

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 6th August	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	The Transfiguration of the Lord
	11.00am Mass	Billy McDougall	
	6.00pm Mass	Nkiru Onono	
Monday 7th August	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Holy Communion</i>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 8th August	9:15am Mass	Lady Radcliffe, Thomas Radcliffe and Family	St Dominic
Wednesday 9th August	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Holy Communion</i>	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 10th August	9:15am Mass	Pat Lewin (90th Birthday) (AB)	St Laurence
Friday 11th August	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	St Clare of Assisi
Saturday 12th August	10.00am Mass	Bridget Davison	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th August	9.00am Mass	Dec Members of th McLaughlin Family	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11.00am Mass	Thanksgiving for blessings received (MMc)	
	6.00pm Mass	Mary Hartness	

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)	11am to 12 noon	Saturday Morning
Divine Mercy Devotions	7pm	Thursday Evening

Ministries Next Week: 13th August 2017 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

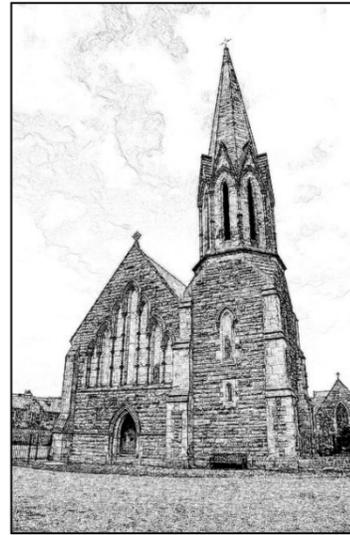
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	K Offen J Offen	G Swift R Soulsby	Chris Smith S Matthews
Readers	G Harber R Higginbottom	J Ratcliffe K Glancey	L Cole B Cole
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Bell E Harber H Lewington	E Dixon D Shearer V Shearer	A Smith L Cole B Cole
Altar Servers	I Golding-Douglass C Cooper	P Glancey	P Smith C Bradley

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 August

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



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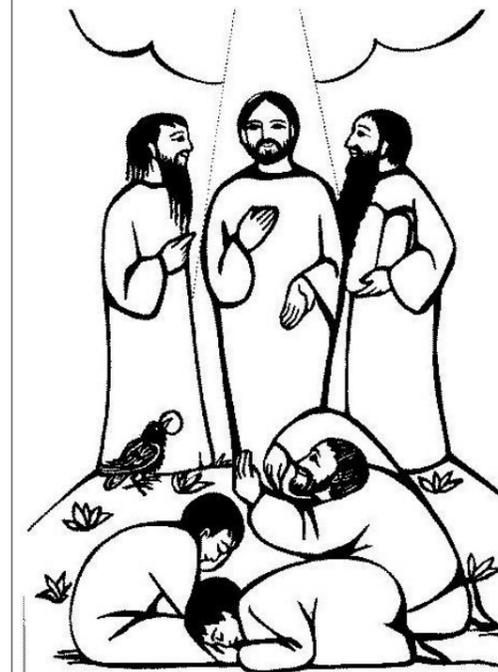
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Sunday 6th August 2017 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus is an excellent life mentor.

In today's gospel we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and gave them a glimpse of the glory they would one day share. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. Peter, eager to keep hold of the vision suggested erecting three tents! It wasn't such a silly idea, for although three tents could not hold the vision, Peter recognised the importance of keeping it, even if it was only as a memory. He recognised that the vision could motivate him from then on.



Professional life mentors and 'motivational speakers' could give us a few clues when it comes to staying motivated. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. People on a diet have a vision of themselves three stone lighter. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal, something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

We tend to think of visionaries as some kind of mystics, but a visionary is simply a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like.

With God's help, it's in us all!



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

Offertory Collections

Total Offertory £ 819.84

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.

Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee

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

Parish Newsletter

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Marian on marian@marinbell.f2s.com or 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.

Divine Mercy Devotion

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th August at 7pm in the church.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30 pm. We would welcome any prospective new members to join us there.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next preparation meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September at St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth at 7.30pm. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism who haven't yet spoken to Fr Peter to complete Baptism forms should do so as soon as possible please.



Reminder to all Ministers

Following the meeting earlier in the year, about what to do when coming forward onto the Sanctuary, it was said that there is no need for Ministers to kneel down prior to receiving Holy Communion both on Sundays and weekdays...

Simply come forward, bow to the Altar, come onto the sanctuary, stand alongside the altar and then receive Holy Communion.

Morpeth Churches Together



A service to celebrate what we do together as the churches in Morpeth will be held in the New Life Church at

7.30 on Sunday 24th September, (note the time change to kindly accommodate our Mass at 6pm). It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend who have an interest in working together ecumenically in the ministries to which God calls us.

Songs of Joy & 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



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 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

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.

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, 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.



Vocation Discernment

For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over)

Evenings of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. Various dates at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm - 8.30pm, please see poster. Further details are available from the Diocesan Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith, on 0191 2676063, or e-mail him at stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com



I call you friends

A course for catechists and teachers involved in sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Wednesday 20 September 2017 5.00pm - 7.00pm, St Cuthbert's House, Newcastle. The course costs £25 per person and **MUST** be booked through the school via the online booking system.

The content includes: Supporting children with special needs both pre and post communion; A guide to the programme; Sharing good practice and exploring resources.

Catechesis in the mission of the Church

A course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist involving 18 evening sessions led by a variety of speakers on a range of topics including vocation and identity, theology of the church, and specific instruction on individual sacraments. Time for prayer and reflection will be included in each session. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6.00pm - 8.00pm at St Aloysius Parish Hall in Hebburn (final dates to be confirmed).

Further details will be sent to parishes shortly. To register your interest, please contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313.