

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 2nd June</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass: Ben Turnbull</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Manuel Batista Ribeiro</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<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>
<b>Monday 4th June Weekday (Week 9)</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Molly, Owen and Patrick Ruddy</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 5th June St Boniface</b>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am <b>Mass: Margaret Kortens</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th June St Norbert</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: No Intention</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 7th June St Robert of Newminster</b>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am <b>Mass: Elphin Conroy (CWL)</b>
<b>Friday 8th June Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am <b>Mass: Kathleen and James Crilley</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 9th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass: Simpson and O'Neill families</b>	10.00am <b>Mass: Ann McCarthy</b> [First Holy Communion Mass]
<b>Sunday 10th June 10th Sunday B</b>		9.00am <b>Mass: Jacquie Hackett</b> 11.00am <b>Mass: No Intention</b> 6.00pm <b>Mass: Ms Nkiru Onono</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

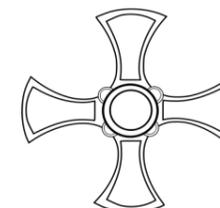
### GDPR

Mrs Sharon Smith has very kindly offered to look after all the GDPR information for St Robert's Parish. If there is anyone willing to take on similar responsibility for St Bede's and for the Partnership, please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible.

### St Robert's Music Meeting

There will be a Meeting in June (date and time to be confirmed) to discuss music provision for the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's following the changes announced for September.

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## Sunday 3rd June 2018 - Feast of Corpus Christi

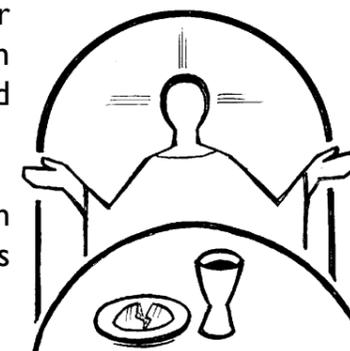
The Eucharist is an 'every day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance.

If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that daily or weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food. Chances are that if we arrive at Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place.

In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be recalling Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.

How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us?

Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better.





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: 26th / 27th May

**St Bede's: £200.78 : Standing orders £845.00**

**St Robert's: £785.01**

#### Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. There will be a collection on 17th June, the proceeds of the collection are used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person. Money collected for Day for Life will be used to fund projects that support work in this area by organisations which further this objective. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

#### 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 until 17th June

#### Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have Tea and Coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's each Saturday evening 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 Mary at [fmbeaton@btinternet.com](mailto:fmbeaton@btinternet.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 20th June. 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.

#### St Robert's Bonus Ball

The 2nd draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 26th May. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 3 were: Elena Hunt and Amy Boyle. Good luck for the next draw

#### 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 Christ

On this Feast of Corpus Christi we ask your prayers for all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as today they renew their Commitment to this ministry.

#### First Holy Communions

Please pray for all the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion. This will be celebrated at St Robert's on Saturday 9th June at 10am and at St Bede's on Saturday 23rd June. As the children celebrated their First Confession in December, they should try to get 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

Today we welcome **Thomas Carrott** our Partnership Youth Coordinator who will be present at all Masses this 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. Thomas has sent a note of introduction which has been published on the St Robert of Newminster Website under "Young People."

#### 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

#### CWL Projects Coffee Morning

Many thanks to those who supported the coffee morning on 25th May for CWL projects (Trafficking and Refugees). We raised £214.00.

#### 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.

Please note that because of First Holy Communions on Saturday 9th June at St Robert's, there will be no public recitation of the Rosary, no Adoration and no Confessions, but Confessions are always available on request.

#### Catenian Association

The next meeting of the Morpeth Circle is due to be held on Tuesday 5th June in The Riverside Lodge, High Stanners, Morpeth at 8pm. This will be a ladies night and all are invited to join us after the formal meeting. Nigel Collingwood will be giving a talk on his ancestor 'Admiral Collingwood' at the meeting.

#### Feast of St Robert of Newminster

Thursday 7th June is the Feast of St Robert of Newminster. We will celebrate Mass at 9.15am, at which some of the classes from School will join us, and then, after Mass, we will walk along to the rugby fields adjacent to the ruins of Newminster Abbey for some prayers. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall at St Robert's afterwards.

#### 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 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.

#### Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk, Morpeth

The Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk is TODAY in Morpeth, starting at 2pm 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 St Robert's 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.



#### Hall Committee

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.