

First Reading: Moses' Final Counsel

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: "Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, 'Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?' No, the Word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance."

Response to the Psalm:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Second Reading: Christ the First - born

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

The Gospel: The Good Samaritan

Luke 10 25-37:

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.' Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?" "The one, who took pity on him," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

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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: 10 am - 3 pm, Thursday, Holy Mass/Service, 11.20 am.

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.

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 14 & 21 July to collect annual subscriptions (£12 per number) from members. There is £150 in prizes each month. New members are always welcome.

New Rotas: for all Ministries are now available in the folders in the Church porch. Please take a relevant copy.

Sausage Making Experience: Monday, 16 September, 11 am - 2 pm. 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 4.

CAFOD Well: All donations sent to CAFOD.

600 Club: July winners, 475 - R Lyons, 114 - C Quin, 126 - E Guthrie, 230 - A McNay, 108 - H Kelly, 181 - M Casey, 173 - J Hughes, 517 - H Cassidy.

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

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

Coffee Evening 7.30pm (Lindisfarne Room).

Please note that Holy Mass on Friday will be at 9.30 a.m. for this week only.

Church Cleaning: Team C, Tuesday 9am..

200 Club: July Winners, 202 - A Olsen, 75 - N Scorer, 285 - C Hall, 43 - J Quinn, 54 - N Kenyon.

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 & hand it to Joe or Joan Formosa. Thank you for your co-operation.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Monday: **Craft group**

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

Rosary Group: The next Rosary Group will be on 23 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.

Parish Information

Sea Sunday 14 July: There will be a collection in all churches today for the Apostleship of the Sea. Envelopes will be available at the back of church for private donations.

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

A Walk in Honour of St John Boste: This will take place on Sunday, 14 July after the 9.30am Mass at St John's. The walk is about nine miles & begins at Waterhouse where St John Boste was captured. It proceeds along the Deerness Valley with the opportunity for a picnic lunch then on to Durham Cathedral for the rosary in the Galilee Chapel & finally the walk to St Leonard's school where St John Boste was executed in 1594.

This will be the 35th walk so let's make it a good one. A bus will be available & lists will be at the back of each church.

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



Mass Times & Intentions - Week Beginning Monday 8 July 2019			
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Monday 15 July	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (PY)
	Our Blessed Lady	09:15	Word & Holy Communion
	St Joseph	09.30	Infant & Junior School Mass (in Church)
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 July	Our Blessed Lady	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	St John	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (TJ)
	St Bede	10.45	Funeral Service - Joseph Makepeace
	St Bede	19.00	Margaret Purdy
	St Joseph	19.00	Thomas Finnigan
Wednesday 17 July	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word & Holy Communion
	St Joseph	09.00	Shirley 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
Thursday 18 July	St John Boste	19.00	Michael Conroy
	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	St John	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (SB)
	Our Blessed Lady	09.30	St Joseph School Leavers
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10.00	Cathy Lyons
Friday 19 July	St Joseph	12.05	Joe Grainger
	St Joseph	09.00	Special Intention
	St Bede	09.30	Children & Staff of St Bede's School
	Our Blessed Lady	09.15	Word & Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09.30	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 20 July	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Theresa Storey
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09.00	Word & Holy Communion
	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady	09.15	Susan Wall
Sunday 21 July	St John Boste	10.00	Priest's Intention
	Our Blessed Lady	10.00	Susan Towns & Lydia Cairns
	Our Blessed Lady	11.00	Peter Lawless
	Our Blessed Lady	18.00	McGee & Thompson Families
	St Bede	08.30	Hannah & Placid O'Keefe
Vigil	St Bede	17.00	Pat & Jim Keerie
	St Joseph	18.00	Susan Towns & Lydia Cairns
Sunday 21 July	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10.00	Intentions of Joyce Bentham
	St Joseph	10.00	Cath & Bob McLeman
	St John Boste	09.30	Marion & Bob Slavin
	St Bede	08.30	Hannah & Placid O'Keefe
	St Bede	17.00	Pat & Jim Keerie
Sunday 21 July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time			

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15 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 - 14 JULY 2019			
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 Immaculate	11:00	Margaret Purdy
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18:00	Our Parish Family

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms. It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments. In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer. It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'. The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties! This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups. Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!

What is the main point of Jesus' story? Is it to be generous or not to be judgmental?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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