

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 16th July	9.00am Mass	Michael Hogan	15th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Private Intention (Dear Brother and Sister)	
	6.00pm Mass	No Intention	
Monday 17th July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>Weekday, Wk 15, Yr 1</i>
Tuesday 18th July	9.15am Mass	Denis and Ricard Lewin	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday 19th July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
Thursday 20th July	9.15am Mass	Arthur Thompson	<i>Weekday</i>
Friday 21st July	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday 22nd July		NO MASS	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>
Sunday 23rd July	9.00am Mass	Des McLaughlin	16th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Carmello Aiello	
	6.00pm Mass	Mr P Onono	

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)		Saturday 11am CANCELLED
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

Ministries Next Week: 23rd July 2017 - 16th Sunday of the Year

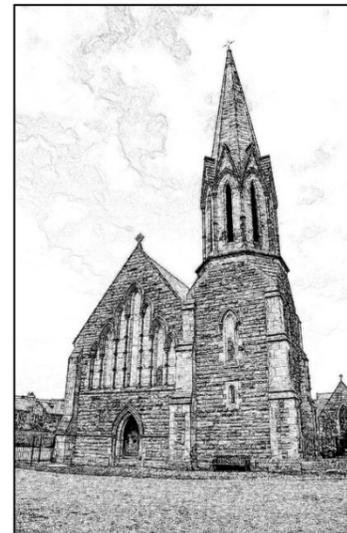
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	A. Beattie A Roberts	G Swift R Soulsby	Chris Smith S Matthews
Readers	H Lewington M Boyle	L Flinders B Lewins	J Gill D Oldroyd
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	N Givens A. Wilson A. Beattie	Cath Smith A Dawes M Beaton	T Edwards A. Smith L. Edwards
Altar Servers	E Boyle I Golding Douglass F Lawson	A Kinghorn L Kinghorn	P Smith G Butler
Children's Liturgy			

Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington 01670 812200
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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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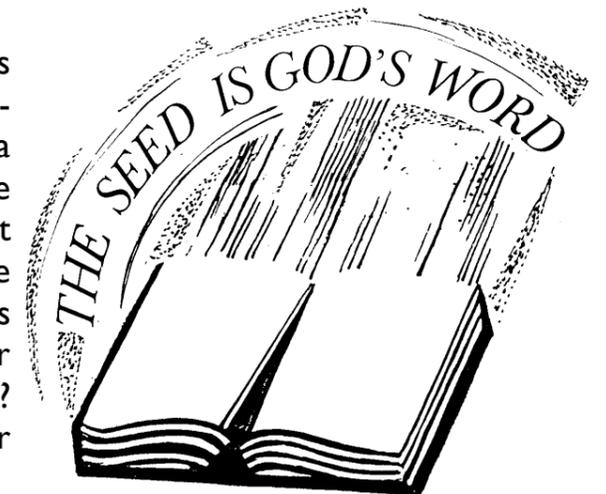
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Sunday 16th July 2017 - Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word.

The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?



It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.



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 **3959.92**

Collection for Sea Sunday

Many thanks to all who supported the Retiring Collection last week. We raised £334.83 for the Apostleship of the Sea, who work at ports around our county and throughout the world, reaching out to seafarers and their families.



Collection for Lourdes Nurses Fund

The Retiring Collection last week at the Saturday Evening Concert raised **£240.00** for the Lourdes Nurses Fund. Fr Peter has also received a further £130 from members of St Robert's Parish towards the Nurses Fund. Many thanks to everyone.

Bonus Ball

Week 10 of the Bonus Ball was No 25 and the lucky winners receiving £25 were Jack Brown and Ann McAllister. Congratulations to them both. This is the last result for now, as we are having a short Bonus Ball break, so sorry if you weren't a winner this time. Hopefully we will be back soon, so look out for details later in the year. The CWL would like to thank you for all your enthusiastic support and generosity for this Parish fundraiser and we are delighted to be giving Father Peter a cheque for **£690.00** towards Parish Funds.

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.

Whole School Mass

St Robert's First School will join us for Mass on Thursday morning, at 9.15am for the last Mass of the schools academic year, as they break up on Friday. St Bede's School will be present for Mass at St Bede's Church at 10am on Friday morning.

1st Morpeth Brownies

Spaces are available with 1st Morpeth Brownies, based at St Robert's Church Hall, 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 Morpeth1sttawnyowl@outlook.com

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.

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 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.



Saturday Mass and Confessions

Please note that there is **NO Mass and NO Confessions** on Saturday 24th July. Father Peter will be in Newcastle at the Ordination of a new priest for the Diocese.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Your prayers are asked for Rev Peter Stoddart who is to be ordained to the Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday 22nd July at 11am.

Volunteer Gardeners

We have several parishioners who voluntarily look after parts of our Gardens. Maureen McDougall has decided to stand down from her voluntary role and is hoping that someone else might take over the bits that she looks after. We thank her and all those who look after the little bits of garden that we have. If anyone is interested in helping out, please speak to Fr Peter

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.

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.



CWL Outing to Ushaw College

The CWL summer outing to Ushaw College is on Tuesday 18th July where we will be having a guided tour followed by afternoon tea. The coach will leave Morpeth at 12.30pm and will be arriving back into Morpeth sometime after 6pm. Please meet outside St Robert's by 12.20pm. Let's hope we don't need a brolly!

Bargain Sale in aid of Refugees

There will be a Bargain Sale after all Masses TODAY, outside the Church, weather permitting! Please try to so support, as all proceeds will go towards Ruhi Loren from Stobhill and her mission to raise £500 by August to take to the Greek island of Chios, where they have twice as many refugees as they can cope with. She also hopes to help the Yazidi women and children who have suffered so much at the hands of ISIS. Please support if you can. More information from Maura Illingworth.



St Hilda's Resource Centre

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

- to form an adult colouring club
- chat/create ... tea/coffee is always available.
- a reading club; borrow read, share
- fancy having a parish away day,
- why not come along and visit and sample 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. See website for opening times.

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.

Songs of Joy and Hope from Around the World

Minsteracres Retreat Centre, near Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 9ET. A weekend retreat from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2017. For information and Bookings call (01434) 673248 or e-mail info@minsteracres.org or see poster on Notice Board

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

