

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 19th May	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass John Bradley	10.00am Mass 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday		9.00am Mass Elphin Conroy 11.00am Mass The Davison Family 6.00pm Mass Mr SEI Cole
Monday 21st May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	10.00am Mass Kathleen Torkington	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 22nd May <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass Helen Cone
Wednesday 23rd May <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass John & Sarah Sutherland	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 24th May <i>Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass Joseph McCole 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 25th May <i>The Venerable Bede</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass In Thanksgiving <i>[Whole School present]</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass No Intention	9.40am Rosary 10.00am Mass Graham Stafford 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday		9.00am Mass Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass Elphin Conroy 6.00pm Mass Mr P Onono

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

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

A National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress is being held in Liverpool from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. If you wish to attend, please email liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk or call ☎ 0191 2433312 or 0191 2433313 for a booking form. The form can be also downloaded from the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk Forms must be returned by Friday 25 May.

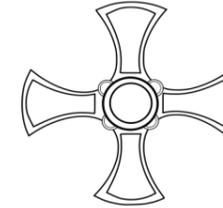
Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all who have helped with and supported Christian Aid Week in any way in St Robert's Parish and to all who contributed. The amount raised will be announced soon.

"Spirituality towards the end of life" Study Day

This Study Day gives you the chance to hear Dr Karen Groves MBE, a leader in encouraging a focus on the spiritual care of those approaching the end of their earthly lives and their families. Our closest venue is Salford Cathedral Centre on Thursday 31 May, 11am-3.30pm. The day is open to anyone with an interest in this area – clergy, chaplain or hospital visitor, member of the SVP or bereavement support group, etc. It is free to attend (donations welcome!) Tea/coffee provided, packed lunch or available to purchase in cathedral café. Please see poster for more information or contact the Department on ☎ 0191 243 3302, spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

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Sunday 20th May 2018 - The Feast of Pentecost

The disciples, who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews, suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.



What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it.



How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.



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: 13th May
St Bede's: £368.50 | St Robert's: £1,009.89

Welcome

If you are new to our parishes or are a visitor to Bedlington or Morpeth and attending one of our churches 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. Are you regular and do we have your correct details?

World Communications Day

Many thanks to all who supported the collections last weekend for the World Communications Collection. £328.02 was raised at St Robert's and £99.77 at St Bede's.

Lay Training Fund

The Diocese has a Lay Training Fund, 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. There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for the Lay Training Fund.

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.

St Bede's Finance Committee Meeting

There will be a Parish Finance Committee Meeting for St Bede's Parish on Monday 21st May at 6pm.

Joint Newsletter

This has been talked about for some time and now here it is. Please note for St Robert's Parishioners ... no Rotas ... please check your personal rotas for who is on and when! There is invariably the same information in both newsletters each week, so it seems appropriate today to combine to have just one newsletter. Any items to be sent in by Wednesday evening please.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every morning at St Robert's Church from 8.30am—9am and at St Bede's on a Friday morning from 9.15am—9.50am. These moments of prayer are important for the church and for us as we gather to pray for all our needs.



St Robert's Counting Teams Meeting

There will be a Meeting on Monday 21st May at 11.00 am for the Counting Teams in the Church Hall. Please let Bernadette in the Parish Office know, if you are /are not able to attend.

DVD Course on Our Lady

The DVD course on Our Lady continues on Thursday morning this week, in St Robert's Church Hall, after the 9.15am Mass, starting at 10am and lasting no more than 1 hour.



Two new Feasts

This week we celebrate two new feasts inaugurated by Pope Francis this year. On Monday we celebrate the 'Feast of Mary Mother of the Church', to be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost, and on Thursday we celebrate the 'Feast of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest'.

Feast of St Bede

This week we will celebrate the Feast of St Bede. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 10am on Friday 25th May and St Bede's School will be joining us for the Mass.



CWL Coffee Morning

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th May from 10am-12pm in St Robert's Church Hall for 'CWL Projects'. There will be tea and coffee on sale, a raffle, and a "Bring and Buy". All welcome.



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 on Thursday 19th July at 6.30pm at St Bede's Church at Bedlington. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr. Peter or Deacon Stephen. 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.



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. The children need to go to Confession before then as the last time they went was in December. 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. We do hope also that the parents will do all they can to come to church with their children in these weeks before this special celebration



Partnership Changes Announced

A Partnership Meeting last Monday evening announced changes for churches and times of Masses throughout the Brinkburn Partnership, which simply put are ...

Amble Parish—to close St Joseph's, Widdrington and to have a Vigil Mass and a Morning Mass at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, Amble. The morning Mass is only sustainable while there is a resident Parish Priest.

Ashington Parish—to cancel the Vigil Mass; to close St Mary's Church, Newbiggin; to retain Sunday Mass at 10.30am; to have Sunday evening Mass at 6pm

Bedlington Parish—No Change

Longhorsley Parish—to retain 11am Sunday Mass while there is a Resident Parish Priest.

Morpeth Parish—to retain Sunday Mass at 9am and 11am; to cancel the 6pm Mass

A full copy of the changes is available on a sheet at the back of Church. These changes come into effect on the weekend of Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd September 2018.

Partnership Development Group

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

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 will be available soon 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.



Diocesan Festival June 2018

The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th June at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. This year's 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.

Apostleship of the Sea Pilgrimage

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



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 or call Jackie on 0203 239 8662. A poster is on the noticeboard with further information.



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

Vocations Weekend for young women

The FCJ Sisters are holding a discernment weekend for women in their 20s and 30s., on "Discerning God'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's 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

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 Fr D Smith on ☎ 0191 262 3882.

Diocesan Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection is to be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 2nd June from 10.30am - 3.30pm. These days are for anyone involved in Parish Ministry in any way. However, booking is essential as places are limited. To book a place directly, contact the Department for Liturgy on :- Tel 0191 243 3312 e-mail: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

Lourdes Hospitalité AGM

The Lourdes Diocesan Hospitalité is celebrating Mass and Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd May at St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella, Blaydon on Wednesday 23rd May at 7pm. All pilgrims from former years welcome to come along and celebrate with fellow members and hospitalier.

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.

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.