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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	20 th Apr	6.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Special Intention for a Sick Person	<i>St George's</i>
Sun	21 st Apr	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Lora Filosa RIP	<i>St Bede's</i>
Tues	23 rd Apr	10.00am	St. George (S)	People of the Parish	<i>St George's</i>
Wed	24 th Apr	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Olyve Rourke RIP	<i>St Bede's</i>
Thurs	25 th Apr	10.00am	St Mark (F)	Mary & Michael Egan RIP	<i>St George's</i>
Fri	26 th Apr	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Pat & Jim Wilson Intentions	<i>St Bede's</i>
Sat	27 th Apr	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Bishop Stephen's Intentions	<i>St Bede's</i>
Sat	27 th Apr	6.00pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Gerry Loughran RIP	<i>St George's</i>
Sun	28 th Apr	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Veronica & Jack Longstaff RIP	<i>St Bede's</i>

(S) = Solemnity; (F) = Feast; (M) = Memorial; (O) = Optional

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR EASTERTIDE

During Eastertide we are expected to pray for these intentions:
New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All Our Sick Relatives and Friends At Home, In Hospital or Residential care.

Our Christian faith tells us that we are saved as individuals, but as part of a people or community. After baptism the early Christians shared their possessions with each other and broke bread together. It was a religious group. Being alone and spiritual is not defence enough to withstand those powers that tried to destroy Jesus. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that we are called to be part of his flock. At the heart of this flock, this community, is a God who shows his face in Jesus the good shepherd. He respects our freedom and nourishes and cares for us. He is willing to lay down his life for us when the wolf comes to attack. The hireling lets the sheep scatter because he is only interested in payment. Jesus will sacrifice his own life in order to bring his sheep together, united in the one fold.

The Living Word

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2024

The Fund closes on Sunday 28th April. Individual Private Donations, One-off donations & Gift Aid donations can be sent directly to the NBF Treasurer, Fr Ian Jackson, St Joseph's Presbytery, Coast Road, Blackhall, Co. Durham, TS27 4HW. Gift aid forms are at the back of church.

REFURBISHMENT FUND APPEAL

Many thanks for your generosity and support for our carpet appeal. Please keep helping to raise funds to continue with refurbishments to the church. Thank you!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

There will be a Prayer Service for Peace in our World at 4.00pm on Sunday 28th April at St Bede's Church. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for peace in our troubled world. There will be short reflections and readings, with moments of silent prayer, interspersed with verses from hymns about peace. Please put the date in your diary and set aside some quiet time on Sunday 28th April at 4.00pm. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

Places are available for September 2024. Open days: Tuesday 1:30-3:00 or Thursday 9:30- 11:00. For more information please telephone: 0191 2739063 All welcome.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL 2024

There will be a Second Collection for St Joseph's Home this weekend, Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April). Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church. If you wish to make a private contribution, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/ The Home urgently needs to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

The Little Sisters are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

ALL SAINTS & ST GEORGE PARISH FINANCE

Thank you to all parishioners for your financial support towards the upkeep of our parishes. It is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times. Donations can be made in various ways, e.g. the collection plate, offertory envelopes, standing order or by bank transfer. Additionally at St Bede's you can use the "Contactless" Dona Machine, online using the Dona website link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-bedes-church-denton-burn> to donate with your card or by scanning the QR code at the back of church with your smartphone.

DIOCESAN EVENTS



HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email: holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

PUBLIC LECTURE

The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX on Saturday 4th May at 11.30am to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*. Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "Land of Hope and Glory", while the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

WRITE TO YOUR MP- LET'S END POVERTY

Will you write to your MP to ask them to make tackling poverty a core priority ahead of the general election? Tackling poverty has to be a key issue at this election. With 1 in 5 people across the UK struggling against poverty, we urgently need change for our communities. Our political leaders need to know that we want tackling and, ultimately, ending poverty to be one of the top priorities for the next government. MPs have a part to play in making sure their party's plans to tackle poverty are set out ahead of the election. Please take one of the postcards from the back of our church and share why you're asking them to make sure this coming election marks the beginning of the end for poverty in the UK. Alternatively, if there are no postcards left, you can message your MP online at www.letsendpoverty.co.uk/action. The website has some tips to help you personalise your message, which is even more effective. An MP can ignore one or two constituents' messages. It is known that if they receive 50 they sit up and take notice!

4th Sunday of Easter "The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep." Jesus laid his life down for you, might you consider following in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd and discern a vocation to the priesthood? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk