

First Reading: Rising to New Life

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, "What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors." With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, "Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever." After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, "It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, "Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life."

Response to the Psalm:

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Second Reading: The Lord is Faithful

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man Alleluia!

The Gospel: The Sadducees' Riddle

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, "Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?" Jesus replied, "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do

not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."

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St Joseph's, Birtley

Monday: 6.45 – 7.45pm Swingfit in the Parish Centre (£5 per session)

Wednesday: YMG – 'Card game & Bingo'

Anointing of the Sick: Will be celebrated during the 12.05 Mass on Thu 14 Nov.

Feast of Christ the King, 24 November, Youth Sunday: There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre, on Sunday 17 Nov, after the 10 a.m. mass, for all those young people interested in being involved with preparations for this celebration. Contact Sophie or Margaret Taylor.

Ministry of Reader: New rotas are available at the back of church.

Food Collections: Please leave any donations for the Diocesan Refugee Centre & the Gateshead Food Bank at the back of church
Community Raffle: Raffle tickets will be available from the back of Church for anyone who would like to take part. £5/book. All ticket stubs to be handed in by the weekend of 23/24 November.

MISSIO Calendars 2020: At the back of church, for box holders to take

St John Boste, Oxclose

Confessions, Saturday 30 mins before Mass.

Fairtrade Christmas Cards: There is a selection of Fairtrade Christmas cards on display in the church porch together with an order form for completion. The cards will be on display until the end of November and you can pay for your cards upon collection. Thank you for your continued support.

Readers - it would be wonderful if we could have more volunteer readers for Sunday Mass. If you would like to join the rota, please telephone Margaret on 0191 4171458 or 07972 402152. The reading team will be very grateful for your support.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw

Our Lady Queen of Peace (Penshaw) The Healing Mass and SVP Christmas Party for our sick or retired parishioners will be on Saturday 7th December 2019 at 11.00am. To help us calculate catering and transport needs, please add your name to the list in the church porch.

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington

600 Club November Winners 557.C. O'Neill, 128. M. Diamond, 34.M. Powell 83.S. Cantwell,137. T. Gaze 202. U. Monaghan,140. J. McAdam, 417. C. McCarthy

Thursday Drop In: November Appeal People's Kitchen Newcastle

Confessions: .Saturday: 10.30 - 11.30am

Cleaning: Group 1.

Christmas cards, diaries calendars etc on sale in the Emmaus Room.

Christmas Shoe box appeal People's Kitchen Newcastle. Why not give a box of Christmas cheer to those who get little? Cover a box with wrapping paper, fill with goodies such as hat, scarf, gloves sweets. biscuits, toiletries, note book & pen, please remember to include a Christmas card. Box can be left near the organ for collection, last day Sunday 17 November. Empty shoe boxes for use available near the CAFOD Well.

St Bede's, Usworth

Monday: 2pm, **St Bede's Ladies Club** (Lindisfarne Room)
5.30pm **Church Cleaning** - Team A

Hunger Lunch (Lindisfarne Room) **Cancelled until further notice**
Cake Sale - A big thank you to all who bought cakes and scones at St. Bede's last weekend. I raised £382 which was amazing Thanks also to those who bought raffle tickets. The draw will take place on the 16 November and winners will be published on the church notice board the following weekend. Thank you Carmela Formosa.
200 Club - Winners for November: No. 57 H. Edwards, No. 67 M. Morrell, No.185 M. Hughes, No.130 M. Jones, No. 227 C Bottoms.

General Information

The Clergy Training Fund. The fund will remain open for private donations until 24 November.

Parish Raffle Tickets are on sale in all churches. Prize donations are welcome.

Parish Social: Friday 15 November 7pm at Biddick Social Club, tickets £10 on sale in all churches.

Meditation Group: Next session - Tuesday, 12 November at St. Bede's.

St. Bede's School Golden Jubilee Books to commemorate fifty years history of the school will be available after both Masses at St. Bede's Church next weekend priced £7.00. Please ring Monica Bottoms on 0191 4160967 if you require further information.

Music – Word – Prayer Preparing for "The God who Speaks: Year of the Word" with Paul Inwood. Being held at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, near Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 9RT on Friday 15 (7.00pm) – Saturday 16 November (5.00pm) £65. (Saturday only 10.00am – 5.00pm including lunch & refreshments £25). For information and bookings visit www.minsteracres.org, call 01434 673248 or email: info@minsteracres.org.

The God who speaks: Year of the Word 2020: Advent 2019 sees the official launch of a Year of the Word called for by the Bishops of England and Wales. It is called "The God who speaks" reminding us that God has spoken to human beings for thousands of years but his word is as fresh now as ever. Our Advent resources pick up on this theme focusing on "The God who speaks – through the Prophets". They will include ideas and material for groups, individuals, churches and schools. Contact the Department for more information.

Torchlight Procession Hexham led by Bishop Robert Byrne Friday 6 December 2019 @ 7pm) A mini coach will leave Our Lady Queen of Peace Penshaw at 17.30pm leaving Hexham at about

21.30pm. The cost will be determined by numbers (approx. £12 per person) and will be non refundable once booked. Anyone wishing to attend please add your name and telephone number to the list on the church notice board by **17 November 2019**. Alternatively ring Noreen on 0191 3854674

The Year of the Word: "The God Who Speaks" will launch on Sun 1 December, the First Sunday of Advent.. The year begins with a celebration of Vespers on Sunday 1 December. Five venues have been chosen and Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 4.30pm in each place so that there is a real sense of praying together as a diocese.

The five places are:

- St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
- St Ninian's, Wooler
- St Mary's, Hexham
- Ushaw College, Durham
- English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Stockton

An external defibrillator has been jointly funded by Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. The defibrillator is located on the external wall of the parish rooms and is available 24/7- just dial 99 and the operator will talk you through it.

Sunderland Interfaith Forum are holding a peace walk on Sunday 17 November, starting at 12.30pm, those interested are asked to meet at St. Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth (approx. 10 minutes from St. Peter's metro station). The walk will include the following places of worship; Sunderland Interfaith Centre, Sikh Gurdwara, where refreshments will be served, the Buddhist Centre and the Hendon Mosque.

Voices of Faith' invite you to an evening of interfaith dialogue on 'Divinity & Femininity'. On Wednesday 20 November from 6.00pm – 8.30pm at the Central Mosque, Grainger Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 8RQ.

Visit the Diocesan website for more information on these two events and the latest news from the Department for Interreligious Relations.

NE First, your community bank, will be available from Service Points in **Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Parish Rooms (near St Joseph's school) every Thursday from 2pm to 3pm and St John Boste Church every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30.**

The following services will be available:

1. Application forms for Savings and Loan accounts, Standing Orders and other services
2. Making a savings deposit
3. Making a loan repayment
4. Answering your questions (with the support of the fulltime administration staff where necessary)

Sick List

Due to GDPR we now need written consent to announce verbally, or publish in writing, anyone who is requesting prayers to be said for them. Forms to be completed will be available at back of each church to formulate a new sick list.

Mass Times & Intentions — Week Beginning Monday 11 November 2019			
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Monday 11 November	St Bede's	09.05	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09.15	Word and Holy Communion (PY)
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Word and Holy Communion
	St Joseph's	10.00	Mass in St Benet's School
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Kenneth Bowman
Tuesday 12 November	St John Boste	09.15	Word and Holy Communion (TJ)
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	12.00	In Thanksgiving
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	13.30	Funeral Service John Brookes
	St Bede's	19.00	XV Yougi
	St Joseph's	19.00	Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 November	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Joseph's	09.00	Edmund & Rosanna Booth
	St Bede's	09.05	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 14 November	St John Boste	19.00	Priest's intention
	St Bede's	09.05	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09.15	Word and Holy Communion (TY)
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Duncan McDermid
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09.30	Requiem Mass: Molly Shiel
Friday 15 November	St Joseph's	12.05	Thomas Finnigan
	St Joseph's	09.00	Holy Souls
	St Bede's	09.15	A Friend at the End of Life
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Word and Holy Communion
	St John Boste	09.30	Denise Hall
Saturday 16 November	Our Lady Queen of Peace	19.00	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	09.00	Word and Holy Communion
	St Bede's	09.05	Word and Holy Communion
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	09.15	Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez & Dr. Lucia
	St John Boste	10.00	Eleanor and Maldwyn Roberts
Sunday 17 November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Vigil	St Bede's	17.00	June & Terry Willey
	St Joseph's	18.00	Our Parish Family
Sunday 17 November	St Bede's	08.30	Our Parish Family
	St John Boste	09.30	John Frazer
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10.00	Billy Simpson
	St Joseph's	10.00	Kevin Jobson & Linda Webster
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11.00	Allan Millward
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18.00	Mr Xu

Parishes of St John XXIII & St Joseph's, Birtley

Incorporating:

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Penshaw;
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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 09 NOVEMBER - 10 NOVEMBER 2019

Vigil	St Bede's	17.00	Isaac & Elizabeth Kenyon
	St Joseph's	18.00	Ellie Skehan
Sunday 10 November	St Bede's	08.30	Lisa Taylor
	St John Boste	09.30	Bella, Tom & Billy Bull
	Our Lady Queen of Peace	10.00	Helen McPartlin
	St Joseph's	10.00	Deceased of the two World Wars
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	11.00	Norah and Owen Hagan
	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate	18.00	Norman Bowden

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum'). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts. To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands.



What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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