

## Masses and Services this week

Sunday 29th October	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	30th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Mae and Edward Tiernan	
	6.00pm Mass	Mr SEI Cole	
Monday 30th October	9.15am Service	Word and Communion Service	Martyrs of Douai College
Tuesday 31st October	9.15am Mass	Neville Edwards	Weekday
Wednesday 1st November	12.30pm Mass	Priest's Intention People of the Parish	All Saints Holyday of Obligation
	7.00pm Mass		
Thursday 2nd November	9.15am Mass	CWL—FF	All Souls
Friday 3rd November	9.15am Service	Word and Communion Service	St Winifride/St Martin de Parres
Saturday 4th November	10.00am Mass	Alan Smith	St Charles Borromeo
Sunday 5th November	9.00am Mass	Helen and Douglas Cone	31st Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Veronica Leyland	
	6.00pm Mass	People of the Parish	

### 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 (2nd November)	Thursday

### Ministries Next Week: 5th November 2017 - 31st Sunday of the Year

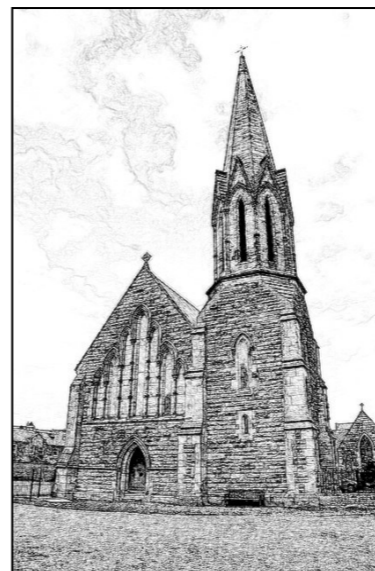
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
<b>Welcomers</b>	K Offen J Offen	G Swift V Shearer	Chris Smith S Matthews
<b>Readers</b>	J Offen M Boyle	V Shearer A Dawes	D Oldroyd J Gill
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	A Mitchell M Dewar D Dewar	R Soulsby D Shearer G Davison	T Edwards M Illingworth L Edwards
<b>Altar Servers</b>	E Walker Barras A Shepherd G Sykes	A Kinghorn P Glancey	J Dowd C Bradley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Leader: Ruth	Companion: Callum	

#### 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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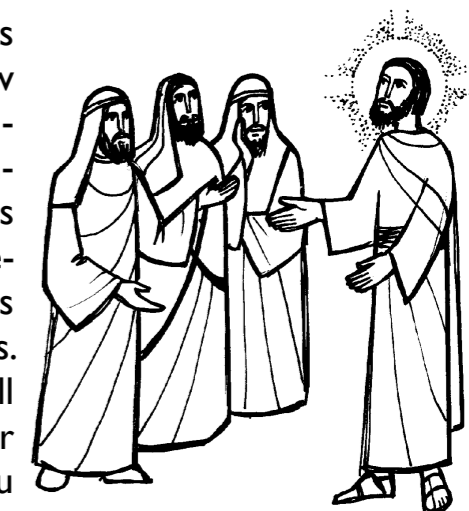
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### Sunday 29th October 2017—30th Sunday of the Year

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, “All you need is love...,” but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” It's another ‘loaded’ question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”



It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. “It's easy....” sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.



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 – 22nd October**  
Total Offertory £969.72.

**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**

Please e-mail newsletter items to Marian on marian@marianbell.f2s.com or the parish office on morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery by 12pm on a Thursday.

**Mission Sunday**

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection of £395.85. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755.



**Holyday of Obligation—All Saints**

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday 31st October at 7.00pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington; and Mass on Wednesday 1st November at St Robert's at 12.30pm and 7.00pm.



**Feast of All Souls**

Mass to pray for the Souls of All the Faithful Departed on the Feast of All Souls, Thursday 2nd November, will be celebrated at 9.15am.

**Partnership Service of Remembrance**

Our Brinkburn Partnership has arranged for a Service of Remembrance to be held at St Robert's Church on Friday 17th November at 7.00pm. This will give all parishioners in or partnership parishes the chance to come together to remember our deceased loved ones. Everyone welcome.

**Prayers for the Faithful Departed.**

Envelopes are available throughout the month of November for you to pray for the Holy Souls. Place an offering in an envelope and place in the basket which will be brought forward at Mass each day.

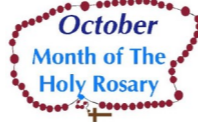
**Rosary and Blessing of Graves**

Fr Peter invites you to join him for Rosary for the Deceased Relatives, Friends and Parishioners and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 12th November at 3pm at St Mary's Cemetery; and at 3pm on Sunday 19th November at Fairmoor Cemetery.



**October the month of the Rosary**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima where she asked people to pray the Rosary for world peace. Can you spare 15 minutes to pray the Rosary in October for peace in the world?



**Clergy Training Fund**

There will be a Pastoral Letter today for the Clergy Training Fund and a Retiring Collection for the Fund, which also remains open for four weeks. Gift Aid envelopes available for those who wish to use them for donations if you are a taxpayer.

**“ 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.

**Divine Mercy Devotion**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

**Youth Coordinator Vacancy**

The Brinkburn and Heavenfield partnerships of Northumberland are seeking to appoint a new Youth Coordinator for a period of three years. Full details of the vacancy are available on the Diocesan website... [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). Closing Date for applications is 6th November. Please pray that we might be able to appoint the most appropriate person for the work necessary.

**CWL Bonus Ball**

The third draw of the Bonus Ball was number 32 and the lucky winners receiving £25 were Deacon Stephen and Mick Quinn. Congratulations to both.

**First Holy Communion preparation**

There will be a special Mass of Commitment for our children who are beginning their Sacramental preparation at the 9am Mass on 12th November. We also ask for Prayer Partners.

Could you be a Prayer Sponsor for one of the children preparing to receive the Sacraments this year. It is a great way for the Parish to support the children. There is a list in Church for you to put your name to show your support for these children.



**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting takes place at St Robert's Church on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Any parent wanting a child to be baptised is asked to speak to Fr Peter to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

**Partnership Development Group**

The next Meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held on Thursday 16th November at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, Amble at 7pm.

**DBS (Safeguarding) Checks**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has asked that we carry out routine checks of DBS forms, some of which are very overdue. The safeguarding team will be at all Masses on Sunday 29th October to contact as many people as possible. If you are enrolled on the DBS online service please make a note of this, along with your email address, on the completed form. It is also important the Safeguarding Office of the Diocese knows of any other organisations to which you belong, e.g. SVP, Lourdes Pilgrimage helper. When completed please give to one of the safeguarding team, Anne Dawes, Veronica Shearer, Mary Beaton or drop into the parish office.

**Journey in Faith Meetings**

The Journey in Faith meetings have begun and the next will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm.



**Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December**

Our Parish Fayre will be held on Saturday 2nd December. Many Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help at the fayre. If you are still thinking about helping there is still time we need a volunteer for the jewellery stall. If you are new to the parish helping at the fayre is a good way to get to know people and is not a huge commitment and is always good fun. The fayre runs from 10am until 2pm on the 2nd December, we start setting up about 9am and are usually all cleared up by 3pm. If you cannot manage the whole day you might think about putting your name down just to help for a few hours during the day. From this weekend there will be a box in the porch to leave contributions for the tombola and other stalls. If you have any questions please get in touch with Andrea Mitchell 512281. Thank you.

**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.

**Christmas Fayre – Raffle Prizes**

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle (it must be something new!) please see Anne Beattie, Christine Watson or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards**

We will have a Christmas Cards sale on **November 5th** and **December 3rd**. There will be a wide selection of cards on sale.

**Readers Evening of Prayer**

We have been asked to provide a period of prayer for those who read at Mass (*the same as we did for our Extraordinary Ministers earlier in the year*). This will be held on Monday 13th November at 7.00pm in Church. There will be a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for approximately 30 / 35 minutes and then a period to ask questions about this ministry.



**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 Christian vocation.



**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)



**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

**The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme**

The Pope John Paul II Award Scheme is being launched once again for the current Academic Year. If there are any young Catholics in High School who may be interested in taking part in this Award Scheme, please contact Fr Peter or Bernadette Rich, our Parish Coordinator for the award.



POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

**New Monastery of Our Lady of Hope at Minsteracres**

The new monastery offers the advantage of a room for one person to spend a day or a few hours in solitude and prayer with access to the monastic chapel. Available from 9.30am to 5pm. Booking necessary. Coffee and tea available you are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Donation accepted. Contact details. Contemplative Passionist Nuns, Mother Monica Curran CP Monastery of Our Lady of Holy Hope, Minsteracres, Consett. DH8 9RT. Phone: 01434 673002 Mobile: 07544282005 Email: [srmonicacp@aol.com](mailto:srmonicacp@aol.com). The new monastery is in the grounds of Minsteracres Retreat Centre.



**University Chaplaincy Website**

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college and university this autumn. Do you know someone away at University? Tell them about this website so that they can find their nearest Chaplaincy Centre. [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

**Men's Breakfast**

Following an autumn recess, we will reconvene in January to follow a course of 4 talks for men by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa on The Light of Faith. All men are welcome to share simple fare and thoughts on our male spiritual journeys. Watch this space for dates!

**Winter Aid for Refugees**

There is an appeal to support refugees during the winter months. If you can provide any unwanted warm clothing for all ages, and if possible, sleeping bags, rucksacks, ladies handbags, walking sticks and wound care items it would be greatly appreciated, even though some of these things are very specialized. Please leave in church porch anytime between now and next Sunday, and please leave in labelled bags. Many thanks for your donations so far. If anyone would like more information or clarification on what is needed, please speak to Maura Illingworth.

**Diocesan Vacancies**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: **Safeguarding Advisor**, Department for Safeguarding, 30 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 10 November.

**Volunteering Opportunity – Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Commission.** The Chair is an independent, lay appointee with responsibility for ensuring the Commission's regulatory, advisory and scrutiny functions are carried out effectively in regard to matters relating to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. For further information and details of how to apply 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) Full details of all vacancies are on the diocesan website [/www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php)

**Mass of Simplicity**

We will begin singing the new Mass of Simplicity this weekend at the 9am Mass. Many thanks to those who have been attending the practices on Tuesday evenings to learn the new music. We are also trying to introduce some parts of this Mass setting into the 6pm Mass.

