

## Masses and Services this week

Sunday 8th October	9.00am Mass	Eilis and Charley Glancey	27th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	In Thanksgiving (RS)	
	6.00pm Mass	Mr P Onono	
Monday 9th October	9.15am Service	Word and Communion Service	Blessed John Henry Newman
Tuesday 10th October		<b>No Mass / No Service</b>	St Paulinus of York
Wednesday 11th October	10.45am Mass	<b>REQUIEM MASS: Dorothy Black</b>	St John XXIII
Thursday 12th October	9.15am Mass	No Intention	St Wilfrid
Friday 13th October	9.15am Service	Word and Communion Service	St Edward the Confessor
Saturday 14th October	10.00am Mass	No Intention	Weekday
Sunday 15th October	9.00am Mass	Sheila Brown	28th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	6.00pm Mass	Intentions of Fr Doherty	

### 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: 15th October 2017 - 28th Sunday of the Year

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
<b>Welcomers</b>	A Beattie A Roberts	C Watson R Soulsby	Chris Smith S Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	M Murray A Gorman	R Hunt C Mills	D Butler S Smith
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	A Beattie T Walker J Conroy	A Dawes R Soulsby D Shearer	A Smith Chris Smith M Illingworth
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E Boyle, A Shepherd G Sykes	A Kinghorn P Glancey	J Dowd C Bradley

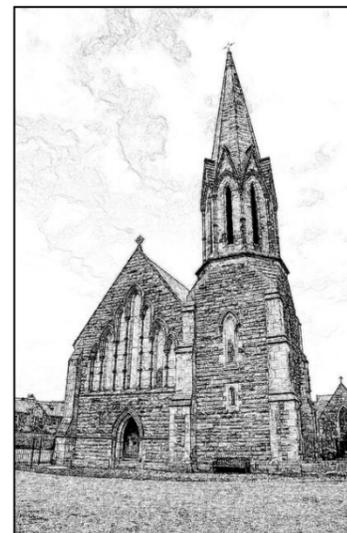
Children's Liturgy **Leader:** Lisa **Companion:** Heather

#### Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

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#### The Pope's Intention for October

Workers and the Unemployed: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



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### Sunday 8th October 2017—27th Sunday of the Year

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.



What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.



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 especially **Dorothy Black**, of Northlands

Nursing Home whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St Robert's at 10.45am on Wednesday, followed by Cremation at Blyth; **Father Michael Conaty**, Parish Priest of St Anthony's, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, who died on Thursday aged 84 years, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Friday 13th October at 12.05pm; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### Offertory Collection – 1st October

Total Offertory £926.65

Standing Orders for September: £2,598.92.

#### 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](mailto:fmbeaton@btinternet.com) or alternatively emailed to the parish office on [morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Presbytery no later than 12pm on a Thursday.

#### Society of African Missions Appeal

There will be a Mission Appeal this 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 Wencelas Krzemppek SMA to our Church. The Retiring Collection today will be for the work of the Society of African Missions.



#### CAFOD Fast Day

CAFOD Fast Day was marked on Friday. 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 should be returned this 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.

#### Storm Damage to Church Roof

During the strong winds on Monday morning, the Church suffered some damage as one of the stone crosses was blown loose of its fixings, resulting in it smashing down into the new slate roof. There is damage to the new slate roof of the Sacristy and damage to the new Sanctuary roof on the field side. Fortunately no-one was hurt when the cross fell down. Scaffolders will be erecting scaffolding in the next few days so that workmen can have access to the areas that need repair. We are reassured that the repairs will be covered by the Parish insurance.



#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 9th October in the Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.

#### 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

We have ordered a selection of religious Christmas Cards and we will have the first sale after each Mass next Sunday, **October 15th**, and then also on **November 5th** and **December 3rd**. 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. Some Christmas cards will be put on the card stand at the back of Church in between these dates.

#### Soup and Sweet Lunch

We are holding a Lunchtime Soup and Sweet on Saturday 28th October at 12noon in aid of the Lourdes Hospitalité Fund. This fund is used by the Lourdes Hospitalité to assist the elderly and sick pilgrims who go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, to buy medical and nursing items that will assist in the care of sick pilgrims and also to purchase specialised "promoves", that enables the helpers to move disabled people from a wheelchair into a seat on an aircraft, or in the Hospital in Lourdes. All proceeds will help with this. Tickets available from Elizabeth Dixon (☎ 516584) or Elphin Conroy (☎ 503419) at a cost of £5.00.

#### Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 1st November 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 your spotted the posters?)



#### 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 for 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!

#### Christmas Fayre Bottle Stall

The SVP will be running the Bottle Stall at the Christmas Fayre and would welcome donations of bottles. Please either hand them to a member of the SVP or leave them in the Presbytery marked for the Bottle Stall. Please bring them soon – don't delay. Thank you.

#### Children's Liturgy Leaders needed

Would you like to become a Children's Liturgy leader or companion? We currently need more people to help and support our Children's Liturgy. It would typically require your time at 9am Mass on a Sunday morning, every 5 to 6 weeks. We have a rota which is flexible to suit everybody's commitments. Please contact Lisa Coen on ☎ 07718918253 or email ✉ [lisacoen1972@icloud.com](mailto:lisacoen1972@icloud.com)



#### 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!

#### Journey in Faith Meetings

The Journey in Faith meetings have begun and the next will be held on Thursday 19th October at 7pm. This year 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**, TOMORROW, 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.

#### 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.



#### Liturgy and Worship Group

The next meeting for the Liturgy and Worship Group 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.

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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

A few of our Altar Servers has decided to stand down so we would like to invite some other young people to volunteer for this special ministry. Servers should have celebrated their First Holy Communion. If anyone would like to serve 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](mailto:marcbesford91@gmail.com); Website: [www.guildofststephen.webs.com](http://www.guildofststephen.webs.com)]

#### Annual Mass Count

We have to take the Annual Mass every year, over four weekends. This will begin today. 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

#### Parish and Partnership YMT Co-Workers

Before Partnerships came into existence, the former Deanery had parish representatives who liaised with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team and coordinated YMT events in the Deanery and local parishes. St Robert's hasn't had anyone in this role since Andrew O'Neill moved away. With the launch of the new partnerships, YMT are trying to relaunch this support group in the new partnerships. If anyone would like to consider doing this, or wants a little bit more information, please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible. The next meeting for this group is on Thursday 19th October, so it would be good if someone was willing to take on this role by then.

#### The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme

The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme is due to be launched once again for the current Academic Year. The local Partnership Coordinator, Mr Arthur Mitchell will be going into St Benet Biscop Academy on Tuesday 10th October to give a presentation about this award. There may be young Catholics in other High Schools who may be interested in taking parts in this Award Scheme. If interested, please contact Fr Peter or Bernadette Rich, our Parish Coordinator for the award. More information on <http://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/hexham-and-newcastle/>

