

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 18th August <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: James Craik	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: Kevin O'Malley 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 19th August 20th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Peggy Hope 11.00am Mass: Mrs P Onono 12.30pm Baptism: Arabella Ivy Sayer 6.00pm Mass: Elphin Conroy
Monday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	10.00am Mass: Special Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 21st August <i>Dedication St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Sarah and Mary Lothian
Wednesday 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	10.00am Mass: Sick and Retired Priests of Our Diocese	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Lily and Pat McCafferty
Friday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	10.00am Mass: The Housebound and those in care	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 25th August <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Robert & Alma King	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: David Jones 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i> 2.00pm Wedding Service: Natalie Bryson and Gareth Stewart
Sunday 26th August 21st Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Samuel & Dorothy Dutton 11.00am Mass: Eileen & Gerry Harber <i>[Golden Wedding Anniversary]</i> 12.30pm Baptism: Ophelia Rose Snowdon 6.00pm Mass: Intentions of the Cole Family

The Pope's Intention for August

The treasure of Families. That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Over 40s 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 from 10am -4pm 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, please contact Fr David Smith on ☎ 0191 2623882 or email walls-end.ourladystcolumnba@rcdhn.org.uk.

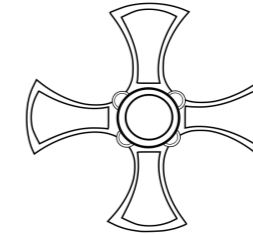


Mary's Meals

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 fundraising activity within the parish, your own family or workplace.



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Sunday 19th August 2018 - 20th Sunday Year B

Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each lays on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.



The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.



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.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th August
St Bede's: **£289.80.** July Standing Orders **£787.67.**
St Robert's: **£969.62.** July Standing Orders **£2,565.92**

Welcome

If you are new to our parishes or are a visitor to Bedlington or Morpeth attending one of our churches this weekend, we hope you feel very welcome among 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.



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

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 on Sunday morning.

Wedding Prayers



Please keep Natalie and Gareth in your prayers—they are to be married at St Robert's Church on Saturday afternoon. They were both received into the Church at Easter and now they have this important day to celebrate with family and friends. We have two more weddings at St Robert's in September, of Dominika and Michael, and Christy and Liam, so pray for those couples too, as they make final preparations.

St Robert's Parish Gift Aid

The return for the financial year for St Robert's Parish for 2017/18 has been submitted to the Diocesan Gift Aid Office. If any parishioners who are part of gift aid

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scheme wish to know the total of their contributions for the year, please contact Gerry Harber on ☎ 01670 517829 or email gerald.harber@talktalk.net

Finance Committee Meetings

- St Bede's, Bedlington: Monday 3rd September at 6pm
- St Robert's, Morpeth: Wednesday 5th September at 5pm

Mass times Changes

Please note that Sunday Mass times change at the beginning of September. The last Mass at St Joseph's, Widdrington will be celebrated on Saturday 25th August and there will be a special Ecumenical Service at St Joseph's, Widdrington on Sunday 19th August at 6pm to mark the closure of the Church; there will be a concelebrated Mass at St Mary's, Newbiggin at 3.00pm on Sunday 26th August to mark its closure. The 6pm Mass at St Robert's will conclude on Sunday 26th August. As from 1st / 2nd September, the Mass times in the Partnership churches will be ...

Saturday Vigil Masses

- 5.30pm St Bede's, Bedlington
- 6.00pm Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble

Sunday Morning Masses

- 9.00am St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth
- 9.30am Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble
- 10.30am St Aidan's Church, Ashington
- 11.00am St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth
- 11.00am St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley

Sunday Evening Mass

- 6.00pm St Aidan's Church, Ashington

First Holy Communion Catechists

First Holy Communion preparation will begin shortly and parents will be soon asked to contact the Parish Office for forms to be completed so that we know which children will be enrolled onto the preparation and a meeting will be held with parents to explain the preparation for this coming year. Any adults willing to help with the catechesis for First Confession and Holy Communion are asked to speak with Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen. There will be a meeting for all catechists and those responsible for preparation in both St Roberts and St Bede's Parishes, on Thursday 6th September at 4pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington.



Confirmation Course Meeting

There will be a preparatory meeting for those being confirmed and their parents, at St Aidan's Church, Ashington, on Monday 10th September at 7pm. The regular sessions will begin on Sunday 23rd September, running every week after the 6pm Sunday Mass at Ashington, except for the half term holiday. Application forms for the young people are NOW AVAILABLE ... those who will be in Year 9 (and above) in September can collect and complete them if they wish to be confirmed.

Confirmation Catechists

Thomas Carrot, our Youth Coordinator urgently needs a few more adult Confirmation Catechists to help with the sacramental preparation, and he especially needs a few female catechists. You must have a current Parish/Diocesan DBS check that allows you to work with young people. Please contact Fr Peter if able to help.

Becoming a Catholic

The 'Journey in Faith' meetings will begin after the summer and times and venues will be announced in this newsletter, in the next few weeks. It is important that those who are interested should get into the practice of attending Mass, either on Saturday night or Sunday morning, because our weekly celebration of our faith revolves around this. Fr. Peter needs the contact details of everyone interested and forms are now available.

Divine Mercy Devotions

The next Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Thursday 30th August at 7pm in St Robert's Church, Morpeth.

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm.

Partnership Day of Recollection

We are to hold a Partnership Day of Recollection on 'Our Call to Holiness', based on the latest Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis. This day will be held on **Saturday 20th October** from 10.30am-3.30pm (coffee / tea from 10am) at St Bede's, Bedlington. It will be led by Mrs 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.

Day of Recollection

Heavenfield Partnership are having a Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 6th October and are opening it up to all Extraordinary Ministers within the Diocese. It will be led by Deacon Martin Bell. The day will start with Mass at 10:00am, followed by tea & coffee. The Day of Recollection itself will start at 11:00am, and will end with 30 minutes of Benediction from 3:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. If you are interested in attending, please forward your name and contact details to the Parish Secretary at Saint Mary's, Hexham (☎ 01434 603119 or email@stmmaryshexham.plus.com) before Wednesday 3rd October.

Discipleship Conference

A diocesan conference for all involved in Partnership Development, looking at 'Spirituality', 'Formation', 'Finances' and 'Ministry with young people' will be held on Saturday 15th September at Sacred Heart High School, Fenham, from 10am -3.30pm. The deadline for bookings is 5th September. Email: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or ☎0191 243 3316.



CONTACT THE ELDERLY

'Contact The Elderly'

Are you aged over 75? Would you like to meet new people? 'Contact the Elderly' organise Sunday afternoon Tea Parties for those aged over 75. Contact Valerie Walker on ☎ 0191 242 0186 or visit www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk/ There are also opportunities for others to get involved as Drivers, Hosts and Coordinators.

Diocesan Courses and Days of Reflection

The diocesan Liturgy Office have prepared a series of Reflection Days and Study Days. Full Details are on our Parish Notice boards for:

- **Day of Reflection for All Ministers;**
- **Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders;**
- **Courses for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion;**
- **New Lay Leaders of Celebrations in absence of a priest;**
- **Readers Training;**
- **New Sacristans Training.**



For further details of times, dates and costs of these courses please contact Bernadette at the parish office or speak to Fr Peter. **Bookings for these courses have deadlines, some fairly soon, so please do not wait until it is too late.**

CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island

The CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island takes place on Saturday 1st September. Everyone is most welcome. The Pilgrimage begins at 11.30am on the mainland side of the Causeway (you are asked to be there for 11.15am at the latest if you intend to walk across the sands) Please note the starting point is at the white refuge tower part way along the road onto the island. For those not walking there will be a 'Share the Journey' Liturgy in St Aidan's Catholic Church at 1.00pm. The CAFOD Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Fr Chris Hughes and will take place at 3.30pm in the Priory Church of St Mary. CAFOD also need help on the day: Are you a musician and willing to play at our Mass? Can you give a little time as an event steward to help escort pilgrims across the causeway? If the answer is yes to either or both questions then please get in touch with David on ☎ 07779 804243 or Kevin on ☎ 0191 410 2779.



SVP Employment Opportunities

The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of our youth programme in the UK ...
Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30k pa, full time permanent contract. Closing date 15:00 on Thursday 23rd August 2018. Interviews 30th August. Start date ASAP.
Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata, 2 days/wk, one year contract. Closing date 10:00am Monday 20th August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24th August. Start date ASAP.
Both roles based at national office. For more details and application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

World Meeting of Families

From 21st-26th August, the World Meeting of Families will take place in Dublin, with the theme of 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World', and the event will finish with a Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday 26th August. This is a great opportunity for us to pray for all our own families and to commend them to the prayers of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God, our Father.



'We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care. Especially those for whom we now pray: (We pause and remember family members and others by name). Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louise and Zelig Martin, pray for us.'

Northumberland Listening Service

Would you like someone to talk to? A free and confidential Listening Service run by parishes in the Brinkburn and Seaton Delaval Partnerships, is available for those who wish to talk about issues such as Loss and Bereavement, Stress, Anxiety, Relationship Difficulties, Loneliness or other concerns. To make an appointment please telephone ☎ 07732 980740