

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 16th June <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Elizabeth & John Hogg	9.40am: Rosary 10.00am Mass: Lucienne Pickering 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 17th June 11th Sunday (B)		9.00am Mass: Sr Mary Aidan 11.00am Mass: Jerome Thompson 6.00pm Mass: No Intention
Monday 18th June <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: No Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 19th June <i>St Romuald</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: No Intention
Wednesday 20th June <i>St Alban</i>	10.00am Mass: Walter & Norah Forster	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 21st June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Pat and Leo Horrax 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 22nd June <i>SS John Fisher and Thomas More</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass: No Intention 12.45pm FUNERAL SERVICE Michael Mills	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 23rd June <i>St Etheldreda</i>	10am Mass: No Intention First Holy Communion Mass 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Craik	
Sunday 24th June The Nativity of St John The Baptist		9.00am Mass: Lily and Pat McCafferty 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 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

Vacancy for Parish Secretary

The parish of The Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, Amble requires a part-time secretary to assist with parish administration for a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 3 hours per day. An application pack is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk. Contact Katherine Nugent on 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk for further information. The closing date for applications is 25th June 2018.

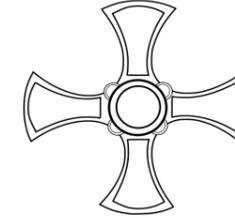
Family Fun Day and Picnic (Weather permitting)

We are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 8th July on St Robert's church field from 1.30pm until about 4.00pm. A selection of games and activities will be available for the children. However, the picnic is left to you.

The parish bar-b-que will be available for you to cook your own food. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to come by signing the form at the back of church.



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Sunday 17th June 2018 | Eleventh Sunday of the Year



Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest.

The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.



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 including Michael Mills of Hotspur Avenue, Bedlington; for Irena Sofia Pitzschel of Oldgate Court, Morpeth who died his week; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections: 9th / 10th June

St Bede's: **£353.00** and May Standing Orders **£806.57**.

St Robert's: **£853.08**

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

The Lay Training Fund closes TODAY. Many thanks to all who have made contributions to this collection.

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, so we encourage you to come along if able to.

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 TODAY [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

St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St Robert's will be held on Wednesday 20th June. If parishioners wish to come along and join in the discussions of the Parish Council, please speak to Fr Peter if interested. It is always better to have a few more voices and thoughts around the table when discussing parish pastoral matters.

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.

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.

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.

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

Becoming an Altar Server

We invite all our young people to consider of fulfilling the role of an Altar Server at Mass. Anyone who has celebrated their First Holy Communion and is coming to Mass every week is asked to think if they could take on this important ministry in church. We need servers to assist at Mass and to help with the setting up and tidying up. If interested please speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen and John Kinghorn (at St Robert's)



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.

First Holy Communions

We will celebrate First Holy Communions for the children from St Bede's Parish on Saturday 23rd June with Mass at 10am in St Bede's Church. Please continue to pray for the children and their families at this very special time in their lives. This is such a memorable time for so many young people at this time of the year. Let us pray that they will not fall away but will continue to be part of our regular practising community



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.

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.

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.



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. Organists and Musicians at St Robert's are all invited to attend and share in the discussions



St Robert's Bonus Ball

The 4th draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 9th June. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 57 were: Claire Beaton and David Shearer. Good luck for the next draw.

Diocesan Festival June 2018

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June, the Diocesan Festival will take place at the Emmaus Youth Village near Consett. If you haven't yet booked and you wish to go please contact email: festival@diocesehn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

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.



GDPR

We have been instructed by the Diocesan Office Staff to appoint representatives for GDPR in every parish and partnership. 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.

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.



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 an 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.

Interfaith Prayers for Peace

Saturday, 30th June at 1.30pm in the ruins of St Mary's Chapel, located at the bottom end of Reid Park Road, Jesmond (best approached by car via Osborne Road). Since 2010, a group of Christian & Muslim women have met annually to share readings about Mary, from the Bible & the Koran. Shared refreshments will follow at Holy Name parish hall. This event is limited to women and young children only, but is open to women of all faiths who are keen to pray for peace and promote unity and understanding between peoples.