

Masses and Services this week

Sunday 29th April	9.00am Mass	Paul McCole & Fr. Lawrence	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11.00am Mass	Roger Adamson	
	6pm Mass	Elphin Conroy	
Monday 30th April	9.15 am	Service of the Word and Communion	<i>St Pius V</i>
Tuesday 1st May		NO MASS	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>
Wednesday 2nd May	9.15am	Service of the Word and Communion	<i>St Athanasius</i>
Thursday 3rd May		NO MASS	<i>Ss Philip and James, Apostles</i>
Friday 4th May	9.15am	Service of the Word and Communion	<i>The English Martyrs</i>
Saturday 5th May	10.00am	Joan Gent	<i>Weekday of Easter</i>
Sunday 6th May	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11.00am Mass	Elphin Conroy	
	6.00pm Mass	Intentions of the Cole family	

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 Wednesday
The Rosary	9.40am	Saturday Morning
Divine Mercy Devotions	7.00pm	Thursday

Ministries Next Week: 6th May 2018

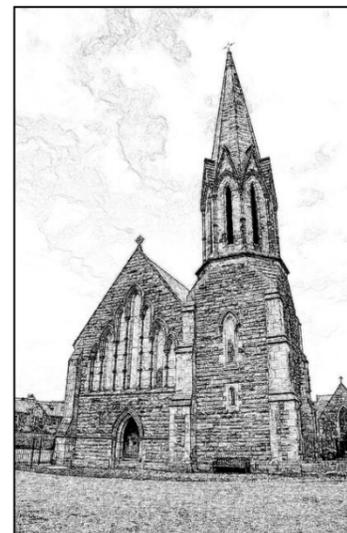
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Welcomers	A Beattie A Roberts	E Dixon G Swift	G Snaith Chris Smith
Readers	M Bell R Higginbottom	C Mills B Cudd	C Reardon T Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Beattie N Givens T Walker	A Dawes Cath Smith M Beaton	A Smith Chris Smith C Power
Altar Servers	E Walker Barras G Sykes A Shepherd	A Kinghorn P Glancey	D Dowd F Lawson
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Lisa Companion: Heather		

Neighbouring Parish Telephone Numbers

Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley 01670 788344	Fr Shaun Purdy, Ashington 01670 812200
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Fr Lee Barrett, Cramlington 01670 712476	Rev. Stephen Boulter Bedlington 01670823258

The Pope's Intention for April

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths..



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Sunday 29th April 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible.

The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together. We are already familiar with the ethos of Trade unions, they operate on a powerful principle. Individually people can be easily overlooked but together they have the power to sway governments and effect change. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome the final result.



Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us individually... striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people, the biggest union on the planet.

With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.



Please pray for: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Fr Jim Doherty and Fr Ian Hoskins; for all who have died recently; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Collections

Sunday 22nd April —Total Offertory £861.69
Little Sisters Of The Poor Collection £907.71
Sick and Retired Priests Collection £399.86

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 12 noon on Thursdays to the parish office email address (morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop in a note at the Presbytery.

Northern Scripture Festival

The Northern Scripture Festival is being held on Saturday 12 May 2018 from 10am—4.30pm at All Saints School, York. This is a day for Christians to experience the Bible afresh through informative and inspiring talks, workshops and worship. Further details on the poster on the noticeboards.

Apostleship of the Sea: Pilgrimage to Holy Island

The Fifteenth Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne will take place on Saturday 2nd June led by the Bishop Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in this ministry and charity. Everyone invited to join them on Holy Island. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains: Paul Atkinson (07906212416) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924504)

LEPRA Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in aid of LEPRA on Saturday 5th May from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a Raffle, tombola and cakes stall. All welcome.

Helping our young people

A conference will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese: the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone concerned about our young people and for catechists. It will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details are in the booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from www.ymt.org or contact admin@ymt.org.

Bonus Ball.

The CWL are once again running the Bonus Ball in aid of parish funds. The numbers will be on sale from next week (£10 per number), giving the opportunity to win £25 per week for 10 weeks. We are hoping to take the first lucky number (the Bonus Ball), from the National Lotto draw on the 19th May. Thank you and good luck.

DVD Course on Our Lady

During May we will be holding a video course from CAFE on Our Lady. This will begin on Thursday 10th May at 10am in the Church Hall at St Robert's. The first day will consist of two videos *a double session), so will be a little longer than normal, but then all other sessions will be on Thursday 17th, 24th and 31st May at 10 for about one hour.

Diocesan Vocations Evening

For those thinking about Priesthood (aged 16 and over), an evening of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations will be held on Wednesday 23rd May at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, between 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Further details are available from Fr David Smith on 0191 2623882.

Diocesan Days of Reflection

Days of Reflection for all Ministries are to be held at Ushaw College, Durham on Saturday 19th May from 10.30 until 3.30pm; then at St Joseph Parish Hall Gateshead on Saturday 2 June from 10.30 until 3.30pm. However, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED. To book a place directly contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 2433312 email: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk.

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.

Rosary Procession and Benediction

There will be a Rosary Procession and Benediction on Sunday 13th May at 3.00pm, at St Aidan's Catholic Church Ashington, in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Beginning in St Aidan's Church Car Park. All are welcome to attend.

Mass Intention Envelopes

It is very difficult receiving Offerings for Masses without an envelope. When requesting Mass Intentions please use the brown envelopes available on the table in the porch and ensure the offerings are sealed inside. Thank you.

Vocations Weekend for young Women

The FCJ Sisters are holding a discernment weekend for women in their 20s and 30s on Discerning Good's Call in my life" from 25th-27th May at Liverpool. There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It is an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

Counting Team meeting

Fr. Peter will be holding a Counting Team Meeting on Monday 21st May at 11.00. The meeting will last for hopefully no more than 1 hour and will cover the counting and banking system in detail. Could every counter try to attend, if this is not possible please send a representative from your counting team.

Please let Bernadette Rich know if you are/aren't able to attend. Thank you

Brownies

1st Morpeth Brownies currently have a few spaces for September. Brownies is for girls aged 7-10 yrs. But you can join the waiting list at any age. To register/join the waiting list please log onto www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on parents, register your daughter then select 1st Morpeth Brownies, Tues 6-7.15pm St.Robert's. The cost is £20 per full term. For any queries please contact Sarah at Morpeth1sttawnyowl@outlook.com

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 2nd May in the presbytery. Can you be part of the SVP? 10,000 volunteer members in the UK are committed to meaningful and long term befriending. Inspired by the message of the Gospels they seek and find those in need and offer them sincere friendship. They visit them in their homes, in hospital in care homes and offer additional practical support with furniture of financial help where needed.



Christian Aid Week: 13-19 May 2018

Christian Aid Week starts with an Ecumenical service here in St Robert's Church at 4pm on Sunday 13th May. Please come to this service to pray for the poor of the world who desperately need our help and for the success of Christian Aid Week. We need about 30 volunteers for the house to house collection. This is a vital task and is very easy. It takes about half an hour or so to collect them. While we have a small number of regular collectors they are getting older and fewer and we urgently need more volunteers to sustain this work. Please put your name and telephone number on the list in the church porch against your chosen street. Thank you.

As usual there will be plant and book stalls in the market place on Saturday 19th May. We need donations of books and plants. Please contact Eileen or Gerry Harber on 517829 if you can supply some.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

The Justice and Peace Refugee Project in Newcastle is very grateful for your continued gifts of food, now needed more urgently than ever. To find out more please take a copy of their newsletter from the back of Church. Many Thanks