

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 26th May</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass: Pat Abbot</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Graham Stafford</b> 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 27th May Most Holy Trinity</b>		9.00am <b>Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> 11.00am <b>Mass: Elphin Conroy</b> 6.00pm <b>Mass: Mr P Onono</b>
<b>Monday 28th May Weekday (Week 8)</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Intentions of the Summers Family</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 29th May Weekday (Week 8)</b>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am <b>Mass: In Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Wednesday 30th May Weekday (Week 8)</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Ben Turnbull</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 31st May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am <b>Mass : Fr. Lawrence</b>
<b>Friday 1st June St Justin</b>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am <b>Mass: In Thanksgiving</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 2nd June Weekday (Week 8)</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass: Ben Turnbull</b>	9.40am Rosary 10.00am <b>Mass: Manuel Batista Ribeiro</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 3rd June Corpus Christi</b>		9.00am <b>Mass: Evelyn Givens</b> 11.00am <b>Mass: Intentions of Fr J Doherty</b> 6.00pm <b>Mass: Mrs C. I. Cole</b>

### The Pope's Intention for May

**Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity:** That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today

#### Diocesan Festival June 2018

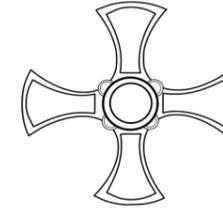
The sixth Diocesan Festival is on Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. The theme is 'Encounter' with talks from Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE [Mary's Meals founder], Sr. Judith Russi and Sara Bryson, including prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. You are warmly invited to experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome. Booking forms will be sent to parishes shortly and can be downloaded below. For more information, email: festival@diocesehn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

**PARTNERSHIP PRAYER - 2018** Risen Christ, from your abundant grace, pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese. As we build on the deep foundations of faith laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands, and of our Brinkburn Partnership, St Aidan, St Cuthbert, St Bede, St Thomas of Canterbury, St Benet Biscop and St Robert of Newminster, may our Partnerships continue the mission of building your Kingdom on the earth: to give living witness to your love, and to your compassion and hope for our world. We pray in trustful confidence that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen

#### GDPR

The Staff at the Diocesan Finance Office have asked every Parish and Partnership to appoint a GDPR representative. Because of the short notice given to try and find someone and hand in contact details to the diocese, Fr Peter has notified the diocese of temporary roles for this: Bernadette Rich will act as GDPR rep for St Robert's, until we know more of what is expected of the person responsible; and Fr Peter will be the GDPR rep for St Bede's and for the Partnership, until someone else is willing / able to take on the role and fully understands what is being asked of them.

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## Sunday 27th May 2018 - The Most Holy Trinity

If we have heard a wonderful concert, read a great book or laughed at a new comedy, we are keen to share the experience. We want to talk about that comedy in work the next day or lend the book to a friend so that they can enjoy it too. We are not so keen to share what our faith means to us. We don't want to be accused of 'bible bashing' or to be considered odd.

Past experience has taught us that we can easily bore our friends with religious rhetoric. Many a heated row has ensued between family and friends of different faiths. As a result, we have learned to keep our mouths shut; yet in today's gospel we are told to "go and make disciples of all, in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The message is clear. We are told that the God who will be with us until the end of the age, wants us to teach all that Jesus has commanded. We have been asked to do this in the name of the Father who made us, the Son who taught us, and the Holy Spirit that enables us. We have not been asked to keep our mouths shut!



We don't have to be boring or start a family feud to pass on what we know. There are many absorbing subjects in the bible that we can discuss at different levels. Many would advocate setting a good example as the best method of teaching. Whatever ways we choose, the message today is 'don't keep it to yourself.'



Please pray for: The Church; A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers. 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 Collections: 19th / 20th May

St Bede's: **£241.50**; Lay Training Fund **£117.95**  
St Robert's: **£942.46**. Standing Orders for April **£2,590.92**

#### Welcome

If you are new to our parishes or are a visitor to Bedlington or Morpeth attending one of our churches this weekend, we hope you feel very welcome among us.

#### Lay Training Fund

The Diocese has a Lay Training Fund, to which parishioners throughout the diocese can apply for funding, if they are going to study or do something special that will develop their learning and be used in the parish. More details from the Diocesan Finance Office. Donations to the Fund can be made anytime over the next three weeks.

#### Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have Tea and Coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's each Saturday evening and if you are at that Mass we invite you to come along and join in. Proceeds from this, for the next few weeks are to go towards the Nicole Rich Foundation. We also have Tea and Coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's every Sunday morning.

#### Newsletter Items

Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter, **by 7pm on WEDNESDAY** to the parish office email address at St Robert's available on the front of this newsletter or to marianbell662@gmail.com

#### Partnership Development Group

The next Meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held on Thursday 7th June at in Church Hall at St Robert's, Morpeth.

#### St Robert's SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul at St Robert's will have their next meeting on Wednesday 30th May. If you feel you could become a member of the SVP and help in their works of charity to the poor, the needy and the sick, come to the next meeting.

#### Baptism Preparation

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held at St Bede's Church at Bedlington in July. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen and to book a place at the Meeting.

For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Attendance at Mass on a Saturday Evening or a Sunday is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising Catholic. We ask parents to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting.

After this meeting, the parents should then make an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. PLEASE NOTE: dates are not usually given before the Baptism Preparation Meeting.



#### Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday 2nd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is the Day we ask all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to renew their Commitment to this ministry. At all Masses that weekend we will invite ministers present at Mass to come forward to renew their commitment.



#### First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions will be celebrated at St Robert's on Saturday 9th June and at St Bede's on Saturday 23rd June. As the children celebrated their First Confession in December, they should be going to

Confession prior to celebrating their First Holy Communion. **Confessions** are held every Saturday morning from 11am—12noon at St Robert's and 5pm at St Bede's and we ask parents to make sure their children go to Confession before this special Mass.

#### Partnership Youth Coordinator

Thomas Carrot our Partnership Youth Coordinator will be present at all Masses next weekend, and will say a few words at Mass, introduce himself and hopefully meet a lot of people who are going to be willing to give him more than just a helping hand in doing something for the young people of our parish.

#### St Robert's Music Meeting

There will be a Meeting on Thursday 14th June at 7pm, to discuss music provision for the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's following the changes announced for September.

#### St Robert's Parish Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in St Robert's Presbytery on Monday 4th June at 5pm.

#### St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St Robert's Will be held on Wednesday 20th June

#### Emailing the rotas

Now that the Ministry Rotas for St Robert's no longer appear on the Newsletter, some people have informed us that they do not receive a copy of the rota. If you would like a copy of the rota for Ministries emailing to you, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office and we will ensure that copies are forwarded when the rotas are issued. Paper copies also available.

#### Partnership Development Group

The next Meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held at St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 7th June at 7pm.

#### Partnership Changes Announced

Full details of all the changes that were announced for our Partnership, are available on a sheet at the back of Church. These changes come into effect on the weekend of Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd September 2018. Please pray for all involved in these changes and pray for the continuing support of the Holy Spirit on all we do together as a partnership of Parishes working together to enhance the Kingdom of God amongst us.

#### St Robert's Bonus Ball

The 1st draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 19th May. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 22 were: Peg Allsop and Christine Forster. Thank you for your support and good luck for the next draw.

#### Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk, Morpeth



If you would like to take part in the annual Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk in Morpeth on Sunday 3rd June, starting at 2pm, then please write your name on the list at the back of church and pick up a sponsor form. The walk will start as usual at the footbridge at the end of Gas House Lane and finish at the Low Ford Bridge on Mitford Road, a distance of about 2km. Following the walk you will be very welcome to make your way back to the church hall for light refreshments. All proceeds from the walk will go to Parish Funds. For further information please contact Elizabeth Dixon, at St Robert's

#### Could you be a School Governor?

St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy at Bedlington are seeking to appoint three new Foundation Governors. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic, whose nomination is made with approval of the Parish Priest. As the Foundation Governor is appointed by the Bishop they must fully support the Catholic ethos of the school and diocese. The school needs Governors who have a particular interest in specialist subjects to assist with the monitoring of standards in School. Since a particular set of skills for the roles is needed, an opportunity to meet the Chair of Governors will be arranged before any appointment is fully confirmed. If you feel you could take on the role of Foundation Governor, please speak to Father Peter.



#### St Bede's Justice and Peace update

Between January and March 2018 the Matthew Project overall has helped 41 single people and 39 families which is 151 people in total including children. The contribution of knitted garments and blankets to Christian Hope International continues and there has been some beautiful examples of skill and expertise. Please see the notice board in the narthex at St Bede's for some feedback from Moldova. Thank you also for your contributions to the Justice and Peace Refugee Project (Newcastle) which are much appreciated. We support St Robert's with this project so please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information. Thank you also to Amanda Gallagher, St Bede's representative for CAFOD, who has agreed to combine this responsibility with the Justice and Peace role. Thank you so much for your contributions and for donating your time and creativity which really do make a difference.

#### Ushaw Flower Festival

Ushaw College are holding a Flower Festival from 12th—17th June between 11am—5pm each day. Entry is £5 per person. They are happy to accept parish groups or individual visitors. See posters on noticeboards for further information.



#### Fundraising Notes from Diocesan Finance Office

Fr Peter has received a set of guidelines from the Diocesan Finance Office regarding Fundraising events in the Parish. All parishioners at both St Bede's and St Robert's Parishes, who are involved in Parish Fundraising events are asked to collect a copy so that everyone knows what the Diocesan Finance Office expect of us in relation to fundraising and keeping proper paperwork.

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Pilgrimage is from 27th July to 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 for a Booking Form. The pilgrimage has a Youth Section for all 15 to 25 year olds. The pilgrimage also runs a special section for those who need care and assistance. Please speak to Fr Peter for further details.

#### Divine Mercy Devotion

The next Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Thursday **7th June** at 7pm in St Robert's Church. All welcome.

#### Medjugorje Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages offer 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle for €279 per person. Book your own flight, and then arrange for and Airport Shuttle. Further information from [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com) or call Jackie on 0203 239 8662. A poster is on the notice board with further information.

#### DVD Course on Our Lady

The fifth and last DVD on Our Lady will be held at 10am at St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 31st May. Many thanks to everyone who has supported these meetings, they have very good and hopefully someone has benefitted from what we have watched and discussed.

#### Apostleship of the Sea Pilgrimage

The Fifteenth Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne will take place next Saturday, 2nd June. Everyone is invited to join them on Holy Island. If you want further information contact Regional Port Chaplains; Paul Atkinson (07906212416) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924504)

#### Christian Aid Thank you!

Thanks to the volunteers who collected house to house for Christian Aid week in Morpeth. The total raised by St Robert's parishioners was **£1,430.12** which was £123 more than last year. Thanks also to all who supplied plants and books for the stalls last Saturday, and to those who purchased from the stalls. The total raised between them was **£187.30**, about £27 less than last year. Thank you all very much.

#### Christians in the Holy Land Fundraising Dinner

The next Fundraising Dinner at St Robert's will be held on Saturday 16th June and will be a themed 'Venetian Carnevale' dinner. More details shortly, but we will have the usual "£15 for 3 course meal" etc. Tickets are now available on sale from either Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. Proceeds will be sent to support Christians in the Holy Land at a time when our help is desperately needed.



#### Children's Liturgy Safeguarding

In order to comply with revised Diocesan Safeguarding Regulations, we now have to keep a Register of everyone present at Children's Liturgy, at both St Bede's on a Saturday evening and at St Roberts during the 9am Mass on a Sunday, so we ask for the cooperation of everyone involved to make sure that all those present are registered every week.

#### Hall Committee

The Hall Committee at St Robert's will next meet on Thursday 14th June at 10am in the Hall.