

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
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 <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 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
Monday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	10.00am Mass: Hogg & Cox families	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 28th August <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 29th August <i>Beheading of St John the Baptist</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Priest's Intention
Thursday 30th Aug <i>Ss Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line & Mgt Ward</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Paul McCole
Friday 31st Aug <i>St Aidan and Bps of Lindisfarne</i>	10.00am Mass: The People of Kerala	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 1st September <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Michael Goonan	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: Jan Jurek 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 2nd September 22nd Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cole 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown

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.

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

Vacancy: Cathedral Outreach Co-ordinator

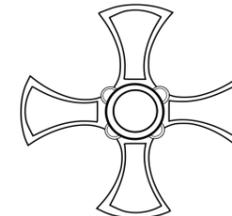
Fixed Term Contract – 3 Years (Ref 16/2018) The closing date for applications is 9 September 2018. An application pack is available on www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact ☎ 0191 243 3301 Email: human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Apostleship of the Sea Regional Mass

The 'Apostleship of the Sea' invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 12 noon in St Bede's Church, 10 Westoe Rd, South Shields NE33 4LZ. Bishop Seamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



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Sunday 26th August 2018 - 21st Sunday Year B

The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a decision, and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask, "would make our decision easier to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point.



The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?



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 including **Joanne Dixon** of Bedlington whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Bede's on Wednesday 5th September; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th August
St Bede's: £248.20 / St Robert's: £811.71

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 pray for Natalie Bryson and Gareth Stewart who were married at St Robert's Church on Saturday afternoon. We offer them our prayers and best wishes for their married life together.



Finance Committee Meetings

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

Heritage Open Days Morpeth

We are taking part once again in the local Heritage Open Days, and opening both the Presbytery and Church for visitors. This year we are opening on both Thursday 13th and Friday 14th September from 12noon until 4pm. So we will need a few people to be available to act as welcomers for both the Presbytery and for the Church, to help point people in the right direction and to show them some of the special features of the Church and of Collingwood House. Those who are able to help with both or either day are asked to contact the parish office to let either Fr Peter or Bernadette Rich know who is able to help.



Mass times Changes

Please note that Sunday Mass times change at the beginning of September. The 6pm Mass at St Robert's will conclude THIS EVENING, 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.

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. Extraordinary Ministers can attend this as their annual Day of Recollection

Day of Recollection

Heavenfield Partnership are having a Day of Recollection at Hexham, 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@stmaryshexham.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.

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;**
- **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.**

A pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saint Mary's, Hexham, have organised a 5-day pilgrimage to Walsingham, from 13th to 17th May 2019. Price will depend upon number of people travelling, but will be in the region of £340 per person (includes return coach travel, half board accommodation in en-suite twin bedded rooms at Elmham House, visits to the National Catholic Shrine, the Anglican shrine and either Sandringham or Cromer). There are only 18 places left, so if you are interested, please forward your name and contact details to Saint Mary's Parish Office before 10th September (email@stmaryshexham.plus.com or 01434 603119). Places will be allocated strictly on a first-come first-served basis.

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.



Urgent request for bicycles

There are approximately 100 asylum seekers in Ashington who are desperately in need of bicycles. They can't afford bus fares and are often on estates far away from the shops or town centre. Men's, women's and children's bikes in any condition are needed. If you would like more information please telephone Maura Illingworth about this ☎ 516452. Maura will be available next Sunday morning, 2nd September. If you are able to help with this appeal, bring any available bicycles next Sunday, but **please do not leave them in the Porch or near the entrance to the Church, but make sure they are left to the garage nearest the Grotto or handed to Maura Illingworth who will arrange for them to be put away.**



Kerala floods: an SVP appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is running a national appeal to raise funds for the flood disaster in Kerala, southern India, which has killed hundreds and displaced around a million people. Kerala is the most Christian state in India. Christianity arrived there when St Thomas the Apostle visited in 52 AD. It has the largest number of churches in India and the SVP has more than 36,000 members in Kerala. The Church and the SVP have been playing a major role in assisting the many thousands of people who are victims of the flood and we would appreciate it if you would help. As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala, southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

