

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 28th July	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John Beckwith	
Sunday 29th July 17th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving 11.00am Mass: Billy McDougall 6.00pm Mass: Joseph Bell
Monday 30th July	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 31st July	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus No Mass 10.45am: Funeral Service for Joseph Olah
Wednesday 1st August	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 2nd August	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus No Mass 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 3rd August	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Bill Smith	9.40am: The Rosary 10.00am Mass Special Intention 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 5th August 18th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 6.00pm Mass: Mrs C I Cole

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.

Becoming a Catholic

For those who have expressed interest converting to Catholicism; "Journey n Faith" meetings will begin after the Summer and times and venues will be announced in this Newsletter. Those interested should get into the practice of attending Mass, either on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings, because our weekly celebration of our faith revolves around this. Fr. Peter needs the contact details of everyone interested, forms are now available.

Vacancies at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Care Assistants

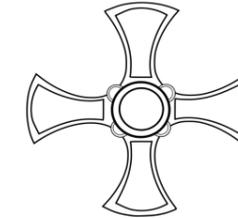
30-31.5 Hours per week, Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm

Registered Nurse

37.5 Hours per week, Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm

2 References and an enhanced DBS check required.
For more information please contact Caroline Suttle on 0191 273 1279 or email pers.newcastle@lsplondon.co.uk

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Sunday 29th July 2018 17th Sunday Year B

As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles.

As we grow in faith and maturity we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight.

The feeding of the five thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered?

We are well used to the reply to this question of course." If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us."

Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective.

God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for.

Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3: 5-6)





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: 21st / 22nd July
St Bede's: £385.63 / St Robert's: £989.04

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 fmbeaton@btinternet.com

Mission Appeal

This weekend we extend a very warm welcome to Fr Robert Sowa who will make a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries at all Masses at St Bede's and St Robert's Churches this weekend.

Rotas for Sunday Mass after September

Many thanks to those who have been in touch about ministries for Readers, Ministers, Welcomers etc etc, after the Mass time change in September. If you haven't yet contacted the Parish Office please do so as soon as possible so you can be incorporated into the new rotas.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please pray for all the people from the diocese on Pilgrimage in Lourdes. There will be almost 500 people there this week from all around the diocese, including Elizabeth and Jim Dixon, Frank Walker, Sylvia Thompson and Father Peter from Morpeth. Be reassured that you will all be remembered in prayer at the Grotto. You can watch Lourdes on Lourdes TV 24 hours each day ... www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

St Robert's SVP

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

CWL Bonus Ball

The 10th and final draw for the Bonus Ball was on Saturday 21st July and the lucky winners receiving £25 with Bonus Ball number 52 were Chris Smith and Mary Murray. Congratulations to them and to all winners over the last 10 weeks and commiserations if you weren't lucky this time. The 10 week Bonus Ball has again proved to be an excellent fund raiser and we are pleased to say it has raised £685 for St Robert's Church funds. We would like to thank you for all your enthusiastic support once again and hope to run a similar event later in the year.

Discipleship Conference

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



Brinkburn Partnership Tear and Share

On Friday 17th August there will be a chance for young people aged between 10 and 14 to come together before Edge begins, to share pizzas, chat, and tell us what they would like from youth ministry. The venue is St. Aidan's Parish Hall between 6.30 and 8.00pm.

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 Fr David Smith on 0191 262 3882 or email wallsend.ourladystcolumba@rcdhn.org.uk

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.

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

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).

Partnership Day of Recollection

We are to hold a Partnership Day of Recollection on "Our Call to Holiness". This will be held on Saturday 20th October, from 10:30-3:30pm (coffee/tea from 10am) at St. Bede's Bedlington. It will be Lead by Chris Smith and Sr. Sheila McNamara. This will be a great opportunity for people from across the partnership to come together, reflect and pray together.

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.

Concert at Ashington

Tyneside A Cappella in concert with Guests Enigma on Saturday 15th Sept at 7pm at St Aidan's Church Ashington. Tickets 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.

Marie Luiza Orphanage, Bulgaria ... Update

Further to the tremendous fundraising activities at St Bede's Church last year, and the visit to the Marie Luiza Orphanage, Beth Lacey would like to update the parish regarding the progress of the children who have been supported through your generosity. This will take place after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's on Saturday, 4 August.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Mary's Meals reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact. Donate online at www.marysmeals.org.uk or better still start a summer holiday fundraising activity within your own family or workplace.