

## Masses, Devotions and Services

Sunday 2nd July	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Helen and Douglas Cone	<b>13th Sunday of the Year</b>
	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	Fr Peter Stott Intentions (Anniv. Ord)	
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	Mrs C I Cole	
Monday 3rd July	<b>9.15am Service</b>	Service of Word and Communion	St Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday 4th July	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	Tracy Anderson	Weekday 13th Week (Ord)
Wednesday 5th July	<b>9.15am Service</b>	Service of Word and Communion	Weekday 13th Week (Ord)
Thursday 6th July	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	John McDonald	Weekday 13th Week (Ord)
Friday 7th July	<b>9.15am Service</b>	Service of Word and Communion	Weekday 13th Week (Ord)
Saturday 8th July	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Dorothy Marr	Weekday 13th Week (Ord)
Sunday 9th July	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Intentions of Fr Jim Doherty (AB)	<b>14th Sunday of the Year</b>
	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	Holy Souls	
	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	MR S E 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 12noon	Saturday Morning
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

### Ministries Next Week: 9th July 2017 - 14th Sunday of the Year

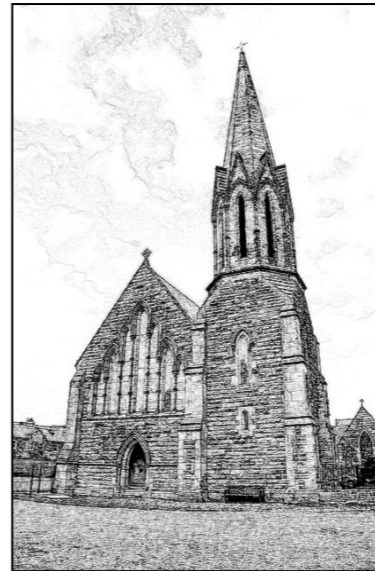
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
<b>Welcomers</b>	A Beattie A Roberts	E Dixon G Davison	G Snaith Chris Smith
<b>Readers</b>	K Wilson A Mitchel	K Glancey D Shearer	L Cole B Cole
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M Dewar D Dewar A Donaldson	M Beaton V Shearer R Soulsby	J Marshall D Butler S Smith
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E Walker-Barras C Cooper A Shepherd	A Kinghorn L Kinghorn	J Dowd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Leader – Tricia ; Companion - Nicola		

### Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington 01670 812200
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Fr Oliver Keyes, Alnwick 01665 6020124	Fr Malcolm Cairns, Amble 01665 710252

### The Pope's Intention for July

"....That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



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### Sunday 2nd July 2017 - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of some Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The broad advice is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway.

The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "... And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.





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 **£923.03**

### Collections

Today, 2nd July, there is a collection for Peter's Pence and the Support of the Holy See: 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 Mary on [fmbeaton@btinternet.com](mailto:fmbeaton@btinternet.com) or to the Parish Office on [morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Presbytery no later than 12pm on a Thursday.

### 1st Morpeth Brownies

1st Morpeth Brownies, based at St Robert's Church Hall, currently have a few spaces for September. Brownies are for girls aged 7-10 yrs, but you can join the waiting list at any age. To register/join the waiting list; just log onto [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and click on parents, register your daughter then select 1st Morpeth Brownies, Brownies meets on Tuesday evenings from 6pm—7.15pm. The cost is £15 per full term. For any queries please contact Sarah Watson on [Morpeth1sttawnyowl@outlook.com](mailto:Morpeth1sttawnyowl@outlook.com)

### New Chaplain

St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy recently appointed Josh Kelly, an RE teacher in Sunderland, as their new Lay Chaplain.

### 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](http://www.stbedesbedlington.co.uk)

### 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.

### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 3rd July at 7pm in the Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers. Would members who are going to Ushaw College on 18th July, please bring their payment for the outing to the meeting.



### Bonus Ball

The lucky winners of last week's Bonus Ball and a prize of £25 with No. 24 were Julie McMorro and Dorothy Smith. Congratulations. Only 2 more weeks left!

### Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk

Many thanks to everyone who supported and took part in the Seven bridges Sponsored Walk. The final amount raised is a magnificent £1001.50 which is excellent considering that there was only 20 walkers in total, But thanks to everyone who helped raise this for Parish Funds toward Restoration work.

### Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 26th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery.



### 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.



### Minsteracres Summer Fair

Minsteracres Passionist Monastery hold their Summer Fair on Saturday 8th July from 11am to 4pm in Minsteracres Monastery grounds. All welcome.

### 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.



**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY**

### 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](http://rcdhn.org.uk)

### 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.

### Safe Families for Children References

It seems that Safe Families for Children wont accept references from Fr Peter because he hasn't been resident at St Roberts for 24 months yet! And this is what they are asking for. Apologies for any inconvenience this might cause.

### 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](mailto: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](http://adultformationhn.eventbrite.com) or contact [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) 0191 243 3313

### Christian Aid Week results

The total raised throughout the town for Christian Aid week was £8,680 - a magnificent result. It is made up of £7,350 from the house-to-house collection, £215 from the plant and book stalls, £1,055 from sponsorship for Gerry's walk and £60 misc. Very many thanks to all who helped and contributed towards this sum.



### "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. We hope you will be able to com along and join in a free concert.



JOHN 11:27