

Mass Times & Intentions - Week Beginning Monday 8 July 2019			
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Monday 8 July	St Bede	09:05	Word & Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09:15	Word & Holy Communion (MB)
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word & Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Bill Hughes
Tuesday 9 July	Our Lady Queen of Peace	18.30	Centenary Mass in Thanksgiving
Wednesday 10 July	St Joseph	09:00	Sheila & Ron Tumelty
	St Bede	09:05	Word & Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word & Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word & Holy Communion
	St John Boste	19:00	Michael Conroy
Thursday 11 July	St Robert's School	19:00	St Benedict's Partnership Mass
	St Bede	12 Noon	Requiem Mass - Winifred Erskine
Friday 12 July	St Joseph	09:00	David McCormack
	St Bede	09:15	Special Intention
	Our Blessed Lady	11:30	Requiem Mass - Patricia Gilmore Haggan
	St John Boste	09:30	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19:00	Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 13 July	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09:00	Word & Holy Communion
	St Bede	09:05	Word & Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Peter Lawless
	St John Boste	10:00	Eleanor & Maldwyn Roberts & Tom & Gladys Bell
Sunday 14 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Vigil	St Bede	17:00	Mary Ann Graham
	St Joseph	18:00	George Smith
Sunday 14 July	St Bede	08:30	Our Parish Family
	St John Boste	09:30	The Reverends David, Michael & Francis
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Anne Johnson
	St Joseph	10:00	Jodie Poland
	Our Blessed Lady	11:00	Margaret Purdy
	Our Blessed Lady	18:00	Our Parish Family

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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Sacriston, Washington

14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6-7 JULY 2019			
Vigil	St Bede	17:00	June and Terry Willey
	St Joseph	18:00	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 July	St Bede	08:30	Our Parish Family
	St John Boste	09:30	John Frazer
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Maria Raczova
	St Joseph	10:00	Terry Cantwell
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11:00	Michael and Mary Casey and Son
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18:00	Claire Gillees Simons

The Coming of the Kingdom

The instructions to the seventy two who are sent out are direct and simple. They are really sent out like lambs among wolves, without food, without distractions, without baggage, without spares. The version in the Gospel of Mark allows them sandals, presumably to enable them to make more speed on their journey, for the urgency of the task is paramount. They are not to be distracted by picking and choosing their accommodation or their food. Direct, too, is their method: to impart the blessing of peace and to heal. No second chance: if the blessing is rejected, away they go, leaving the town to a fate worse than that of Sodom! Last Sunday's gospel demanded an uncompromisingly whole-hearted response to Jesus from the apostles. This Sunday the apostles demand the same response to their own message. Again the absolute demands of Jesus! There is a wonderful simplicity about this message of the coming of the Kingdom: all that is involved is peace and healing. No squabbles, no fripperies, no complications of doctrine. If these Kingdom values can remain the focus of our Christian vision, we may make some progress towards bringing the Kingdom of God to reality in our own surroundings.

What would you say are the most important aspects of the Kingdom?

What sort of healing can I bring in my own surroundings?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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**First Reading: As a Mother Comforts her Child
Isaiah 66:10 - 14**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Response to the Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Second Reading: The Triumph of the Cross
Galatians 6:14 -18**

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: The Mission in Action

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20:

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, 'The kingdom of God is very near to you.'"

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Please Note

Usual Groups & activities in the Parish will take place as normal. If there is a shortage of space in the Newsletter **only cancellations will be listed.**

St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration at St Robert's School is cancelled for this week only.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

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

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

Women's Guild, 7.30 pm, in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

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

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

Centenary Mass: All parishioners are welcome to join us for our final choir practice at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Sunday, 7 July 2pm. All are welcome. Nothing too difficult but a great experience!

Following the Centenary Mass, Michael Leckenby will be stepping down as leader of the church choir after well over 20 years. Although he will continue to play the organ, the choir will no longer be able to practise & prepare music for services. We would like to hear from anyone who feels able & willing to step into this important role. Feel free to speak to Michael if you are interested.

OLQP 600 Club: Michael Frain will be at OLQP on 15 & 22 July to collect annual subscriptions (£12 per number) from members. There is £150 in prizes each month. New members are always welcome.

Sausage Making Experience: Monday, 16 September, 11 am - 12noon. There are 14 spaces available at £15 per head. Less numbers & the price will be £20. There is a £5 deposit - non refundable. You will take home a kilo of your home made sausage. Bring nothing but a packed lunch & a sense of humour! To reserve a place ring Laverne Tel 07516 982 886.

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

Thursday: **Drop In**, this week the appeal is for Youth Cancer Research.

Cleaning Group 3.

CAFOD Well: All donations sent to CAFOD.

600 Club: Subscriptions due Sunday 7 July.

Thank You: Mrs Diane Lawless & family would like to thank all who sent Mass Intentions, cards, flowers, kind words & wishes on Peter's death. A special thank you to Fr Jim & Fr Mark for their kindness & attention & for the beautiful Mass attended by so many family, friends & parishioners. The retiring collection raised £1000 sent to HCPT in Peter's memory.

The next Church Council meeting will be held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday, 16 July at 7pm. A follow up meeting to explore how we can continue to develop. Our community representatives of all groups are invited to attend but everyone is welcome.

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: **Ladies' Club**, 2pm, (Lindisfarne Room).

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

Coffee Evening: Cancelled this week only.

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

APF Red Boxes: If your box is not emptied regularly please bring it to church and hand it to Joe or Joan Formosa. Thank you for your co-operation.

Justice & Peace Group: CAFOD self-denial envelopes are due for collection this weekend.

200 Club: Subscriptions for the July draw will be collected after both Masses this weekend. The draw takes place after the 8.30am Mass.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft group** cancelled this week.

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

Rosary Group: The next Rosary Group will be on 9 July then every two weeks on a Tuesday.

Lottery: We are at the end of another Lottery year. Can anyone who pays annually, & has not already paid, please pay soon. The profits allow us to continue to send some senior parishioners to Lourdes.

OLQP Centenary Mass

Tuesday, 9 July 6.30pm

Please join the community for this celebration followed by buffet refreshments.

Parish Information

The centenary celebration of OLQP continues with a Festival of Peace which will last for two weeks, 30 June - 14 July. We hope the whole parish will join in & share it with us. The Festival will begin with a Strawberry Tea after Mass ending with a Parish Picnic in OLQP school grounds.

During this time we hope to display artwork, poems & reflections, all on a theme of peace. Our local schools are participating & we would love you to contribute art work, in any medium, or prose/prayers/poems. OLQP church will be open during the Festival Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2 - 4pm. More information from Jane, ej_everett@sky.com or Maria, maria.ashburner@btinternet.com

Christian Meditation Group: 10am Tuesday, 9 July at Our Lady Queen of Peace church.

St Benedict's Day Partnership Mass

Thursday, 11 July 7pm

St Robert's School Performance Hall

Please support this joint event for all our partnership churches

Please pray for those of our parish who are sick:

Michael Anderson, Andrew, Mary Askew, Maria Barrell, Vivien Bell, 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, 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, Kitty Johnson.

Recently Deceased:

Winifred Erskine, Patricia Gilmore Haggan & Joseph Makepeace

