

First Reading: A Contrast between Israel and Egypt

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Response to the Psalm:

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading: The People of God on Pilgrimage

Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

“The Lord has chosen us to be his People”

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

The Gospel: Being ready for the Master's return

Luke 12: 13-21

Jesus said to his disciples: “See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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Please Note

Usual groups & activities in the Parish will take place as normal.
**Only cancellations will be listed,
if there is a shortage of space in the Newsletter.**

St Robert of Newminster School

Adoration at St Robert's School: Cancelled until after the summer holidays.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

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

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

Sewing Club cancelled until after the summer holidays.

Tuesday: **Bingo**, 7.30 pm in Parish Centre all welcome.

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

“A Trip Down Memory Lane” Afternoon Tea: Wednesday 14 August, 2.00pm. As part of our Centenary celebrations, we will be holding afternoon tea here at OLQP. We will provide the refreshments, you bring the memories! Could you please sign the list in the porch, if you intend to come along, indicating if you require transport for the event.

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

Thursday: **Drop In:** This week **Cancelled**.

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

Cleaning: Group 4.

CAFOD Well: All donations sent to CAFOD.

600 Club August Winners: 348 B.A. Bell; 14 D. Cunningham; 34 Mgt. Powell; 161 M. Willey; 38 T. Lamb; 253 Geo. Bland; 166 C. Larkin; 93 Mgt. Callaghan.

Afternoon Tea: A big thank you to all who provided all the lovely sandwiches, baked goodies, cakes and drinks, also the raffle prizes. A lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

St Bede's, Usworth

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

Tuesday: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6pm.
Confessions Cancelled.

Coffee Evening, 7.30pm (Lindisfarne Room).

200 Club Winners: No. 54 N. Kenyon; No. 133 D. Jones; No. 50 E. Cox; No. 16 F Barrett; No. 73 T. Rochester.

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

Water Aid: Basket in church for donations to this project. Many thanks to all who contributed to the retiring collection after Mass on Saturday evening. A total of £146 was raised. A cheque for £4,000 was handed to Mrs Gill Griffiths to cover the cost of water filters for countries in the third world.

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.

St John Boste, Oxclose

Rosary Group: The next Rosary Group will be on Tuesday, 20 August then every two weeks on a Tuesday.

Carol Dance: Tombola and Tabletop Sale raised £606 which will go towards the Lourdes fund. Thank you for your excellent support.

Parish Information

Thursday - the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note change in Mass times.

Thank you to all who generously donated shoes over the last few weeks; the appeal has stopped for the time being.

Bible Breakfast: A Hexham & Newcastle Chapter of the national lay - led organisation “Catholic Man UK” has been set up by a group of men from across our diocese. We invite you to join us, walking together in faith & exploring what it means to be a Catholic man today in our families, parishes & workplaces. We meet monthly from 8am - 9am on Saturdays for a lay men's Bible study & breakfast at St Joseph's Presbytery, Gateshead, accessible via High Street West. Please join us for our next meeting on 17 August. To find out more or get involved, please contact Paul Hammond on Tel 07973 192 324 / paul@hammond.me, or Martin Macgregor on Tel 07511 116 587.

Edwin Bonney Organ Recital Series: Scott Brothers Duo (Jonathan Scott – Organ and Tom Scott – Piano) on Saturday, 17 August 2019 at 2.00pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Retiring Collection. Refectory Café open from 11.00am – 3.45pm. Tickets £10.00. For further information and to book tickets, please visit www.ushaw.org.

Saturday 24 August: Minsteracres Book Day (Saturday, Bank Holiday Weekend) Special event with book stalls, allocated reading spaces and children's story telling sessions. All welcome to come along and sample a wide variety of book genres as well as our café. 11.30am – 3.30pm

Annual Walk For Peace: Sunday 15 September 2019. Meeting from 10.00 am at the Hindu Temple, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9QB. The Walk will begin at 11.00am. For further information please contact Hari Shukla on 0191 243 3620.

‘Northern Rising 1569 Anniversary Conference: From Rebellion to Reconciliation. Anglican-Catholic Relations from 1569 to the Present: Regional, National, and International Perspectives’: Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 September 2019 in

Durham. Conferences packages are available from £65.50 standard rate / £42.50 student rate. Registration deadline is Friday 16 August. Please direct any queries to the Centre for Catholic Studies by email or on 0191 334 1656.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”: a day of reflection open to all ministries: Saturday 28 September at Ushaw College, Durham. Fr. Mark Millward, Dean of the Benedict Partnership will be leading the day. Please note that this is a repeat of the day of reflection held in May at Ushaw College. Places are limited and booking is essential. Participants only need to attend one of the days and not both. For further information and booking, please contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 243 3312.

Sunderland MIND: A fundraiser to support the fantastic work carried out by this charity. Each counselling session costs £55. **Alive and Kicking**, one of the best bands in the North East, will be performing at the George Washington Hotel on Saturday October 12th from 7pm -1am. Tickets are £6 each and will be available from all churches. It will be a fun and uplifting evening, with fantastic music that will get you dancing, a silent auction, raffle and some fundraising games. All donations for prizes gratefully accepted. For more info contact Julia on 07810754763. Many thanks in advance of the support.

Medjugorje Retreat: Friday 11 - Sunday, 13 October at Minsteracres Retreat Centre. Booking forms obtainable from Marian Fletcher Tel 0191 417 4413.

CAFOD: Did you know that CAFOD can only fund two out of every three applications for funding & that two out of five Mass going Catholics say they have never heard of CAFOD? **You** can help put this right! CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit our catholic schools or speak at Mass about CAFOD's work, campaign with CAFOD for a fairer world & to tackle climate change. Full training will be given. If you can help with any of these or to find out more, please get in touch with David on 0191 384 4847 or 07779804243.

Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman C.O.

Pope Francis has approved the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman, Sister Mariam Theresia, Giuseppina Vannini, Dulce Lopes Pontes, and Marguerite Bays, which will take place on Sunday 13 October 2019 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



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, 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, 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: Ada McGregor, Audrey McClennan.

Mass Times & Intentions - Week Beginning Monday 12 August 2019				
Day	Church	Time	Intention	
Monday 12 August	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (MB)	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09:15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Teresa Storey	
Tuesday 13 August	St John Boste	09.15	Word & Holy Communion (TJ)	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11:00	Requiem Mass; Ada McGregor	
	St Bede	19.00	Special Intention (FB)	
	St Joseph	19.00	Special Intention	
Wednesday 14 August	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St Joseph	19.00	Thanksgiving (EH)	
Thursday 15 August Holy Day- Assumption of Our Lady	St John Boste	19.00	In Thanksgiving to our Lourdes Pilgrimage Helpers	
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09.30	Special Intention A & J	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11.00	Peter Lawless	
	St Joseph	12.05	Thanksgiving for 60 Happy Years	
Friday 16 August	St Bede	19.00	Mary Jordan	
	St Joseph	09.00	Special Intention	
	St Bede	09.15	Hannah Snell	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Word & Holy Communion	
	St John Boste	09.30	Syd, Jack, John & Michael & Bereaved Families	
Saturday 17 August	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	St Bede	09.05	Word & Holy Communion	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Lately Dead	
Sunday 18 August	St John Boste	10.00	Word & Holy Communion	
	Sunday 18 August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Vigil	St Bede	17.00	Harry Cowan, Hannah & Malcolm Vincent
		St Joseph	18.00	Hilda Cummings
		St Bede	08.30	Our Parish Family
St John Boste		09.30	E and S	
Our Lady Queen of Peace		10.00	Mary Askew (80th Birthday)	
St Joseph		10.00	People of the Parish	
Our Blessed Lady Immaculate		11.00	Margaret & Edward Clark	
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18.00	Ken Richardson	

Parishes of St John XXIII & St Joseph, Birtley

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10 - 11 AUGUST 2019

Vigil	St Bede	17:00	John, Vera and Pauline
	St Joseph	18:00	Shirley Tumelty
Sunday 11 Aug	St Bede	08:30	Our Parish Family
	St John Boste	09:30	Michael Conroy
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10:00	Michael McMonigle
	St Joseph	10:00	Brian Lee & Isabella Bryden
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11:00	Matt Casey
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18:00	Pat Hagan

Watching and Waiting

Any form of chaplaincy work is a journey of discovery, waiting to see if you can find an area of work where you would be useful and, hopefully, which would bring you fulfilment. To be a chaplain in the army, commonly referred to as a padre, is one of absolute opposites. In time of peace, you need to get used to very familiar and often repeated questions: "Have you prayed for good weather today?" "What is the collective noun for a group of padres?" These are the type of questions we are used to in all walks of life, a substitute for saying: "I'm not sure how to begin this conversation!" In peacetime, the padre has to search for work and companionship. What makes life so different for a chaplain in the military is that when we are "In Theatre" which is the ultimate euphemism, referring to being at war, then the padre never has enough time during the day for everything that is required of him, from seeing to casualties to simply spending time with people unsure how to face the real possibility of a bullet. In a sense, we all have a 'chaplaincy' role to play in life, because there are always situations that arise which we are not prepared for: a sudden illness or death; unexpected and difficult news or simply a shoulder to cry on. We must react to these situations by demonstrating that we want to spend time with others, that they are not a hindrance or an inconvenience. And what about our relationship with God? He often calls on us, but at inconvenient times, and we put him off. Perhaps we are tempted to wish that he would give us time to prepare to welcome him, but that is much the same as wishing the sniper would let us know just before he takes aim! Either we are ready for God or we are not, and if we are not ready now then there is a danger we never will be ready.



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