

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 9th June	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Simpson & O'Neill families	10.00am Mass: Ann McCarthy First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 10th June 11th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Jackie Hackett 11.00am Mass: Tom House 6.00pm Mass: Ms Nkiru Onono
Monday 11th June	10.00am Mass: Martin Gaughan 11.30am FUNERAL SERVICE: Annie Davison	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 12th June Weekday	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: No Intention
Wednesday 13th June Weekday	10.00am Mass: Private Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 14th June	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Jerome Thompson 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 15th June	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am REQUIEM MASS: Charlotte Heron	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 16th June	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Elizabeth & John Hogg	9.40am Rosary 10.00am Mass: No Intention 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 17th June 12th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Sr Mary Aidan 11.00am Mass: Jerome Thompson 6.00pm Mass: No Intention

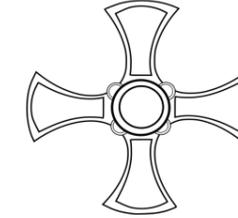
The Pope's Intention for June

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

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June, the Diocesan Festival will take place at the Emmaus Youth Village near Consett. This will be the sixth Festival and, over the last few years, thousands of people have enjoyed and been inspired by this event. The Festival brings together people of all ages from parishes around the Diocese and, while there are excellent speakers for adults, a range of activities are organised for children and young people. The theme of this year's Festival is "Encounter" and it will invite us to reflect both on our personal encounter with Christ and on our encounter with him in others, especially the poor and marginalised. All the keynote speakers are passionate champions for positive change in our world: Sr Judith Russi, who will help us look at the world through new eyes, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who founded the charity called Mary's Meals providing a daily meal for over a million of the world's poorest children and Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens UK. The Festival provides something for everyone: there are opportunities for prayer, liturgies, and Adoration in the chapel; good food and plenty of time to relax and meet others; music from the Festival Band, a steel band from Hartlepool and a Ceilidh Band on the Saturday evening; and a vibrant Market place where there is a chance to browse and find out what is happening in our Diocese

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Sunday 10th June 2018 | Tenth Sunday of the Year

Is Satan real, or is Satan a name we give to personify evil? Is sin real, or is sin a name the teachers of yester-year gave to the mistakes and poor choices we make in our weaker moments?

In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to confront Satan and take a long hard look at sin. There is one thing about Satan that is fairly certain. He probably won't ever turn up wearing a red cloak and carrying a pitchfork. Satan will meet us with attractive choices in our weakest moments. Satan will play down our sins and help us justify our poor choices. At our poorest and most desperate it might become easy to steal, especially if we dress it up as 'borrowing'. In our loneliest moments it might become easy to give in to an affair, especially if we dress it up as a 'harmless fling' or an 'open relationship'. In our most insecure moments it becomes easy to give in to gossip and malice, after all, what harm can words do? We might be able to make excuses for our poor decisions, but that doesn't make those decisions any less sinful.

The consequences of sin are far reaching. Selling one's soul to the devil might be the stuff of Hollywood films, but sin really does change us. Once we have justified a sin, it becomes easier to sin again. Once we have justified a poor decision our conscience grows mute. Before we know it, we are not the people we once were. We really have sold out to the devil.



The good news is, that by being on Jesus' side, we can overcome Satan's power. Sin doesn't have to define us. The past does not have to equal the future. In fact, remembering how low sin made us feel can give us that all important focus in resisting sin in the future. One day Satan's defeat will be final. In the meantime we need to ask forgiveness for our sins and make sure we are firmly on the winning side.



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: 2nd/3rd June

St Bede's: £248.50; St Robert's £765.74.

Standing Orders for May (St Robert's) £1,779.00. Thank you

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

Lay Training Fund

This Fund remains open until next Sunday 17th June, if anyone wishes to make a donation..



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.

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.

Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in 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. www.dayforlife.org

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 fmbeaton@btinternet.com

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 11th June at 7.00pm in the church hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers

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.

Red Mission Boxes

If you are in St Robert's Parish and currently hold a mission box and it has not been collected recently, would you please bring it to St Robert's Church for emptying, before the end of June or contact Elizabeth Dixon to arrange collection.

Adult Youth Volunteers

It is important that as parishioners we do what we can to assist our Youth Coordinator Thomas in his work amongst us. We really do need people from all our partnership parishioners to make some effort to devoting some time to give him a helping hand. There will be a meeting for all those who can commit themselves to some work with Edge and Life Teen on Thursday 5th July at St Robert's Church Hall. We hope you can come along and show interest.

CAFOD Share the Journey

In the time it will take you to read this message 20 people will have been forced to leave their home because of conflict, natural disaster or poverty. In the next 10 minutes that number will have risen to 200. In autumn last year Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign and called on each and everyone of us to step up our support for refugees and migrants. This September world leaders will agree new UN agreements on refugees and migrants this is our opportunity to step up. St Bede's Parish will hold a "Share the Journey" Walk on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th June. St Bede's Primary School will also be taking part. Please join us and help us play a part in showing solidarity with our neighbours fleeing their homes. Please see the CAFOD website for further details. Those interested in joining us should meet at the school for 1pm with a view to a 1.15pm start. There will be refreshments provided in the church hall following the walk.



Christians in the Holy Land Fundraising Dinner

The next Fundraising Dinner at St Robert's will be held next Saturday evening, Saturday 16th June, in aid of the Christians in the Holy Land. There is still a small number of tickets left, if interested please see Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. They would be grateful if people could pay for their tickets before the 16th June and thanks are expressed to those who cannot come but have kindly made donations to the fund.

St Bede's Parish Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz at St Bede's Church Hall on Friday 22nd June at 7pm. All proceeds will go towards the Nicole Rich Foundation. There will be teas and coffees available, hot beef and pork sandwiches will be available to buy. Everyone welcome.

New Hymn Books at St Bede's

We have purchased 250 new hymn books for St Bede's church. They are the new 'Laudate' hymnbook, similar to what we had but the main difference is that they do not have plastic covers, but we are reassured by the publisher that they are as durable as what we had. Needless to say we ask that they be handled with care

St Robert's Church Hall Committee

The Hall Committee at St Robert's will meet on Thursday 14th June at 10am in the Hall. If anyone wants the group to discuss anything about the Hall, please hand in writing to Bernadette in the Parish Office.

First Holy Communions

We offer our congratulations to the children from St Robert's Parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. The children from St Bede's Parish will celebrate on Saturday 23rd June at 10am at St Bede's Church.

Celebration of Confirmation

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in December. Preparation will begin after the Summer holidays and we will work together with all the parishes of our Partnership. We will soon have forms available so that those who will be in Year 9 (and above) in September can complete them if they wish to be confirmed. We will also need a team of volunteers to help with the preparation, so have a think about whether you can be involved in a Partnership Confirmation Team for preparation. We have not yet confirmed where the preparation will take place nor where the Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated within our Partnership.

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.

St Robert's Music Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday 21st June at 7pm to discuss music provision for the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's following the changes announced for September. **Please note the change of date.** Organists and Musicians at St Robert's are all invited to attend and share in the discussions



St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council

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

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is urgently needs 3 or 4 nurses to commit to travelling and working on the pilgrimage from 27th July—3rd August. There are 8 sick pilgrims currently on a waiting list because the pilgrimage does not have enough nurses to provide the proper care for those sick pilgrims. Do you know anyone who could help? Please pass on this appeal to anyone you might know who could be available.

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.

GDPR

The Diocese is asking every Parish and Partnership to appoint a representative for the new GDPR rules. If there is anyone willing to take on responsibility for St Bede's and for the Partnership, please contact Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

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.

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 Robert's 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.

Chaplain – Pax Christi Catholic Partnership

The Pax Christi Partnership is looking to appoint a Chaplain for St Benet Biscop Academy, starting in September 2018. For full details of the post please go to the website <http://www.st-benetbiscop.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/> The closing date for application is midday Monday 18th June with interviews taking place on Thursday 21st June 2018.



Could you be a School Governor?

St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy at Bedlington are seeking to appoint 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 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.

Fundraising Notes from Diocesan Finance Office

All parishioners at both St Bede's and St Robert's parishes, who are involved in parish fundraising events, eg Faves etc, 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.

St Robert's Bonus Ball

The 3rd draw for the CWL bonus ball was on Saturday 2nd June 2018. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 10 were: Phil Stokes and Ruth Higginbottom.