

Masses, Devotions and Services

Sunday 18th June 2017	9.00am Mass	Jerome Thompson	Corpus Christi
	11.00am Mass	Intentions of Joseph McDermott	
	6.00pm Mass	People of the Parish	
Monday 19th June	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>St Romuald</i>
Tuesday 20th June	9.15am Mass	Fr Lawrence Jones	<i>St Alban, First Martyr of England</i>
Wednesday 21st June	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Thursday 22nd June	9.15am Mass	Pat and Leo Horrax	<i>SS John Fisher & Thomas More</i>
Friday 23rd June	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 24th June	10.00am Mass	Sr Margaret Haney SMR	<i>Nativity of St John The Baptist</i>
Sunday 25th June	9.00am Mass	Joshua and Maria Hedley	12th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	6.00pm Mass	Mrs C I Cole	

Devotions This Week

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	8.30am — 9.00am 10.30am—12noon	Monday to Friday Saturday
The Angelus	9.00am	Monday to Friday
The Rosary	9.40am	Saturday Morning
Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)	11.00am to 1200 noon	Saturday Morning
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

Ministries Next Week: 25th June 2017 - 12th Sunday of the Year

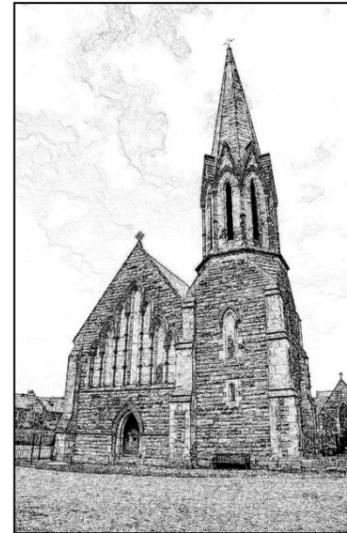
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	K Offen J Offen	V Shearer C Watson	G Snaith Chris Smith
Readers	R Higginbottom A Beattie	R Hunt B Cudd	Chris Smith C Rich
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J Conroy E Harber G Harber	V Shearer D Shearer E Dixon	M Illingworth L Edwards B Rich
Altar Servers	E Walker Barras M Laux M Watson	A Kinghorn L Kinghorn	J Dowd C Bradley
Children's Liturgy	Leader Clare Companion Sylvie		

Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington 01670 812200
Fr Lee Barrett, Cramlington 01670 712476	Fr Paul Jenkins, Ashington 01670 812200
Fr Oliver Keyes, Alnwick 01665 6020124	Fr Malcolm Cairns, Amble 01665 710252

The Pope's Intention for June

National Leaders: That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.



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18th June 2017 - Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Jesus

2,000 years ago on a Thursday evening Jesus ate what was probably a Passover meal with his disciples in the Upper Room. This meal was a memorial of how God had freed the Jewish people by liberating them from slavery and providing them with a promised land. During his meal Jesus told the disciples that from now on they were to eat this meal not in remembrance of Moses and the Exodus but in memory of him. For the bread that they would eat was his body that the next day would be nailed to the cross, and the wine that they would drink was his blood that on the same Friday would be shed on Calvary.

Today we Christians have a living memorial of that saving action of Christ. It is the Eucharist. Over the centuries Christians have never ceased to follow that command of Jesus at the Last Supper. They have gathered together, listened to God's word in the scriptures and then, when they have taken, blessed and broken the bread, they have shared communion by eating and drinking what Christ tells us is his body and blood. In this sacrament of the Eucharist Jesus is really present to those who receive him. His flesh is real food and his blood is real drink because both of them nourish, they sustain us and keep us spiritually healthy. As we eat and drink from the one bread and cup the Eucharist becomes a sign of the unity that we share and at the same time it also makes us one in Christ.

The Eucharist is food for our journey, medicine for our health and strength for our future. Not simply about the past and present it directs us towards two futures. The first future means that the Eucharist is a sign of our commitment to building up the kingdom of God here on earth. So receiving the Eucharist is not just an act of devotion; it commits us to action. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we pledge ourselves to playing our full part in the Church's work of bringing about a world in which justice, peace and holiness reign. And the second future is in the afterlife. The Eucharist is a pledge of the heavenly banquet that God has promised to those who listen to the voice of his Son. What we experience in the food of the Eucharist is a foretaste of an eternal feast with God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ allows us to thank God for this wonderful gift.





Please pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Father Doherty;

and for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection

Total Offertory £ 719.46. Thank you

Collections

There will be a Collection TODAY for the Day for Life, which is an annual Day of Prayer for us to acknowledge the respect and sanctity of all life from beginning to natural end; a collection for Peters Pence and the Support of the Holy See on Sunday 2nd July; and a Collection on 9th July for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea [Sea Sunday]

Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses each Sunday Everyone welcome.

Welcome

If you are new to our parish or are a visitor to Morpeth and attending our church this weekend, we hope you feel very welcome amongst us. If you are new, do we have your contact details? Email us with your details of address etc.

Parish Newsletter

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Pauline Chisholm on paulinmc2012@gmail.com or you can send an email to the parish office on morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery no later than 12pm on a Thursday.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The collection held on Sunday 7th May raised £762.20, and the Little Sisters of the Poor send their sincere thanks to all Parishioners for their generosity. The money raised will be put to very good use at Saint Joseph's Home in Newcastle for the benefit and care of their Residents.



Coffee Morning ... Saturday 24th June

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday 24th June from 10am—12pm. There will be Cakes, Raffle and Tombola. All welcome.

CWL Bonus Ball

This week's Bonus Ball winners receiving £25 with Bonus Ball No 2 were Therese Quincey and Anne Bruce. Congratulations. There are 4 more weeks to go - so there is still a chance that it could be you

Catholic Women League

The next CWL League meeting will be held on Monday 19th June. There is to be a talk by Graham Cook on "Off the Rail Kids", and has suggested that members with access to the internet could take a look at the website www.offtherailskids.com where a short video/interview of Graham can be seen on the Home Page which gives a good summary of the work he conducts.

Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's event so successful. The walkers, the marshals, the tea ladies and of course the sponsors. So far we have been given just over £700 in sponsor money, for the St. Robert's Restoration Fund. However, there are still a few donations to be received and of course if you have not had the opportunity to sponsor the walk please see Elphin or Elizabeth before the end of the month.

Church Cleaners

Keeping our church clean and tidy is important for us, and at the moment the church does look good. But to keep it this way we have a committed team of helpers. Could you join the teams of those who are already involved? How proud of your Church are you? Could you or your friends, or your family commit to joining a rota and helping out on a regular basis. Can you spare 2 hours once a month to assist with church cleaning. Please contact Elphin Conroy ☎ 01670 503 419. Thank you.

Minsteracres Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July, 11am to 4pm in Minsteracres Monastery grounds.

Renewal of Commitment

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, we ask all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come forward at Mass today to renew their Commitment to this important parish ministry.



Gerry's Sponsored Walk - thanks

Very many thanks to all who kindly sponsored Gerry Harber for his TGO Challenge Walk across Scotland. The total raised for Christian Aid, including that donated via the just-giving website, is £1,104.50. Thank you all

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

"Music for a Summer Evening"

'Crook and Weardale Choral Singers' are holding a Concert in St Robert's Church, Morpeth on Saturday 8th July beginning at 7pm until 8.30pm. It is a free concert, but there will be a Retiring Collection. They will be performing a selection of musical pieces from Mozart to John Rutter to Karl Jenkins. Everyone Welcome.



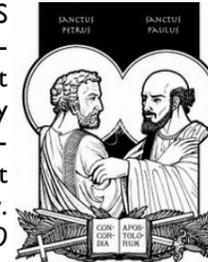
Area Partnerships

Our area Partnership is now known as the "Brinkburn Partnership", named after the 12th Century Augustinian Priory at Brinkburn, just north of Morpeth on the road to Rothbury, beside the River Coquet.

- ◆ Each partnership has to form a **Partnership Development Group** formed of all Parish Clergy in the Partnership and a lay Parish Representative, from each Parish Pastoral Council. Michael Quincey as Chair of our Pastoral Parish Council is the member for St Robert's Parish on the PDG. This Development Group also has to have school representatives and Mr David Sutcliffe will represent the First, Middle and Primary School of the Area and Mr Con Todd will represent the High School.
- ◆ Each partnership has to have a **Finance Committee** formed of the Parish Clergy and a Parish representative, and Matt Boyle, chair of our Parish Finance Committee has agreed to be our Parish Representative for this.
- ◆ Each partnership has to have a **Spirituality Network Group** and we are asked to have a couple of parishioners on this from each parish. St Robert's representatives for this are Mrs Chris Smith, Mrs Veronica Shearer and Mrs Elizabeth Dixon. We are very grateful to these parishioners for offering themselves.

Holyday of Obligation

Thursday 29th June is the Feast of SS Peter and Paul, and a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at St Bede's, Bedlington on Wednesday evening [28th June] at 7pm and Masses at St Robert's Church, Morpeth at 9.15am and 7.00pm on Thursday, 29th June. [Please note ... NO lunchtime Mass]



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next preparation meeting will be held on Thursday 20th July 2017 at St Bede's Church Bedlington at 6.30pm. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism who hasn't yet spoken to Fr Peter to complete Baptism forms should do so as soon as possible please.



Northumberland Area Listening Service

Sometimes we need someone to talk to or someone to listen. A free, confidential Listening Service for Northumberland has been launched. It is for those who wish to talk about issues such as loss & bereavement, stress & anxiety, family & relationship issues, parental difficulties, loneliness or other concerns. If you wish to access the Listening Service in Northumberland call 07732 980 740 to make an appointment to meet one of the trained listeners at various locations across Northumberland. More information is available on the notices available in our churches.

Diocesan Festival 2017

The 5th Diocesan Festival, with the theme "Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship" takes place on Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th June 2017 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. Booking forms are available either from the back of church or by download from the diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders

A Day of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Leaders will be held at Saint Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Saturday 8th July from 10.30am - 4.00pm led by Fr. Paul Jenkins O Carm. from Ashington. To attend contact: The Department for Liturgy, St. Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY Telephone 0191 243 3312 e-mail liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk. Cost £5.00. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.

Day of Recollection

Jesus invites each of us to step aside and leave ourselves in his hands. Sr Rosarie Spence will lead a day of recollection on prayer, enabling you to experience different ways of praying and gives you time for quiet personal prayer. This will be held on Saturday 8th July from 10am—3pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. If you would like to attend you can book online at: adultformationhn.eventbrite.com or contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk | 0191 243 3313

New Head of Education Department

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Head of the Department for Education following the retirement of Mr Joe Hughes later this year. Full details of the advert is available on the diocesan website rcdhn.org.uk

Bedlington Mass Times

Mass times at St Bede's are Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm; and Mass on Monday Wednesday and Friday at 10am. St Bede's Website has further details www.stbedesbedlington.co.uk

Notice from SPUC

In light of the media attacks on the pro-life stand of the Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition to defend the right of those in public life to uphold Christian principles. Parishioners can add their name to an online petition at www.spuc.org.uk.

Cards and Booklets

Please remember that we have a selection of cards for all occasions at the back of Church. More are available through the Parish Office from 9.30am—12pm each day during the week. There is also a selection of CTS Booklets on various topics for your reading.



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