

# **Benedict Partnership of Parishes**

**St Bede  
Front Street, Sacriston, DH7 6AB**

**St Bede  
New Road, Coach Road Estate,  
Washington, NE37 2HE**

**Our Blessed Lady Immaculate  
Village Lane, Washington, NE38 7HS**

**St Cuthbert  
Ropery Lane, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3PH**

**St John Boste  
Crighton, Oxclose, Washington, NE38 0LG**

**St Joseph  
Birtley Lane, Birtley, DH3 1LJ**

**Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Station Road, Penshaw, DH4 7JZ**



**The Benedict Partnership of Parishes**

invites **YOU** to

**Come Home for Christmas 2024**



The Benedict Partnership consists of the Catholic Communities  
in Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Penshaw,  
Sacriston and Washington

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Washington  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

St Joseph's Birtley  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

## **CANDLELIT VIGIL & BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Vigil: 6.00 – 9.00pm incorporating at 8.30pm the Blue Christmas Service, in which we remember our loved ones who have passed away.

## **CAROL SERVICE**

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE**

4.30pm	St Bede Sacriston (Carols 4.00pm)
5.00pm	St Bede Washington
5.30pm	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington
6.00pm	St Joseph Birtley (Carols from 5.30pm)
6.30pm	St Cuthbert Chester-le-Street (Carols 6.00pm)
7.00pm	St John Boste Washington (Carols from 6.30pm)
7.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Peace Penshaw (Carols from 7.00)
11.30pm	Our Blessed Lady Immaculate (Carols from 11.00pm)

### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30am	St John Boste, Washington
10.00am	St Cuthbert Chester-le-Street
10.00am	Our Lady Queen of Peace Penshaw
10.00am	St Joseph Birtley



Christmas is a time when many people travel home to join their family to celebrate Christmas together

You may have been away from the church for some time but no matter how long it is since you were last in church we extend an invitation to you to come home to church this Christmas

We hope you will accept this invitation to come back to church this Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As you brother and sisters in our Catholic family, we've missed you and we want you back.

Regardless of the why you left or got out of the habit of coming to Mass you are always welcome to come home.

We look forward to welcoming you in one of our churches this Christmas.

**Wishing you and your families**

**A Happy and Holy Christmas**