

## Masses and Services this week

Sunday 10th September	9.00am Mass	Ken and Eileen Percival	23rd Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Maureen Owens	
	6.00pm Mass	Molly McKee	
Monday 11th September	9.15am Service	Service of Word and Communion	
Tuesday 12th September	9.15am Mass	Jean Frances Clark	The Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday 13th September			St John Chrysostom
Thursday 14th September	9.15am Mass	George Beattie	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday 15th September			Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday 16th September	2.00pm Mass	<b>Nuptial Mass:</b> Orlough Grimes and Carl Davis	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian
Sunday 17th September	9.00am Mass	Lily & Pat McCafferty	24th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	6.00pm Mass	Holy Souls	

### 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	7.00pm	Thursday

### Ministries Next Week: 17th September 2017 - 24th Sunday, Year A

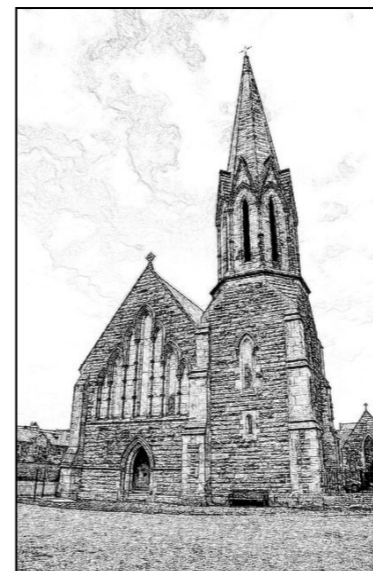
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
<b>Welcomers</b>	A Beattie A Roberts	V Shearer G Swift	G Snaith S Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	M Boyle H Lewington	J McClarence B Cudd	B Cole L Cole
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M Bell S Conroy A Mitchell	V Shearer D Shearer A Dawes	S Smith A Smith Chris Smith
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E Boyle I Golding Douglass C Cooper	P Glancey	J Dowd C Bradley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Leader:</b> Clare	<b>Companion:</b> Heather	

### Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Shaun Purdy, Ashington 01670 812200
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Fr Lee Barrett, Cramlington 01670 712476	Fr Oliver Keyes, Alnwick 01665 6020124

### 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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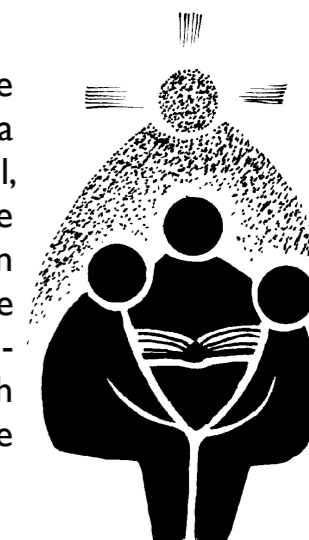
## Sunday 10th September 2017 - 23rd Sunday of the Year

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name...." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.





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 Fr Jim Doherty,

**Offertory Collections**  
Total Offertory **£1009.55**

### Education Sunday Collection

The theme of this year's Education Sunday, which we mark today, is 'Gathered in my Name', taken from today's Gospel. In this reading Jesus teaches us that wherever two or more are gathered in His name, that He is there among them. This passage has a special resonance for our Catholic schools, as we know that when children gather to learn and to pray, they are gathered in His name. On this day, it is important to give thanks for our teachers, support staff and volunteers, who work hard every day to ensure our schools are inclusive welcoming centres of learning. There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend for this.

### Aid to the Church in Need

There will be an Appeal at all Masses from a representative of "Aid to the Church in Need" on Sunday 17th September.

### 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 Pauline on paulinemc2012@gmail.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.

### A Joint Newsletter

The information in the newsletters of both St Robert's and St Bede's is very similar and it has been suggested that it would be a good idea to have one newsletter which gives the information for the two churches. Similarly, it has been suggested that a joint newsletter with Longhorsley should be investigated, and so making it a newsletter for all three parishes. So we are going to look into how we can make this work. In the light of partnerships, fewer priests and working more closely together with our neighbouring parishes, it seems to be a very positive move. We just have to work out the practical details of how it can be done.

### Hall Committee Meeting

The Hall Committee will hold their next meeting on Thursday 14th September at 10am in the Church Hall.

### Christian Aid Street Collection

The Christian Aid Street Collection takes place on 23rd September. 6 volunteers are needed to collect for one hour each between 9 am and 3pm, standing on our pitch on Bridge Street. Please put your name and phone number on the list in the church porch. Thank you!

### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 11th September, at 7:00pm, in the Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.

### Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. We would welcome anyone who may be thinking of joining the Society to come to this meeting to find out whether the work of the SVP is something they could do as part of their vocation to Help the Stranger. (Have you spotted the posters?)

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting is due to be held on Thursday 21st September at St Robert's Church Hall, at 7.30pm, but at the moment we do not seem to have any names ... if there are none this will be cancelled and the next meeting will be in St Bede's, Bedlington on 19th October at 6.30pm.

### Morpeth "Churches Together"

A service to celebrate what we do together as the churches in Morpeth, with a launch of "Churches Together" will be held in the New Life Church at 7.30pm on Sunday 24th September. 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. *[please note that the service has been put back to accommodate our 6pm Sunday Mass time for which we are very grateful]*

### Partnership Development Group Meeting

The new "Partnership Development Group" will next meet on Thursday 14th September at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley at 7pm.

### Partnership Finance Group

The new "Partnership Finance Committee" will meet on Thursday 28th September at St Aidan's, Ashington at 7pm.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 7pm, in the Presbytery. Items for the agenda should go to Father Peter ([morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk)) or the Chairman, Michael Quincey ([emkews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emkews@hotmail.co.uk))

### Coffee morning and Cake stall

There will be a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall on Saturday 7th October from 10am—12noon at St Robert's Church Hall, In aid of the Burns Project at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, (KCMC) Tanzania. Peter Smith will be travelling out again to work within KCMC in late October. He hopes to purchase much needed blood pressure and pulse oximetry equipment for the Burns Unit. Please support the event if you can. Thank you.

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Nigel Holmes, a former Anglican vicar was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Seamus in the Chapel at Bishop's House last Tuesday and he will be ordained a priest by Bishop Seamus at St Aidan's Church, Ashington on Tuesday 12th September at 7.00pm. We offer our prayers and best wishes to Nigel on this very important moment in his life of faith and we look forward to him celebrating Mass in the Partnership in the coming weeks and months.

### Pilgrimage to Poland April 2018

Fr Peter and Fr Chris at Hexham, are arranging a joint Parish Pilgrimage to Poland for 23rd – 30th April 2018. Full details are on the information sheet available: staying in Krakow for five nights and Czestochowa for two nights. A full programme is organised, with a coach included for journeys throughout the week of pilgrimage. Full information available from Fr Peter.

### Wedding Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulation to Julia Tym and Mark Stephenson who were married here at St Robert's on Saturday afternoon wish them many years of happily married life together. Please pray also for Orrough Grimes and Carl Davis whose Nuptial Mass will be celebrated here at St Robert's at 2pm next Saturday.

### Northumberland Area Listening Service

A free, confidential Listening Service for Northumberland is now available for those who wish to talk about issues such as loss & bereavement, stress & anxiety, family & relationship issues, parental difficulties, loneliness or other concerns. Call 07732 980 740 to make an appointment to meet one of the trained listeners

### Vocation Discernment

For those thinking about or feel they have a vocation to the Priesthood and who are aged 16 and over, evenings of prayer and reflection are organised, with an opportunity to listen to speakers, talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. Monthly meetings are being held, with the next one on Wednesday 20th September at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Please see poster in the Church porch for further details or contact the Diocesan Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith, on ☎ 0191 267 6063, or e-mail him at [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

### Catechesis in the Mission of the Church

This is a course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6.00pm - 8.00pm at St Aloysius Parish Hall in Hebburn (see full information for all dates). There is no charge for this course. Information leaflets now available from Lisa in the Parish Office.

### The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir

The Pearl Of Africa Children's Choir are touring the UK and will be visiting St Robert's school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. They will be working with the children during the day, then at 2.15pm there will be a performance in church to which parishioners are invited.

### Visit of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco, two of the little shepherd children of Fatima, will be present at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. This is part of the 100year anniversary of the 1917 Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. More info on the Cathedral website.

### Journey in Faith Group

Fr Peter has already met with a few people who have asked to join the Catholic Church and a journey in faith group will begin in a couple of weeks time. If there are others interested in joining this group with a possible view to being received into the Church, please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

### Apostleship of the Sea Mass

You are invited, by the Apostleship of the Sea, to Mass at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Friday 22nd September, followed by a Reception. An opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the Apostleship of the Sea in the ports of your diocese. For further information please contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

### Holy Shroud Exhibition

Between September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Church in Consett is hosting an interactive exhibition, 'The Holy Shroud', curated by Pam Moon. This exhibition is open to people of all Faiths and none. One of the purposes of the exhibition to tell the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Exhibition includes a full-size copy of the Shroud of Turin; original Roman nails; a replica scourge and Roman spear. There are also several information boards about the Shroud as depicted in History and in Art and details on the latest scientific research. There will be DVDs shown about the Shroud; a Quiz for children; refreshments and a small stall. Admission is free, donations welcome to cover costs. Opening times: 9am-4pm daily, plus two evening openings until 7pm. For more information contact Maggie Quinn 01207-506425

### Parish Christmas Fayre 2017

Sorry to be to be mentioning Christmas already but just to let everyone know that this year our Parish Christmas Fayre is going to be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We have booked both our Church Hall and the School Hall, so we should have plenty of room. Please start collecting for the usual stalls and activities but new ideas and suggestions are always welcome. If you have any ideas please see either myself, Andrea Mitchell 512281, or tell Father Peter or Lisa in the parish office. Let us try and make 2017 our best fayre yet!

### First Holy Communion preparation

If there are any children, in Year 4, who do not attend St Robert's First School, but go to another school and who are hoping to celebrate the First Holy Communion during this school year, parents are asked to contact Fr Peter as soon as possible, as we are to begin planning the preparation for next year very soon.

### Job Vacancies in the Diocese:

Cathedral Outreach Co-ordinator – St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract.  
Children's Ministry Co-ordinator – Durham Martyrs, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract.  
Administrator – St Joseph, Stanley, St Patrick, Dipton and The Sacred Heart, Byermoor, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.  
Cleaner – St Augustine, Darlington, 14 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.  
Cleaner – St Anne, Sunderland, 3 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.  
Youth Ministry Trust – Director of Operations Vacancy - to provide overall leadership to all its activities at the Emmaus (Youth) Village and across the Diocese. 30 hours per week, 2 year fixed term contract.  
For further information on any of these vacancies please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Divine Mercy Devotions

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th September at 7pm in the church.