

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 21st July	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: George & Ellen Arkle	9.40am Rosary 10.00am Mass 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 22nd July 16th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Arthur Thompson 11.00am Mass Sarah Crosby 12.30pm Baptism: Ava Grace Evans 6.00pm Mass: Des McLaughlin
Monday 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	10.00am Mass: Brian Gregory	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 24th July <i>Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Jerome Thompson
Wednesday 25th July	10.00am Mass: NO Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 26th July <i>SS Joachim and Anne</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus NO MASS TODAY 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 27th July	12noon Nuptial Mass: Stephen Paul Vasey & Clare Louise Mitchell	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 28th July	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass:	9.40am: The Rosary NO MASS TODAY
Sunday 30th July 17th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving 11.00am Mass: Billy McDougall 6.00pm Mass: Joseph Bell

The Pope's Intention for July

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother

Divine Mercy Devotions

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th July at 7pm in St Robert's Church.

Baptism Preparation

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held at St Robert's Church in September. 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. PLEASE NOTE; dates are not usually given before the Baptism Preparation Meeting. Parents should also be attending a regular Sunday Mass on either a Saturday Vigil or on Sunday.



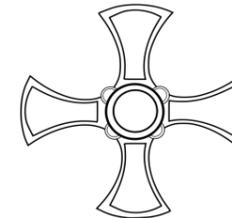
Partnership Changes Announced

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.

Thank You

Maura Illingworth would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the visit of Refugees and Asylum Seekers to the Morpeth Picnic in the Park last Sunday; to those baked cakes and prepared food, to those who helped in the Hall. Special thanks to St Robert's School for the loan of toys for the children, and the lucky dip presents which were the highlight of the day. It was very kind of everyone to be so actively involved.

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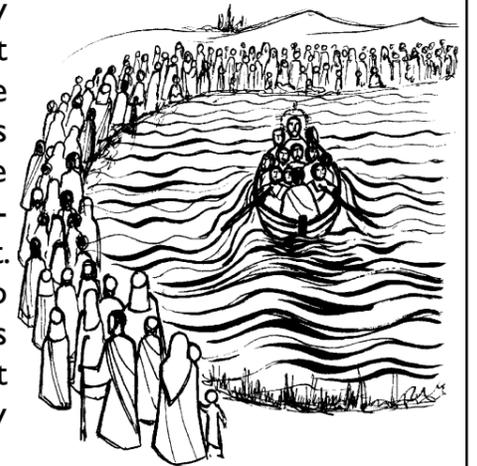
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Sunday 22nd July 2018 16th Sunday YrB

The younger generation are very good at telling us to “take a chill pill...” and there's nothing more infuriating. But funnily enough, “taking a chill pill” is something we're extraordinarily bad at. We are surrounded by twenty first century devices to save us time, such as emails, microwaves and disposable nappies, yet somehow we don't end up with hours of free time as a result. Quite the contrary; we work faster, travel faster, eat faster and take on more and more work. We feel that we need to fill every waking moment with an extra job. Yet sitting still for a moment in silence and solitude whilst the world rushes around us is very important.

Today Jesus understands that his disciples are exhausted by the demands of the crowds and suggests escaping by boat to find a quiet place to rest, recharge and presumably take stock. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowds he had just left behind. If Jesus felt any exasperation he didn't show it. Moved by compassion, because the people are like ‘sheep without a shepherd’ Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own. It might appear that Jesus was just about as bad at ‘taking a chill pill’ as the rest of us, but the story simply points to his level of compassion and discernment.



Taking time out to recharge and take stock is often more important than fitting in that extra job. Have you ever got to the end of a very busy day and wondered what you have actually achieved? How much worse to get to the end of one's life and realise that we have achieved little of real importance. Take a chill pill. Remember to retreat from the world from time to time. Remember to regularly ask yourself those all-important life-enhancing questions.



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.

Offertories and Collections: 14th / 15th July
St Bede's: £216.50 / St Robert's: £853.30

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

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 paulinemc2012@gmail.com

Mission Appeal

On the weekend of 28th / 29th July there will be a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries and we extend a warm welcoming **Fr Peter Sowa** to St Bede's and St Roberts for the weekend to make this appeal.

Thank you

The family of Elizabeth Carter, whose funeral was held this week, would like to thank everyone for their kind donations. £140 will be given to the British Heart Foundation.

St Robert's SVP

The next Meetings of the St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, and then on Wednesday 5th September.

Bonus Ball

The 9th draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 14th July. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 58 were Steve McWeeny and Allison Owens. Only one more draw left so best of luck

Changes to the Offertory Procession

Last week we changed the way we bring the gifts forward at that point in Mass

- We ask that the Bread and Wine are brought up immediately, so when everyone sits down after the Intercessions, those carrying the gifts go to the Offertory Table and bring the gifts forward straightaway, the same as we do at weekday Mass.
- The Collection should begin after the Gifts have been carried down. The collection can begin at the back and move forward towards the front. When the collection is brought to the front of the church hand it to one of the Altar Servers who will come forward to receive it. Mass will continue while the Collection is being taken.

Rotas for Sunday Mass after September

We will soon be preparing Rotas for September and with the reduction of Masses at St Robert's to 9am and 11am, some people from the 6pm Mass will hopefully transfer their ministries to one of these other Masses. Consequently we need to know what Mass to move you to. If you will be going more to the Vigil at St Bede's, then we can also include you there as well, but we need to know. Just email Fr Peter or Bernadette and we will make sure that we pass on your details to the relevant people who prepare the rotas.

Change to Masses this week

Please note that there is No Mass on Thursday as Fr Peter will be in Washington for the departure of the Youth Coaches and Jumbulance for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. On Saturday there will be No Mass as Fr Peter will be in Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage

Diocesan Pilgrimage

A Jumbulance for the sick and two coaches of young people leave on Thursday and two flights leave on Friday morning from Newcastle Airport, to take 500 people on the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please pray for a successful pilgrimage and be reassured on the prayers of all in Lourdes for everyone at home in the diocese.

Lourdes Petitions

If anyone would like petitions for Prayer taken to Lourdes, or money for a candle, please hand to Fr Peter anytime over the new few days. It is customary for petitions to be handed in and placed in special box in Lourdes at the Grotto, prayer to our Lady of Lourdes for whatever intention you wish to ask for from Our Lady. At the same time, many people who cannot attend themselves, send money so that a candle can be lit for their intentions.

Discipleship Conference

A conference for all involved in Partnership Development, looking at Spirituality, Formation, Finances, and Ministry with young people. At Sacred Heart School Fenham on Saturday 15th September from 10am—3.30pm. The deadline for bookings is the 5th September 2018. email: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk / 0191 2433316

Vocations to the Priesthood

There will be a day of reflection for men over the age of 40 considering a possible vocation to the Priesthood on Saturday 20th October, 2018 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at St. Hilda's Centre, 391 West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7NL The theme of the day: "The significance of our story" For more information and to confirm attendance including any special dietary requirements for the lunch and refreshments that will be provided please contact Father David Smith on ☎ 0191 262 3882 or email wallsend.ourladystcolumba@rcdhn.org.uk

SVP Research & Project Dev Officer

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, re-model, project plan and potentially produce resources for their programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service re-launch in Sept 2019. The salary is £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; on a one year contract. It is home-based with national travel. Closing date: 10:00am on Wednesday 25th July 2018. Interviews: Thursday 26th July 2018. Start date: Wednesday 29th August 2018. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

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. Application forms for the young people are NOW 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 group 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.

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 or John Kinghorn (at St Robert's).

Becoming a Catholic

The "Journey in Faith" meetings will begin after the Summer; times and venues will be announced in this Newsletter. In the meantime it is most important that those who are interested get into a regular practice at attending Mass regularly, either on a Saturday night or a Sunday morning, because that is what our weekly celebration of our faith revolves around. Father Peter also needs the contact details of everyone interested, and forms are now available to be completed.

Pilgrimage to Spain

St Aidan's Parish, Ashington are organising a Pilgrimage to Spain from 10th – 15th June 2019, visiting Salamanca, Valladolid, Avila, and Segovia. Price is £960 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £180. Price includes return airfare, accommodation on a half-board basis (with lunches on days 3, 5 and 6), all transport whilst in Spain, services of a professional guide, gratuities and all entrance fees. Price does not include lunches on days 1, 2 and 4, drinks or items of a personal nature. Booking Forms available from Pilgrimage People, Stapleford Granary, Bury Road, Stapleford, Cambridge CB22 5BP, Tel 0800 6123423 or +44 1223 968363. A non-refundable deposit of £250 is required and any single supplement due by 18/03/2019. Booking Ref: ASH101 Please write this in the box at the top right hand corner of the booking form You must enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport.

Dowry of Mary Tour

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. There is a tradition that the title "Dowry of Mary" goes back to St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066). There is no doubt about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in medieval England. English Shrines of Our Lady are a strong testimony to thus devotion. The first documentary evidence for the title was found in a painting which used to hang in the Hospice of St Thomas, which was the English Hospice for pilgrims in Rome, now the Venerable English College. It showed King Richard II (r.1377-1399) and his consort Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381. They are praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: "Dostua pia haec est, quare leges, Maria—this is your dowry O pious Virgin. For further information on this great event, <http://dowrytour.org.uk/>

Concert at Ashington

Tyneside A Cappella in concert with Guests Enigma on Saturday  Tyneside A Cappella 15th Sept at 7pm at St Aidan's Church Ashington. Tickets £6 available from St Aidan's Church, Tyneside A Cappella or jac.campbell2020@hotmail.co.uk Please come along and enjoy the 50 strong ladies choir, refreshments and raffle. All proceeds are to support children with additional sensory needs at Ellington Primary school.

Brave of Heart

The Cor et Lumen Christi Retreat Centre in Carlisle are holding Brave of Heart, a Weekend Journey for men, from 22nd - 23rd September. Full details can be found on www.coretlumenchristi.com

