

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Bede's Church Bedlington | St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth |
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| Saturday 7th July <i>Weekday</i> | 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Special Intention | 9.40am Rosary 10.00am Mass: Dorothy Marr 12noon Wedding Service: Marie Watson and Simon Yeoman |
| Sunday 8th July 14th Sunday B | | 9.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 11.00am Mass Mary & George Armstrong 6.00pm Mass: No Intention |
| Monday 9th July <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong and Comps</i> | 10.00am Mass: Robert & Alan Milner | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Tuesday 10th July <i>Weekday</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 11th July <i>St Benedict</i> | 10.00am Mass: No Intention | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Thursday 12th July <i>Weekday</i> | 10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: No Intention |
| Friday 13th July <i>St Henry</i> | 10.00am Mass: Shaun James | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion 11.45am Funeral Service: Irena Pitzschel |
| Saturday 14th July <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i> | 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fred Devine | 9.40am: The Rosary 10.00am Mass: No Intention 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am—12noon: <i>Confessions</i> |
| Sunday 15th July 15th Sunday B | 11.30am Baptism: Joshua de Leon 12.30pm Baptism: Halle Turnbull-Reed | 9.00am Mass: No Intention 11.00am Mass: No Intention 12.30pm Baptism: James Joseph Hay 6.00pm Mass: No Intention |

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 priests.

Youth Ministry Invitation

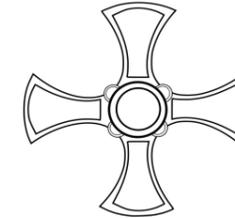
All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' meeting at the Emmaus Village on Sunday 8th July at 3.00pm (Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national Flame event which happens in March 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 attending on ☎ 01207 592244 or ✉ admin@ymt.org



Local Support for Refugees

Nearly one hundred asylum seekers have been dispersed to the Ashington area. Hilton Dawson from Northumberland County of Sanctuary brings them together to socialise in a weekly drop-in session in St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Some of these are hoping to come to the Morpeth's "Picnic in the Park", about forty of them, including eighteen children, between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 15th July, and will be using the Church Hall as a base for the day. Maura Illingworth is coordinating this and she is asking for support in the form of light refreshments for them—cakes, scones—which would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Maura this week.

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Sunday 8th July 2018—Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Hands up ... did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountaintop we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.



Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.



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 Friday 13th July at 11.45am; for **Elizabeth May Carter** of Mathesons Gardens, Morpeth whose Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday 17th July at 11.45am; for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertories and Collections: 30th June / 1st July

St Bede's: **£264.00** / Peter's Pence: **£133.20**
 St Robert's: **£860.82** / Peters Pence **£357.42**
 Standing Orders (St. Roberts- June): **£2,573.92**

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

Sea Sunday Collection

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's Retiring Collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



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 paulinmc2012@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Devotion:

The next Divine Mercy meeting will be held on Thursday 26th July at 7pm in the church. (St Robert's)

St Robert's Red Mission Box Collection

Many thanks to everyone who supports the Mill Hill Missions and the Association of the Propagation of the Faith (APF) by having a Red Mission Box. Donations so far for St Robert's is **£1,316.13**. Many thanks to Elizabeth Dixon who has taken on Parish responsibility for this and to all the collectors for their sterling work.



Family Fun Afternoon and Picnic

We are holding a Family Fun Afternoon **TODAY** at St Robert's church field and the garden area adjacent to the Church, from 1.30pm until about 4.00/4.30pm Bring your Gazebos, your chairs and your picnic. Our BBQ will be available if you want to bring your own bbq food to cook. Many thanks to Elizabeth Dixon for persevering with this and all those who have agreed to help with this.



7 Bridges Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone that took part or sponsored the walk on 3rd June. The total raised for St Bede's and St Robert's Church funds was **£964**. Well done.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday 9th July, in St Robert's Church Hall. There will be a guided Morpeth Town Trail, followed by a social evening. This will be the last meeting before the summer break.



Bonus Ball

The 7th draw for the CWL Bonus Ball was on Saturday 30th June. The lucky winners receiving £25 with bonus ball number 50 were Alan Smith and Pat Fanning. Congratulations

Partnership Communications Meeting

There will be a Meeting on Monday 9th July at 7pm at St Robert's Presbytery, to discuss Partnership Communications, including developing Facebook and website pages as well as how to improve our Partnership Newsletter. All those who are interested are invited along. It would be helpful if those coming could let Fr Peter know in advance

Rotas for Sunday Mass after September

We will soon be preparing Rotas for September for readers, ministers and welcomers and with the reduction of Masses at St Robert's to 9am and 11am only, some people from the 6pm Mass will hopefully transfer their ministries to one of the morning Masses. We need to know therefore what Mass you wish to be involved in. 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 Rich and we will make sure that we pass on your details to the relevant people who prepare the rotas.

Changes to the Offertory Procession

Following a discussion at the Liturgy and Worship meeting during the week, we are to introduce a change to our Offertory Procession at Sunday Mass at St Robert's next weekend.



- We ask that the Bread and Wine are brought up immediately. So when everyone sits down after the Intercessions, those carrying the gifts make their way 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. *This means that we are not sat waiting while the collection takes place.* The collection can begin at the back and move forward towards the front. When the collection is brought to the front of the church it can be handed to one of the Altar Servers who will come forward to receive it. Mass will continue while the Collection is being taken.
- At 9am Mass, when there is 'Children's Liturgy', the children should make their way immediately to the back as normal and then bring the gifts of bread and wine straightaway.

Baptism Preparation

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held at St Bede's Church at Bedlington on Thursday 19th July at 6.30pm. 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.

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. Forms 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 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.

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next SVP meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th July.

Mass Intentions

You will notice that we are quite low on weekday Mass Intentions, and there are regularly days when there is "No Intention". Mass envelopes for offerings are available at both churches and the Intentions and Offerings can be handed in to the Parish Office.



Willing DIY-ers!

There are times when little jobs crop up that need to be done, but not big enough to call in the professionals!! If anyone is willing to be available for small DIY jobs that crop up at St Robert's, please let Bernadette Rich know if you are happy to have your name on a list on DIY-ers for St Robert's Church. *Please note: this is not a regular nor a long term commitment; just someone available to call on when needed.*



Coeliac Disease

Any parishioner who has coeliac disease doesn't have to deny themselves Holy Communion. The Precious Blood from the Chalices can be consumed and in receiving Holy Communion under this form you receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament just as much in the precious blood as in the consecrated host. Here in our parishes we also have altar breads that are suitable for those with coeliac disease. If unsure as to what to do please consult the priest before Mass.



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 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).

Becoming a Catholic

A few people have recently expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. The "Journey in Faith" meetings will begin after the Summer. And 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.

