

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 23rd June	10.00am First Holy Communion Mass 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Craik	
Sunday 24th June Nativity of St John the Baptist		9.00am Mass: Lily & Pat McCafferty 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 6.00pm Mass: Special Intention [Sick Friend]
Monday 25th June Weekday	10.00am Mass: Claire Boulter & Lee Heads	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 26th 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 27th June Weekday	10.00am Mass: No Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 28th June St Irenaeus	10.00am Service of Word and Communion 7.00pm Vigil Mass: Sick Person	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: No Intention 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 29th June SS Peter and Paul Holyday of Obligation		12.30pm Mass: No Intention 7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
Saturday 30th June First Martyrs of Rome	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 1st July 13th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: The Davison Family 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 and Local Support for Refugees

West End Refugee Centre are currently supporting a large group of men who desperately require toiletries and footwear.



If you can help, please leave contributions in the church porch. A number of refugees from Ashington will also be using the Parish Hall at St Robert's, as they will be attending the 'Picnic in the Park' on Sunday 15th July. The Hall will be used throughout the day from morning through to 3pm.

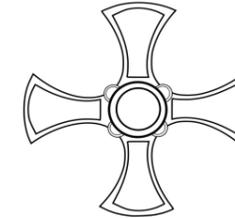
GDPR

Many thanks to Mrs Sharon Smith at St Robert's Church and to Mr Ryan Little at St Bede's Church, who have offered to be the GDPR representatives for the respective parishes.

Getting involved with our music at Mass

Do you play an instrument? Do you like singing? Would you like to get more involved with the music we provide at our Masses. Please speak to Fr Peter if interested. At St Robert's our singers and musicians are to begin meeting together on a Wednesday evening at 7pm in preparation for the changes in September. We also want to try and learn a few new things, for example, a new Mass setting for 9am Mass. Come along, join in and get involved. Let off a bit of steam and sing along and play. Is there anyone at St Bede's who can play the organ or any other musical instrument... if so could you commit to playing at St Bede's, perhaps not every week, but even occasionally. When the music at Mass is good and sung well, people feel uplifted. Can you help us make our Masses musically uplifting by your support?

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Sunday 24th June 2018 | Nativity of St John The Baptist

There's a new baby on the way and excited parents will start to make plans. They will choose the baby's name, and what colour to paint the nursery. Some parents will already be planning which school they shall put the new baby down for and will even be harbouring secret university hopes. Fond mothers-to-be will be imagining dance classes and music lessons. Indulgent dads will have decided which football team the baby will support. The baby's future is already decided before he or she is even born.

John the Baptist's family must have felt a little like this. We don't know what plans they might have made, but we do know that they had hoped to name the new baby Zacharias after his father. God however had other plans. God chose the name 'John' for the new baby through the mediation of an angel. That God chose John the Baptist's name tells us that he had already carved a destiny for the baby. John was born for a purpose.

Nowadays we tend to see John as a subsidiary player to Jesus. But for people at the time, John was the better known of the two. The gospels present John without explanation, as if everybody should recognise him. John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokesperson. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John.

A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.

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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 Irene Pitzschel of Oldgate Court, Morpeth whose Funeral Service will be held on 13th July; for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertories and Collections: 16/17th June
St Bede's: **£424.67**; Day for Life: **£124.70**

St Robert's: **£915.26**.
Day for Life **£386.29**; Lay Training Fund **£381.94**.

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

Holyday of Obligation



Friday is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at St Bede's, Bedlington on Thursday at 7.00pm and Masses on Friday at St Robert's at 12.30pm and 7.00pm.

Peter Pence

The Annual Collection, "Peter's Pence" will be taken next weekend. This collection is used by the Holy Father Pope Francis for his Charitable purposes. www.vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html

Sea Sunday Collection

There will be a Retiring Collection on 8th July, Sea Sunday, for the Apostleship of the Sea. Special envelopes from the Apostleship of the Sea will be available for Gift Aid Donations.



Congratulations to Fr Doherty

Friday 29th June marks the 92nd Birthday of Father Jim Doherty. We offer him all our prayers and best wishes on this special day.

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.



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

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 4th July. 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 along to the next meeting.

First Holy Communions

We offer our prayers and congratulations to all our children from St Bede's who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Please pray for all our young people at both St Bede's and St Robert's Parishes who have celebrated this special occasion recently.



Brinkburn Youth Ministry Coordinator Meeting

There is an information evening for all interested in youth ministry in the Brinkburn Partnership at St Robert's Parish Hall on Thursday 5th July at 7pm. If you would like to find out more, ask questions, get involved in youth ministry, or meet others who are also interested, please come along. No prior notice is needed and refreshments will be provided.

Edge and Life Teen Programmes for our young people

'Edge' is the Middle School version of 'Life Teen', a faith journey for young people. We hope to be able to run Edge for our Middle School aged children beginning in September. As we now have NO CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION, for our children in Morpeth, this provision is important for those who wish their children to continue with some catholic faith input, but it will be open to all children of this age. We hope to run Life Teen beginning in January, once the Confirmation Course has been completed. Of course, these things cannot happen all by themselves. We need parishioners to come forward and help organise these with Thomas our Youth Coordinator. Please spread the word, and encourage our young parents and anyone who wishes to get involved, to come along on Thursday July 5th to learn more.

YMT Invitation

All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a 'Co-Workers' Meeting at the Emmaus Village on Sunday 8th July at 3.00pm (tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national 'Flame' event which happens in March 2019 and this will also be a time to share good practice with people from other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are going, on ☎ 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

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.



Family Fun Day and Picnic (Weather permitting)

We are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 8th July on St Robert's church field and the garden area adjacent to the Church, from 1.30pm until about 4.00/4.30pm. 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. It would also be helpful if anyone who is interested in giving a helping hand, would also be available and you are asked to contact Elizabeth Dixon.

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.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday 25th June at 7pm in the Church Hall. There will be a talk on 'Blood Bikers'. Everyone welcome.

"Faith in Action" Award

"Faith in Action Award" is a national Catholic award scheme for all young people in school years 6-11, encouraging young people to reflect on their faith and how to put it into action, and it can be carried out in both school and parish groups. Two training sessions will take place for those who would like to run the Award: on Thursday 5th July from 7pm-8.30pm St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn; and on Friday 6th July 1.30pm-3pm at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. If you are interested in this please contact Fr Peter before contacting YMT to book a place please on the preparation, (contact admin@ymt.org). More information on <https://cymfed.org.uk/faithinaction/>

Becoming an Altar Server

We invite all our young people to consider 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).



St Robert's Bonus Ball

The 4th draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 16th June. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 8 were: Andrea Mitchell and Betty Dymond. Good luck for the next draw.

Liturgy and Worship Meeting

There will be a Liturgy and Worship Group Meeting at St Robert's on Monday 2nd July at 7pm.

Interfaith Prayers for Peace

An Interfaith Service of Prayers for Peace will be held on 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 and Muslim women have met annually to share readings about Mary, from the Bible and 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.

Holy Land Dinner

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this recent dinner successful. Ticket sales, donations and proceeds of the raffle together made a profit of **£804.50p**. This is being forwarded to the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem to help support Christians in the Holy Land.



CAFOD 'Share the Journey'

Thank you to the staff and children at St Bede's for 'sharing the journey' and supporting the CAFOD walk on Wednesday 20th June Refugee Day. They added a total of 300 miles to the challenge, pausing for prayers and hearing of the plight of refugee children. They were accompanied by parishioners from St Bede's and St Robert's and David Cross from the local CAFOD office also came along to give his support. Thank you for refreshments provided and served by Mini Vinnies in the church hall.

Christian Aid Week

The total collected by the Morpeth Churches in the Christian Aid Week house to house collection in May was **£6,203.00**. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed and especially to our small band of volunteers who helped with the St Robert's collection. The total is £1,146 down on last year as all the churches – including St Robert's – are struggling to find volunteers to collect. The money we raise is absolutely vital in supporting thousands of people in the third world.

7 Bridges Sponsored Walk

Just a reminder that all sponsor money should be given to Pat Gayles (Bedlington) or Elizabeth Dixon (Morpeth) by the end of June. Thank you to everyone that took part or sponsored the walk.

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 9 hours per week. Contact Katherine Nugent on 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk for further information. The closing date is **Monday 25th June 2018**.

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.