

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 1st October	9.00am Mass	Helen and Douglas Cone	26th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Holy Souls	
	6.00pm Mass	Sir Henry Lawson (Snr)	
Monday 2nd October	9.15am Service	<i>Word and Communion Service</i>	<i>The Guardian Angels</i>
Tuesday 3rd October	9.15am Mass	Fr Lawrence Jones	Weekday
Wednesday 4th October	9.15am Service	<i>Word and Communion Service</i>	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
Thursday 5th October	9.15am Mass	Michael Ibbetson	Weekday
Friday 6th October	9.15am Service	<i>Word and Communion Service</i>	<i>St Bruno</i>
Saturday 7th October	10.00am Mass	Mr & Mrs Caira	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sunday 8th October	9.00am Mass	Eilis & Charley Glancey	27th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	In Thanksgiving (RS)	
	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)	11am to 12 noon	Saturday Morning
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

Ministries Next Week: 8th October 2017 -

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	K Offen J Offen	E Dixon G Davison	Chris Smith G Snaith
Readers	R Higginbottom A Beattie	A Dawes B Lewins	C Rich Chris Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	N Givens A Wilson K Wilson	G Davison Cath Smith M Beaton	T Edwards B Rich L Edwards
Altar Servers	E Walker Barras I Golding Douglass F Lawson	Abigail Kinghorn Luke Kinghorn	D Dowd C Bradley

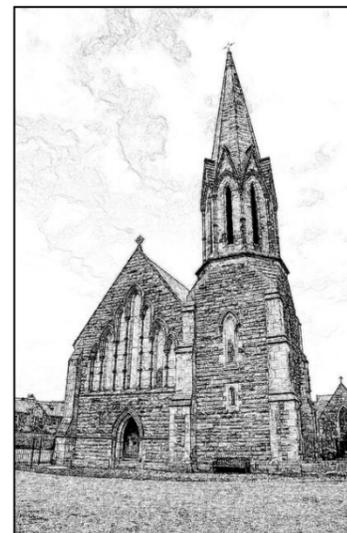
Children's Liturgy Leader: **Amy** Companion: **Sylvie**

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Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Shaun Purdy, Ashington 01670 812200
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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 1st October 2017—26th Sunday of the Year

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get round to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty left that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle to escape repetitive behaviours only to face the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change





Please pray for: The spread of the Gospel; Harvest; The fruits of Human Work; The reverent use of creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Fr Jim Doherty,; for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection
Total Offertory **£864.76**

Aid to the Church In Need Appeal

Many thanks to those who supported the Aid to the Church in Need Appeal recently. The total amount over the weekend that was raised amounted to **£1040.34**, from donations and sales of products (£192.21 from St Bede's Church and £843.13 from St Robert's Church). Mike Collins has written to express his thanks, for "this amazing and generous response, which will make a difference in supporting the suffering and persecuted Church around the world".



CAFOD Fast Day

CAFOD Fast Day is Friday 6th October. CAFOD is the Catholic Churches agency for England and Wales that supports work in countries throughout the world for those in need and it is important for us as a catholic community to support CAFOD's work and the work of CARITAS. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this weekend and if you wish to make a contribution, please return them next weekend, when there will be a special collection.



Society of African Missions Appeal

There will be a Mission Appeal next weekend for the Society of African Missions. This is the Annual Mission Appeal when the Bishop gives permission for a Mission Society to come into the diocese to promote their missionary work. We look forward to welcoming Fr W Krzempek SMA next weekend.



Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is celebrated on Sunday 22nd October and there will be a collection that weekend for 'Missio' - the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of the Pontifical Missions Societies.



Christian Aid Street Collection

Many thanks to our small band of volunteers who collected for Christian Aid last Saturday, and to all who contributed to the collection. The total raised was **£690** which Christian Aid will use to change the lives of many people around the world. Thank you very much.



Christian Aid Ceilidh

The annual Ceilidh will be held in St George's Church Hall on Saturday 14th October from 7.30pm to 10pm, dancing to "St George's URC Band" and including also a bar and a raffle. Tickets are £5 for adults, and £2.50 for children, and are available from Gerry Harber. Please see notice boards for details. Come and have fun and support Christian Aid while doing so!

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 Beaton on fmbeaton@btinternet.com or alternatively emailed 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm. We would welcome anyone who may be thinking of joining the Society to come to the meeting to find out whether the work of the SVP is something they would do as part of their vocation to Help the Stranger. (Have you spotted the posters?)



Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball will start again next weekend ... all numbers have now been sold so many apologies if you missed out this time. The Bonus Ball begins with the draw next Saturday on 7th October and last for 10 weeks. There will be a prize of £25 for the winning Bonus Ball number. Proceeds will go towards parish funds

Coffee morning and Cake Stall

There will be a Coffee Morning with a Cake Stall on Saturday 7th October, from 10am—12noon in 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 Tanzania 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.



Celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

October is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary and Saturday 7th October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate the Feast, the new Partnership Spirituality Network have organised their first event, with a special focus on the Rosary with a Service at St Bede's. Tea at 3pm, and then a reflective and prayerful Scripture Rosary with Benediction. Please try and come along.



Journey in Faith Meetings

The Journey in Faith meetings begin once again on Thursday 5th October. We will begin at 7pm, in the Presbytery, (depending on numbers) and each meeting will last for 1½ hours. We will meet every two weeks. This year we will be following a programme called "Focus on Faith" which will hopefully help us do just that!! We invite those who are seeking to know more about their faith, those who wish to become Catholic and also those who are Catholic who want to know a little more.



Rosary and Procession

St Aidan's Church at Ashington is celebrating the Rosary and a Procession in honour of **Our Lady of Fatima**, on Sunday 8th October at 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Pilgrimage to Poland 2018

Many forms have already been handed out and bookings for the Pilgrimage for next April, are coming in quickly. Those who have taken a Booking Form are advised to send them in to Tangney Tours (address on Booking Form) as soon as possible, to make sure that you secure your place.

Liturgy and Worship Group

The next meeting for the Liturgy and Worship Group to meet will be on Thursday 12th October at 7pm in the Presbytery. This group meets to try and coordinate all that happens concerning Liturgy and Worship so we invite representatives of all who are involved in providing liturgy and worship (inc Music) for the parish and all interested in parish ministry to come along to that meeting. Advent and Christmas is soon approaching so we need to think what we are going to do to mark these special seasons of the church.

Greetings Cards

We now have a new stand at the back of church to display our extended range of greetings cards. Please have a look at the variety that is available. Because we now have a dedicated stand for cards, we are able to use the CTS wall stand solely to display books and give a greater choice. Please put money for cards and books in the box on the wall beside the card stand. A small selection of books are available in large print, please contact Bernadette Rich if you are interested

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards will be on sale after each Mass on the following Sundays - **October 15th, November 5th and December 3rd**. Some Christmas cards will be put on the card stand at the back of Church in between these dates. There will be boxes, packs and individual cards on sale. We also have some Christmas CTS books, candles and diaries. Please pop into the Hall after Mass and take a look.

Catholic Truth Society

We have a wide range of CTS leaflets available on the rack at the back of Church and we are able to order other titles if you know what you're looking for. Please see Bernadette Rich or Fr Peter. There are also copies of postcards from the CTS available in Church explaining that many of the CTS classic titles are now available to download as eBooks. Pick up a postcard today to find out how to explore the CTS eBook collection.



"Developing Discipleship"

This weekend the focus for our Parishes, Partnerships and Diocese is "Developing Discipleship". There will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus, which will be read out at all Masses, and leaflets and postcards are available in Church for you to take away and read. We have been sent five copies of a new document, "Developing Discipleship: A diocesan Approach to Renewing our Mission and Vision" and these are available from the Parish Office, but it will also be available online this week on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk

Partnership Spirituality Network

The next meeting of the Partnership Spirituality Network will be held at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Monday 23rd October at 10.30am.

Partnership Finance Group

The next meeting of the Partnership Finance Group will be held on Thursday 19th October at 7pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley.

First Holy Communion preparation

Our preparation for our children for First Confession and First Holy Communion will begin in a few weeks time. As part of the preparation we ask parents of those children eligible in Year 4, to complete the paperwork that is being handed out from St Robert's School. If there are any children in other years, eg Yrs 5, 6, or 7 who have missed previous years or children who attend a different school, please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible. Preparation this year will take place after the Sunday 9am Mass.



Parish Christmas Fayre - Saturday 2nd December

Christmas seems a long way off but it is October already and it will be time for our Fayre before we know it! There is now a sheet at the back of church for people to sign up; if you would like to organise or help with a stall or activity, Andrea has given some suggestions of stalls that have been included in the past, but new ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Some people who have run stalls in the past may not be able to do it this year, so if you have not been involved before, please consider helping. It's a fun day for all the family! If you have any questions please get in touch with Andrea Mitchell, on 512281. Thank you! Andrea looks forward to hearing from you, as we try and make 2017 our best Fayre yet!

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

Holy Shroud Exhibition

Between September 29th and October 6th St. Patrick's Church in Consett is hosting an interactive exhibition, "The Holy Shroud". One of the purposes of the exhibition is 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

Pauline Books & Media Vacancy

There is a vacancy at Pauline Books and Media Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral for a Part-time Assistant (26hrs/wk). The successful candidate should have an open and friendly personality, enjoy working with the general public and with a well established and competent team of women committed to the ministry of Pauline Books & Media. Basic computer skills, flexibility, initiative, good communication skills as well as the ability to relate well with people are important qualities for this position. An involvement and interest in Christian faith and in particular The vision and ministry of the Catholic Church would make this position interesting and fulfilling. A Driving Licence is necessary for this position. For an application form email: angelagrantsp@yahoo.com or write to Sr Angela Grant Pauline Books & Media, Clayton St West, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5HH Closing date for applicants 5th October 2017



Walsingham Trust Vacancy, National Shrine Walsingham

The Walsingham Trust wishes to appoint a Development Officer, responsible for: the promotion of the Shrine, Communications related to the Development Office, Fundraising events, administration of the donor database, prospect research, and other related responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Director of Development, Assisting in the project management of the capital projects. Full Job Description available by emailing "hr@walsingham.org.uk". Applications need to be submitted by 5pm on Friday 6th October 2017.

St Bede's Silver Jubilee

St Bede's Church, Bedlington are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the opening of their "new" church. Bishop Seamus Cunningham will be there to celebrate Mass to mark the occasion on Friday 20th October at 7.00pm and parishioners from St Roberts and throughout the partnership are warmly invited to join with them. Refreshments will be available after the Mass.

Altar Servers

For several years Amy Boyle has organized our Altar Servers, led training, prepared the weekly rotas and generally organized them all. She has now handed this role over to John Kinghorn. We thank Amy for her work in this important part of our parish ministry. We thank John for agreeing to take on this role. We are always very happy to welcome new Servers, so if there is anyone, young people especially, wanting to get involved, please speak to Fr Peter or John Kinghorn.



Diocesan Altar Servers Mass

There is to be a Diocesan Altar Servers Mass on Saturday 4th November at 11am. Servers are asked to wear their Albs if attending. Parishioners and parents are most welcome to join in this celebration of dedicated service to the altar. Those wishing to go are asked to let the organizer know by 13th October [Marc Besford, 5 Haddon Road, Billingham, Cleveland, TS23 2EQ Telephone: 07910777155; Email: marcbesford91@gmail.com; Website: www.guildofststephen.webs.com]



Annual Mass Count

We have to take the Annual Mass every year, over four weekends. This will begin next weekend on 7th/8th October. These figures are then sent into Bishop's House for the Annual Statistical Return.



"Light in the Darkness"

There will be a Service for those who mourn the loss of a child, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Sunday 5th November 2017 at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Faith Journey Talk by Bill Huebsch

On Thursday 26th October, Bill Huebsch will be visiting the Diocese and leading a day on his most recent book, "The Art of Accompaniment." There is no charge for the day but should you wish to have a light lunch there is a charge of £10. Lunch bookings must be made in advance, and payment will be collected at the point of registration on the day by diocesan staff. The day will run from 10.30am to 4.00pm at the Sunderland Marriott Hotel, Sunderland. Booking is essential and can be made by contacting the Department for Spirituality. Telephone 0191 243 3302 | email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Youth Sunday Preparation

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's Academy, Hebburn on **Sunday 8th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm**. This year's theme is 'YES' inviting us to reflect on how Mary, as a young person, had the faith and courage to say 'Yes' to what God was calling her to do. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Booking forms are in parishes or available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

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 (see full information for all dates). There is no charge for this course. Booking forms and information will be available in parishes from the beginning of September and are also available on the website www.rcdhn.org.uk. For further information, please contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

- Deputy Head of the Department for Education – full time, term-time
- Administrator, Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation - full time, fixed term contract until Aug 2019
- HR Administrator, Department for Finance, 15 hours per week

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)