

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 9th July	9.00am Mass	Intentions of Fr Jim Doherty (AB)	14th Sunday of the Year "Sea Sunday"
	11.00am Mass	Holy Souls	
	6.00pm Mass	Mr S E I Cole	
Monday 10th July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>Weekday, Wk 14, Yr 1</i>
Tuesday 11th July	9.15am Mass	Edward and Mary Tiernan	<i>St Benedict</i>
Wednesday 12th July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
Thursday 13th July	9.15am Mass	<i>No Intention</i>	<i>St Henry</i>
Friday 14th July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>
Saturday 15th July	10.00am Mass	Benefactors Mass (Lady Radcliffe and Family)	<i>St Bonaventure</i>
Sunday 16th July	9.00am Mass	Michael Hogan (A&KW)	15th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Special Intention (a dear brother and sister)	
	6.00pm Mass	<i>No Intention</i>	

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: 16th July 2017 - 15th Sunday of the Year

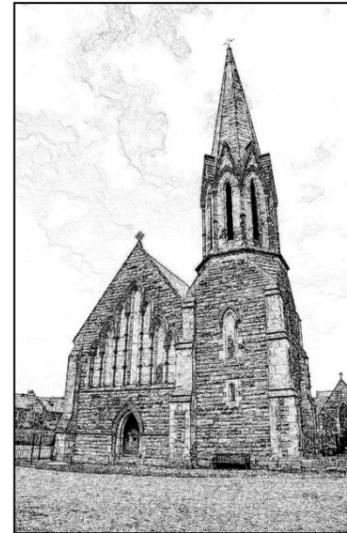
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	A Beattie A Roberts	V Shearer C Watson	G Snaith S Matthews
Readers	T Walker D Marr	V Shearer A Dawes	C Reardon T Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Gorman T McLaughlin A Mitchell	G Davison D Shearer E Dixon	M Illingworth L Cole B Cole
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras C Cooper A Shepherd	A Kinghorn L Kinghorn	J Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Leader – Tricia; Companion - Nicola		

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 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 9th July 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



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; who remains in the Whalton Unit following his accident; and for all

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

Offertory and Retiring Collections

Total Offertory **£923.82**; Standing Orders June **£2568.92**; Sick and Retired Priests **£620.84**; Little Sisters of the Poor **£762.20**; World Communications Day **£332.90**; Day For Life **£144.66**; Lay Training Fund **£462.80**; Peters Pence **£461.70**; APF Mill Hill **£654.30**. Many Thanks for your generosity.

Collection for Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for **Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)**, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Thank you.



Bonus Ball

The lucky winners of last week's Bonus Ball and a prize of £25 with No. 6 were Pat Fanning and Maura Illingworth. Congratulations to you both! Only 1 more week to go!

LEPRA Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning on Saturday 24th June which made **£240.00** (which included generous donations) towards the work of Lepra.



Sunday Morning 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 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.

1st Morpeth Brownies

1st Morpeth Brownies, based at St Robert's Church Hall, currently have a few spaces for September. To register/join the waiting list; just log onto 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 Morpeth1stawniowl@outlook.com

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 organize a Baptism who hasn't yet spoken to Fr Peter to complete Baptism forms should do so as soon as possible please.

Justice and Peace

There will be a meeting on Monday July 17th at 7pm in the Church Hall to discuss what we can do about Justice and Peace issues (refugees, poverty, CAFOD concerns etc). So far this year we have raised money for Mary's Meals, CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need – for which many thanks – but now we need ideas and offers of help to plan for future initiatives. Please come along if you can – no long term commitment necessary! For more information please contact Ace, Lynda, Maura or Mick (07841573768).

Petitions for Lourdes

We have a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church of offering petitions to Our Lady, and at Lourdes this tradition continues. If anyone would like petitions taking to Lourdes ... written prayers and requests for prayer, for yourselves, family, friends, world events, they should be placed into a sealed envelope and they can be handed to Fr Peter who will take them to Lourdes at the end of the month. There are also ten parishioners travelling on the pilgrimage who could also take these petitions. Candles can also be lit in Lourdes for an intention ... money can be placed into an envelope for candles and handed to Fr. Peter.



Mission Box Appeal

At the end of the month, we will have a Mission Box Appeal on behalf of the Mill Hill Missions and the Association of the Propagation of the Faith. One of the priests from the Mill Hill Missions will be present to make this appeal. This is not a money appeal, but an appeal to ask you to consider the importance of having a Red Mission Box in your home.



"Reach Out"

A special outreach event in our diocese will take place next Friday, 14th July, in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. During this outreach, volunteers will go out on the streets to invite people to come to a warm, welcoming Cathedral to light a candle, say a prayer and have a chat and receive God's mercy. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed will continue throughout the event. All are invited to come and pray during this time. Those who wish to go out onto the streets should attend a briefing meeting in the Cathedral Café at 6.45pm. Please come along and offer your support if you can. Thank you.

A Day of Reflection for Women

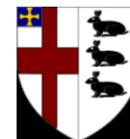
'Encounters with Grace: There is a Crack in Everything, that's How the Light Gets In' (Leonard Cohen). This is a day for women, with Sr Sheila McNamara, on Saturday 16th September 2017 from 10.30am-3.30pm at St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. No charge but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. Attendance at events can be booked online, by email or Tel. 0191 243 3313.

Brave of Heart – A Weekend Journey for Men

Come and find all that God has prepared for your masculine heart – inspiring and challenging talks, fellowship and sharing with other Christian men, walk in the Lake District and much more! Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July 2017. Cor et Lumen Christis, Wigton, CA7 9HU – Donation only event. To book or for more information: Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org or Tel 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.

Ushaw College Recital

David Ratnanayagam, Director of Music and Organist at St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington on Saturday 15th July at 4.30pm. Retiring collection. Refectory café open from 11.00am-5pm. The organ recital series promotes an eclectic range of music from the classical organ repertoire; from renaissance to baroque and romantic to twentieth century. The programme will include Mendelssohn – Sonata in D Major; J.S. Bach – Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor; Elgar – Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1.



Wansbeck Valley Foodbank

From their website "Throughout the past year Wansbeck Valley Food Bank has been able to supply something like 9,500 day's-worth of food to local residents. And if that figure is difficult to grasp then imagine that every day in 2016 twenty people received a full days supply of food which adds up to almost 30,000 meals! And what's more since January 2017 the increase in demand continues and currently we are on course to provide something like 36,000 meals this year. Now none of this could have been done without your help and generosity of food and funding but now a new and immediate challenge lies ahead." If you can help, they need: Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Tinned/Dried Potatoes, Tubs of Butter/Spread, Toilet Rolls, Custard, Cereal, Rice Pudding, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Jars of Jam, Pre-packed Cheese, Tinned Vegetables. Please see box in Church porch for any donations.



St Hilda's Resource Centre

Are there any housebound people in your area of the parish or in our Partnership who would like a trip out? Why not take someone along to the Resource Centre who has no transport or company ...

- to form an adult colouring club
- chat/create ... tea/coffee always available.
- a reading club; borrow read, share
- fancy having a parish away day,
- why not come along and visit St Hilda's facilities.

The staff at St Hilda's are looking for: bookcases, volunteers to ticket and sort books and act as 'welcomers' to people who call in and groups who use the facilities; some medium sized church/school benches to sit on out in nice weather: anyone who has the programme 'Catholic Alpha' preferably on DVD and is willing to lend it or preferably donate it to St Hilda's. We also have a private room, The Milburn Room' which holds old reference books, not for borrowing, but viewed by appointment. If anyone is doing any research, ring Pat Kennedy on 0191 243 3313. Diocesan website for opening times.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

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

Day of Reflection for Ministers

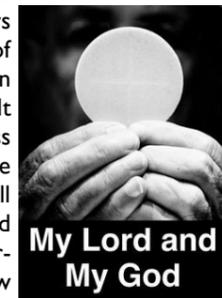
"Called to the Supper of the Lamb" is a Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to be led by Father Shaun Purdy, and held at Ushaw College on Saturday 9 September 2017 from 10.30am - 4.00pm. Early booking is recommended ... please contact Lisa in our Parish Office if you wish to attend.

Northumberland Area Listening Service

Sometimes we need someone to talk to or someone to listen. A free, confidential Listening Service for Northumberland is now available. 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.

National Eucharistic Congress 2018

Bishop Seamus recently wrote to all priests, "Next year, during three days 7th - 9th September, the dioceses of England and Wales will be holding an event called 'Adoremus' in Liverpool. It will be a National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage aimed to enliven our love of the Eucharist. We hope that it will provide opportunities, both before and after the event, to enhance our understanding and prayer and to explore how the Eucharist renews the Church and its Mission. It will act as a catalyst; helping us deepen our relationship with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoremus will also provide a special focus for those involved in Eucharistic Catechesis and Ministry. The main events will take place on Saturday 8th September with keynote speakers, presentations, a Congress Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. On Friday 7th there will be presentations particularly for those involved in Formation and Ministry. There will be special Masses in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday 9th with a large Eucharistic Procession through the streets of the city. Our diocesan participation in the Congress and Pilgrimage will be coordinated by Deborah Fox and Fr Adrian Dixon. We are hoping to use the new Partnerships to facilitate our involvement. Each diocese has been allocated a number of places to allow our people to take part in the event. These representatives are to act as ambassadors for us and to bring back to Hexham and Newcastle a vision of how we all might benefit from the event. In the time leading up to Adoremus, the representatives will be invited to meet together as a diocesan group. This will be to ensure that there is a real effect upon our parish communities.



In the near future every parish priest will receive a letter from the national organisers inviting you to participate.

- Numbers will be allocated to the Partnerships and the Deans will be asked to coordinate local arrangements.

It is important to help participants to attend especially on the Saturday though some delegates may wish to stay overnight in Liverpool to take part fully in all the events over the three days. We will ensure that young people drawn from across the diocese will form a special group attending Adoremus." Watch this space for further details.

Bedlington Mass Times

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