

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 14th January	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	2nd Sunday Year B
	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	6.0pm Mass	Joseph Bell	
Monday 15th January	10:00am Mass	<i>Requiem Sarah Crosby</i>	Weekday
Tuesday 16th January			Weekday
Wednesday 17th January			St Anthony
Thursday 18th January			Weekday
Friday 19th January	9.15am Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	Weekday
Saturday 20th January	10:00 Service	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	Weekday
Sunday 21st January	9.00am Mass	Intents Anne Beattie & Family	3rd Sunday Year B
	11.00am Mass	Tony Kolodziej	
	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)	Cancelled due to Illness	
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

Ministries Next Week: 14th January 2018

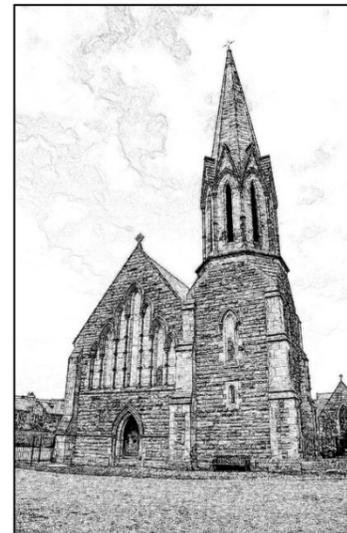
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	A Beattie A Roberts	G Swift R Soulsby	S Matthews Chris Smith
Readers	M Bell R Higginbottom	R Hunt B Lewins	D Oldroyd J Gill
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	E Harber G Harber A Mitchell	D Shearer A Dawes E Dixon	T Edwards Chris Smith S Smith
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras M Watson I Goulding Douglass	P Glancey L Kinghorn	D Dowd F Lawson
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Ruth	Companion: Heather	

Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

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The Pope's Intention for January

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



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Sunday 14th January 2018 — 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Have you ever had to live up to someone else's expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay off a mortgage or gain a promotion. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening?

God has a job for each of us to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God's calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God's expectations of us? How must we change?





Please pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking; The Sick and those who care for them; The Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Fr Jim Doherty; for all who have died recently including Mrs Sarah Crosby of Riverside Care Home whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 15th January; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time

Offertory Collections
Sunday 7th Jan—Total £ 994.27

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.

Cancellation of Weekday Masses

Thanks to people for their patience and understanding that Masses were cancelled at short notice this week. As you will all be aware Fr Peter has lost his voice. The Doctor has told him it will only come back with rest which is somewhat difficult for a Priest! He has, consequently, taken the difficult decision to cancel weekday Masses this week apart from the Requiem Mass for Sarah Crosby, who was one of our oldest Parishioners. There will be Services of Word and Holy Communion on Friday and Saturday.

Cancellation of Confessions

For the same reason as above Fr Peter has had to cancel confessions on Saturday as well.

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 to the parish do we have your contact details? Email us with your details of address etc.

Parish Newsletter

Please email items for the parish newsletter by 12 noon on Thursdays to the parish office e-mail address, morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note at the Presbytery.

Partnership Meetings

Partnership Finance Meeting: Thursday 18th January at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington
Partnership Development Group: Wednesday 24th January at 7pm at St Bede's Bedlington

Pilgrimage to Poland

There are several places still available on the Pilgrimage to Poland from April 23rd-30th 2018 visiting Krakow, Czestochowa and Auschwitz. Direct flights from Newcastle to Krakow have been booked, guided tours are included, centrally located hotels with half board en-suite accommodation, a full spiritual programme is organised visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, St Faustina's Shrine and Divine Mercy Basilica, and Pope St John Paul's Shrine in Krakow. Booking forms are available from Fr. Peter.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held on Thursday 18th January at St Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington at 6.30pm. Parents requesting Baptism will be expected to attend one of these meetings. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr. Peter.

Senior Parishioners Social

The Senior Parishioners Social will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 10th February 2018 from 3pm till 6pm for all those eligible (over 70 or thereabouts). The SVP will try to contact those we know of with invitations but if you are not contacted and would like to come please put your name and phone number on the list in the church porch or the hall, indicating whether you need transport. If you are eligible, please don't be shy because you think you are not old; do not deprive your fellow parishioners of your company! Also, as usual we will be looking for donations for prizes for the raffle. Thank you!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Booking forms for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available from the parish office. The Pilgrimage is from 27th July-3rd August with a direct flight from Newcastle Airport. 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Lourdes to St Bernadette. See Fr Peter for further details or a booking form. The Pilgrimage has a Youth Section for all 16-25 year olds. *(Please remember that there is some money left from Fr. Lawrence's time which can only be used to send young people from the parish on pilgrimage ... if anyone is interested please speak to Fr Peter).* The pilgrimage also runs a special section for those who need care and assistance ... please speak to Fr Peter for further details.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 31st January. If anyone has items they would like to be discussed please contact Fr Peter or the Council Secretary, Stevie Matthews

SVP South Sudan Appeal

Many thanks to all those who have responded to this appeal. In addition to the £310 previously sent a further £167.25 has been received and sent off, making £477.25 in total. We extend thanks also to any parishioners who have sent off donations direct and especially to any who have set up standing orders to support this on-going work. The forms will be left on the notice board for anyone else who wishes to do this.

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of 13-14th January. We will have the appeal at all our Masses here next week. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the de-criminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. We are asked to support this appeal so that SPUC can work to defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Wansbeck Valley Foodbank

If you can help, the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank is constantly looking for donations of non-perishable food. Donations can be left in the box in the church porch.

Justice and Peace Project

The Justice and Peace Project based at Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre in Newcastle helps over 400 asylum seekers every week, giving them £5 and a bag of essential items including clothes and shoes. Once the asylum seekers 'Leave to Stay' has been refused (often through lack of legal help) they lose their homes and all government funding. They are effectively made destitute. Our parish is among those who have supported the project for several years. The number of asylum seekers has risen by over 20% in 2017, so the Project desperately needs our help. Could you include a food item for them in your weekly shopping and then bring along to place in the box in the porch? Thank you.

Journey in Faith

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith Group will be held on Thursday 18th January at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound

We have a few Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound, but need a few more ministers willing and able to go on a list so that we contact when we need to find someone to take Communion, sometimes on an ad hoc basis, sometimes more regularly. Can all ministers who visit the sick keep Fr Peter up to date with the names and addresses of those they visit regularly with Holy Communion.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 15th January, at 7:00pm, in the Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. New potential members would be welcome. Why not come along?

Thanks

The family of Dorothy Devitt wish to thank all those who expressed their condolences, sympathies and support at this difficult time. A big thank you also to all who braved the snow to attend Dorothy's Requiem Mass on 29th December and contributed to the wonderful sum of £250 raised for St Oswald's Hospice on the day.

Poverty Lunch.

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place on Sunday 11th February. To follow up last year's successful fundraiser at Morpeth Methodist Church, a poverty lunch of soup and cake is being held at St Aidan's church hall, Stobhill on Sunday 11th February. Tea and coffee will be available from 12.30 along with information on the work of the Justice and Peace group and Church Action on Poverty. The lunch will commence 1pm. This is free but a collection will be taken to raise funds for the charity Church Action on Poverty. So that numbers are known for catering, if you are thinking of attending could you please contact Anne or Tony Woods on 01670 519617 or e-mail tonywoods57@aol.com