



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 and Fr Ian Hoskins; for all who have died recently, especially Peter Lewin; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 11th February—Total Offertory **£933.67**

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 to the parish, 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 the parish office email address on morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop in a note at the Presbytery.

Opportunity for Confession during Lent

We have Confessions regularly on a Saturday morning. Have you thought of making that extra effort during Lent to go to Confession? Have you asked yourself when was the last time you were at Confession? Is it more than six months? Is it more than a year ago? Then why not avail of the opportunity on Saturday morning to come along and experience God's love for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 11am and 12 noon.

Weekday Mass for Lent

Are you trying to do something extra for Lent? Can you make the extra effort to get to Mass one day extra during Lent?

Meditation on the Passion of Christ

There will be a special evening Service 'No Greater Love Than this' a meditation in song and picture on the Passion of Jesus Christ, to be held at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Wednesday 14th March at 7.00pm.

"Open Our Hearts Lord!"

There is to be an afternoon of prayer and reflection as we journey through Lent, on Thursday March 6th, from 2pm-4pm in St Robert's Hall, Morpeth. Everyone welcome. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are able to come.

Lent Booklets

There is a selection of booklets for Lent available in the Porch. Prices of the different booklets is given on the notice on the table.

Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches are served each Friday during the Season of Lent at 12noon. Funds raised will go to CAFOD and Mary's Meals. Mny thanks to everyone who is supporting this.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD Family Fast Day was on 23rd February. For every pound donated, the Government will donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million. Envelopes are still available today if you wish to make a donation for CAFOD for their worldwide work.

Lenten Alms

Throughout Lent we support the work of St Cuthbert's Care, our diocesan support charity. A retiring collection each week during Lent at the back of church will support their work

Parish Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, on Thursday evenings at 7pm, there will be Stations of the Cross at St Robert's and also on a Saturday morning at 10.30am, amid at St Bede's, Bedlington at 4pm each Sunday

Partnership Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, there will be Partnership Stations of the Cross to which we invite you to participate and move around the partnership churches.

These will be held on ...

- Friday 2nd March at 7:00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley
- Wednesday 7th March at 7:00pm at The Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert, Amble
- Thursday 22nd March at 7:00pm at St. Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

After these Stations there will be Refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends from around the Partnership.

Holy Week and Easter

This year we have no visiting priest to assist with the Holy Week and Easter Masses at St Bede's, and so there will be a change to what we celebrate and where we celebrate.

- The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at St Robert's Church, Morpeth and we encourage parishioners from St Bede's, Bedlington to come to Morpeth to join in the celebration there.
- Good Friday Services at 3pm will be held in both St Robert's and St Bede's, and both Fr Peter and Deacon Stephen will be able to lead these services.
- The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St Bede's, Bedlington and the parishioners from St Robert's are encouraged to attend the Vigil Mass at Bedlington.

We have no Music provision at St Bede's, and so this is a great opportunity for us to share resources on the Thursday and Saturday evenings. Anyone who can help with music is invited to a meeting at St Robert's on Monday 26th February at 7pm to discuss how we can provide music for both the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. We will look to involve Readers and Extraordinary Ministers from both churches at the different Masses so that we have a mix of people who are involved. This time of working together with our neighbouring Catholic parishes is upon us and we have to be ready to share resources and buildings so that we can worship together.

Journey in Faith

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith group will be held on Thursday 1st March. Please note that during Lent, the Journey in Faith meetings will begin at 7.30pm, to allow people the chance to attend Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Car Park problems

The use of the Car Park during weekdays in term time is difficult and we ask the cooperation and patience of all those who use our Car Park. Parents and grandparents who collect children from school have been reminded on many occasions that they should **not** be using the Car Park for drop off / pick up, between 8.30am and 4pm. This is particularly important for the safety of those children and parents who are walking to school and using the car park to access the school.

Letter concerning the Brinkburn Partnership

A letter from the Partnership Dean, Fr Peter, is being read at all Masses in our Partnership this weekend to explain the work of the Partnership Development Group in the coming months.

Calling all gardeners

Could you put in some extra seeds to provide plants for sale at the Christian Aid plant stall on 19th May? Thank you!

Partnership YMT Coordinators

Thanks to Lisa Coen and Alice Butler who have agreed to take on the role of parish representatives on the Partnership Co-workers with YMT group that meets to discuss the work of YMT and our young people.

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting Today

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Village **today at 3.00pm**. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Youth Ministry Coordinator

We successfully appointed a Youth Ministry Coordinator for the Brinkburn and Heavenfield Partnerships during the week. Thomas Carrott, originally from Haydon Bridge, is currently living in Oxfordshire, but will be moving back north to take up this appointment. He will begin on 8th May. He then wishes to try and visit all the parishes in the two partnership to introduce himself to parishioners and to all involved in youth ministry.

Life Teen Group Volunteers

Fr Peter would like to organise a "core group of adult volunteers", especially some young adults, who would be willing to help run a Life Teen Group once again, parishioners who are able to share their faith with our young teenagers and present the material from Life Teen, and to support the work of our new Youth Coordinator on Life Teen. We need to start this as soon as possible, so that we can support our young people in their faith. **A meeting will be held soon**. In the meantime, if you are interested please speak to Fr Peter.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery. New potential members would be welcome. Why not come along?

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting will be on Monday 26th February, at 7:00pm, in the Church Hall. There will be a talk on 'Science Concerning Life Beyond Earth'. Everyone welcome.

Marriage Preparation Course

A Marriage Preparation Course is being held at St Robert's on Saturday 17th March. Those getting married this year are asked to confirm their attendance at this meeting. Further details of times will be given in coming weeks.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St. James Church of England Church on 2nd March 2018 at 2.00p.m. The Service will be hosted by the ladies of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Mitford. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Suriname on the theme of "All God's Creation is Good". If anyone would like to join the choir, please come along to rehearsals in St. James Church on 16th Feb 2018 and 23rd Feb 2018 at 11.00a.m. Further details from Christine Watson or Eileen House. A full dress rehearsal will be held on Friday 2nd March 10.00-12.00 at St. James Church.

Christian Aid Spring Evening

The Christian Aid Spring Evening: Saturday 17th March at 7 for 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist Hall. The theme is Haiti. There will be a Haitian style meal and a talk on how Christian Aid is helping those whose communities were devastated by hurricane Matthew in Autumn 2016 to rebuild their lives. The speaker is Sue Burston and tickets cost £7, available from Gerry Harber (tel 517829).

Thanks from Peter and Anne Dawes

Many of you will be aware that Peter Dawes was suddenly called into hospital two weeks ago to undergo a long awaited kidney transplant. Peter and Anne now wish to express their thanks to everyone for prayers and best wishes over the last few weeks. They also ask that you keep Peter in your prayers, as well as the donor of the kidney and his family at this difficult time.

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.

St. Patrick's Day – Saturday 17th March.

A small selection of St. Patrick's Day cards are available from the stand at the back of Church. Please put money in the box next to the stand. There are also a few Mother's Day cards (Sunday 11th March).

Easter Cards

A selection of Easter cards will be on sale in the Church Hall after all masses on Sunday 11th March.

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has a vacancy for a Fund-raising Manager, Dept. for Finance, full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 1 March. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, or human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Full-Time Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Full Sutton

For further details, please enter 16469 - Band 5 Chaplain - Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister or Lay Person in your browser or else telephone the Managing Chaplain at the prison Deacon Paul Hargreaves on 01759 475157 for a confidential discussion. Closing date is 9th March.

Justice and Peace Project, Newcastle

Thank you for your continued donations of food for the destitute asylum seekers who are assisted by the Justice and Peace Project based at Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre in Newcastle. They are now looking for some specific food items, if you can help ... tins of corned beef, fish, tinned tomatoes and rice, cooking oil sugar and biscuits. No more clothing can be accepted for the refugee camps abroad, but the Project still needs men's trainers and boots, jackets, and sweaters. If you can help with any of the above please leave in the church porch and members of the parish will make sure that these items are transferred to Newcastle as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

SVP National Raffle 2018

Members of the SVP will be selling tickets for the National Raffle after Sunday Mass for the next few weeks. Tickets are £1 each and the first 3 prizes are £3000, £2000 and £1000 with 20 other cash prizes of £100 or £50. See poster in church porch for details.