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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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>
Tues	30 th Apr	10.00am	St Pius V (O)	Adrian Dyer RIP	<i>St Bede's</i>
Wed	1 st May	10.00am	St Joseph the Worker (O)	Mary Jose RIP	<i>St Bede's</i>
Thurs	2 nd May	10.00am	St Athanasius (M)	Catherine Naughton RIP	<i>St George's</i>
Fri	3 rd May	10.00am	Ss Philip and James (F)	Northern Bretheran Fund	<i>St Bede's</i>
Sat	4 th May	10.00am	The English Martyrs (F)	Holy Souls	<i>St Bede's</i>
Sat	4 th May	6.00pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Brian Hoggard RIP	<i>St George's</i>
Sun	5 th May	9.30am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish	<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.

The Christian faith is an experience of being in relationship to God, to each other, and to all our family and friends. Caring and love bind us all together. Reflect on the growth you see in your life as the fullness of Christ's promise of that connection and love. And remember in this Easter season that resurrection fuels and nurtures growth, hope and love. Open your hearts to Christ and let his life and his Spirit come into you. Through our prayer today we are strengthened in our belief that Christ is the vine and we are the branches, and that through the strength of God's love for us, we are able to produce fruit. Our fruits will be in working for the common good, and in caring for each other, creation and the wider world. Over this week we may be praying with and tending to an elderly and frail relative, or we may be teaching children gardening skills and care of the environment, or we may be supporting a charity reaching out to vulnerable people.

These are all fruits of the true vine.

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. Our World is a very troubled place at this moment. Please think about coming along to pray together for peace and reconciliation.

COFFEE MORNING

After Mass, **next Sunday**, in St Bede's School Hall - an opportunity to catch up and socialise. All are welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

Places are available for September 2024. Open days: Tuesday 14th May 1:30-3:00 or Thursday 23rd May 9:30-11:00. For more information please telephone: 0191 2739063 All welcome.

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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

- Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street– part-time. Closing date: 1st May
- IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract.

Closing date: 6th May. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or ☎ 0191 243 3301.

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

Given by Professor Eamon Duffy - 'Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World' will be held at Holy Name Church, Jesmond, next Saturday, 4th May, 11.30am -12.30pm, followed by cold refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL

All welcome to a short prayer service (which includes a time of silence) at the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre, Corbridge Road, Medomsley, Co. Durham DH8 6QY, on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer at home. email Liz Archibald: lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

The next Discernment evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 7th May at 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or ☎: 01207 299 012.

DEANERY DAY OF REFLECTION

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Catechists, and anyone else who is interested. Saturday 25th May from 11.00am – 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's Primary School Hall, Balmain Road, Kenton, led by Fr Damian Cassidy O.Carm – "Become What You Have Received". Coffee from 10.30am. Bring a Packed Lunch. Booking & Enquiries: 0191 2841690, or pat.kennedy42@icloud.com Numbers would be helpful please. There will be a collection on the day. Please see Tony Hutchinson if you would like to attend.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

All are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on Saturday 29th June from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Bishop Stephen Wright will celebrate Mass at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free, with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. For bookings, please email Nicole: nsalkeld@ymt.org or ☎ 01207 592244.

5th Sunday of Easter *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing."* Has the Lord been inviting you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, but you have tried to cut yourself off from the vine? Why not explore what the Lord is asking of you? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk