking a holiday weekend of inspiring music-making and cultural exploration in Durham's stunning, historic setting and Newcastle's dynamic cityscape. Hear David Goode's organ recital in Durham Cathedral on Friday 31 May at 7.30pm with music by Bach, Jo Marsh's 'Ottomania' and Reubke's 'Sonata on the 94th Psalm'. To reserve your place and all other enquiries email [contact@jamesparsons.org](mailto:contact@jamesparsons.org)

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes for those needing Nursing Care:** Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 26 July – 2 August still has several places available for those who need Nursing Care or who are unable to travel or stay in Lourdes on their own. Flights are from Newcastle, directly to Lourdes, Accommodation will be in the Accueil Marie St Frai and there will be the assistance of the pilgrimage nurses and doctors throughout the week in Lourdes as well as many helpers. The cost for those staying in the Accueil is £895.00 per person. Anyone wishing to go is asked to contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at St Robert's Morpeth (01670 513410 or [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) ) for a Booking Form and Medical Consent Form. A medical assessment will be made to make sure the pilgrimage can offer the appropriate care. Closing date for application is 21 April 2019.

**The Good Shepherd**

The Good Shepherd always walks in front  
Gently leading the way,

Never behind driving or pushing,  
But lovingly guiding each day;

And when a sheep wanders away  
From the security of this place,

The Shepherd corrects the wayward one  
In love, mercy, and grace.

He protects from harm and fear  
All that follow His lead,

His rod and staff guard and comfort,  
And His hand meets every need;

He provides beautiful green pastures -  
Rest for the weary and weak,

Revival, strength and vigor...  
Peace and joy to reap.

He sets a table in the wilderness  
With manna from on high,

And leads beside the still waters  
That refresh and satisfy.

Oh, what love and tender care,  
Such blessings God bestows

Upon the sheep that closely follow  
The way The Shepherd goes

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**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, 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, Mary Jordan, Godfrey Keefe, Annette Keitel, Jade Kemp, Daniel Mason, Mary Maw, George McAfferty, Audrey McClennan, Joseph McIntyre, Lloyd McLinden, Ann Metcalf, Kathleen Monaghan, Madge Mullen, George O'Donnell, Jack Sant, Molly Shiel, Ronnie Shields, Mary Skilcorn, George Stagg, John Tilley, Vicky Tindall, Frank Tracey, Wendy Tufton, Stephen Willey, Winnie Erskin, Kitty Johnson.**

**Recently deceased:  
Michael Conroy.**

