





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 Ronald Ford, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collection – 5th November**  
Total Offertory £ 761.00.

#### Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses each Sunday. Everyone is 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 items for the parish newsletter, by 12noon on Thursdays to Marian (marian@marianbell.f2s.com) or to the parish office (morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop in a note at the Presbytery.

#### 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 allow everyone in or partnership parishes to come together to remember our deceased loved ones. Everyone is 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 our deceased Relatives, Friends and Parishioners and Blessing of Graves today 12th November at 3pm at St Mary's Cemetery; and at 3pm on Sunday 19th November at Fairmoor Cemetery.

#### 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.

#### Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund remains open until 26th November. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who wish to use them for donations if you are a taxpayer.

#### Bonus Ball

The 5th draw of the Bonus Ball was number 57 and the lucky winners receiving £25 were Agnes Gee and Sheila Gray. Congratulations to them both. Half way through now but still time to be a winner."

#### Exercise to Music Class.

There will be no class on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The next class will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. All interested in gentle exercise to music will be welcome. Shirley Foster 07749525269

#### Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards will be on sale once more on **December 3rd**. There will be a wide selection of cards, diaries, calendars and Christmas items on sale. Thanks to Bernadette for organising this for the Parish.

#### LEPRA

A coffee morning will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am – noon in the church hall. Raffle, Tombola, cakes. Thank you.

#### 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 today. 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.

#### DBS (Safeguarding) Checks

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has asked that we carry out routine checks of DBS forms, some of which are very overdue. 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.

#### Children's Liturgy leaders needed

It would be really helpful to have a few more people leading Children's Liturgy leader and a few extra helpers for companions. Can you help out across the message of the Sun-day Gospel to the young people at Mass on a Sunday morning? 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 every-body's commitments. Please contact Lisa Coen on ☐ 07718918253 or email ☐ lisacoen1972@icloud.com

#### National Eucharistic Congress 2018

"Adoremus", the National Eucharistic Congress takes place in Liverpool from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. It is hoped that there will be representatives from parishes throughout the country. In Hexham and Newcastle diocese, each partnership has been allocated 17 places. For us, that means 17 places shared between the people of our five parishes. If anyone wishes to go, the cost is £40 per delegate per day, not including transport or accommodation. As a Partnership we have to submit names as soon as possible. If you wish to put your name forward for one of the places available, please speak to Fr Peter.

#### Journey in Faith Meeting

The next **Journey in Faith Meeting** will be held on Thursday 16th November at 7.00pm.



#### 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

#### 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.

#### #RedWednesday

This autumn **Aid to the Church in Need** is asking us to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. They will be holding a week of events from 19 – 26 November with #RedWednesday as the highlight on Wednesday 22nd November. Red is the Christian colour of martyr-dom. Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world and #RedWednesday will honour all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love. #RedWednesday will shine a light on Christian persecution but also highlight the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups. Their campaign calls for respect and tolerance for people of faith and be-tween different faith traditions. Get involved this #REDWEDNESDAY by wearing red, lighting buildings or landmarks red (with permission and if they are already floodlit) and holding peaceful prayer events, the UK and the world will take notice. ACN want their second annual #RedWednesday to be a bigger and better opportunity for Christians and others around the UK to show solidarity for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

#### 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!

#### Campaign for a Living Wage

There are pockets of poverty in Morpeth, and a lot of people are struggling to make ends meet. To help raise their incomes, the ecumenical Morpeth Justice and Peace Group has started a project to encourage more local employers to pay the Real Living Wage, which the church supports. For more details, see the leaflet at the back of the church, or contact Mick on 07841 573 768.



#### Morpeth Christians Together

Morpeth Churches together is going to re-launch under the name Morpeth Christians Together and would like to form a small steering committee of Lay People. It is hoped this will spread the burden. If you are interested in becoming part of such a committee please contact Val Cowan on e-mail valcowan@mac.com for more information.

#### Diocesan Vacancies

Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan vacancy: **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 or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk Full details of all vacancies are on the diocesan website /www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php

#### 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

#### Christmas Day Gathering

New Life Morpeth in Dacre Street is hoping to hold a Christmas Day Gathering. Whether singles or couples, all are welcome. We will gather at 12.30pm for a traditional lunch, followed by entertainment, then the Queen's Speech accompanied by tea and Christmas cake, finishing around 4.30pm. You will be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the costs (we suggest £5 per person). But we can only do this if we have enough interest from those wishing to attend.

We also need volunteer helpers who can assist in advance and on the day by acting as hosts, preparing and serving food, washing up or offering lifts.

#### Emptying Mission Boxes

Collectors are currently emptying Mission Boxes, but if anyone lives out of town and needs an envelope to empty their own box, special Missio envelopes are available now at the back of church.

