

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
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: The Rosary 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 Cone 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown
Monday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	10.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 4th September <i>Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Special Intention
Wednesday 5th September <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>	10.15am REQUIEM MASS: Joanne Dixon	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 6th September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Ints. Eileen & Gerry Harber 1.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE: Ann Dacko
Friday 7th September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: No Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 8th September <i>Birthday of Our Blessed Lady</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Joe & Nancy Riley	9.40am: The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Daphne Landells 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 9th September 23rd Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Charlie and Eilis Glancey 11.00am Mass: Mr S.E.I. Cole 12.30pm Baptism: Amber Rosaleen Currie

The Pope's Intention for September

Universal: Young People in Africa.

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Thank you

Eileen and Gerry Harber would like to express their appreciation to Father Peter for the special blessing at 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday and to all who have supported us with their prayers and good wishes on the occasion of our Golden Wedding anniversary. Thank you all very much.

Thank You!

Christian Aid Street Collection, Morpeth

The Christian Aid street collection in Morpeth town centre takes place on Saturday 22nd September from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. We need 6 volunteers to each collect for one hour on this day. If you are able and willing to help please enter your name and phone number on the list in St Robert's church porch. Thank you.

Partnership Spirituality Network Group

The next meeting of the Spirituality Network will be held on Monday 17th September at 10.30am at St Bede's, Church.

Partnership Development Group [PDG]

The next meeting of the PDG will be held on Thursday 20th September at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington

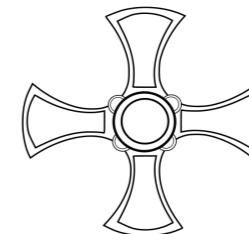
St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for St Robert's Church will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 7pm.

Liturgy and Worship Group

Next Meeting of St Robert's Liturgy and Worship Group will be held on Thursday 27th September at 7pm

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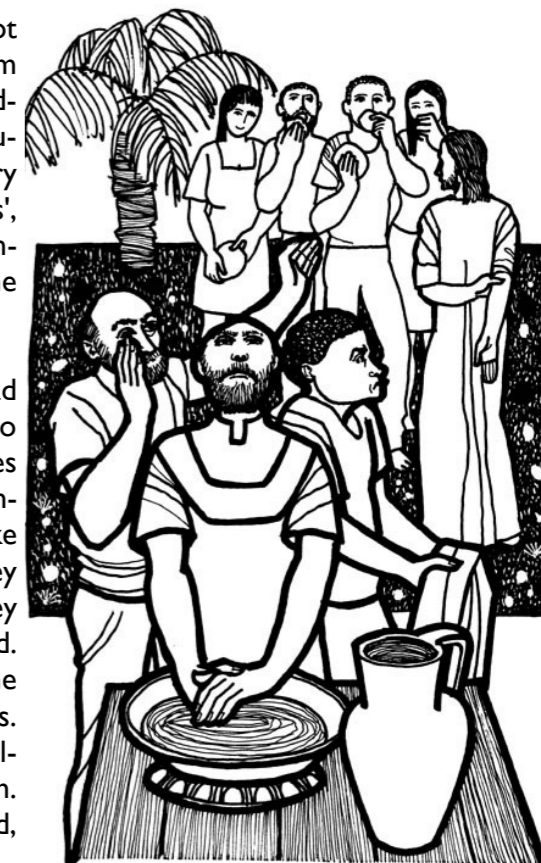
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Sunday 2nd September 2018 - 22nd Sunday Year B

It's easy to be fooled. Mr and Mrs Devout are always in church, always to be seen praying, always lighting votives, always to be found kneeling in their favourite pew. Are Mr and Mrs Devout good people? Well very possibly, but outward appearances can be deceptive. Perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout are the salt of the earth, but not necessarily. Despite their Sunday best, perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout spend the rest of the week, complaining about the refugees next door, gossiping about other parishioners and ignoring the plight of the beggar sitting on the church doorstep. Outward appearances are no indication of what lies beneath.

Today the Pharisees complain to Jesus, that his disciples do not wash their hands before eating. Their complaint does not stem from food hygiene. The Pharisees had very many rituals intended to keep themselves pure and undefiled, and one of these rituals was washing before eating. The ritual in itself is not so very wrong. We ourselves have a ritual of saying 'grace before meals', but where Jesus finds fault is in their flawed grasp of what is important. Jesus uses their complaint to teach a lesson, and the lesson isn't really anything to do with washing.



What do we think pleases God? The Pharisees were not bad people, but they had strayed a long way from pleasing God. To the Pharisees, religion was all about abiding by hundreds of rules and regulations. Many of these rules were about keeping themselves segregated from anything in the world that would make them unclean. They had become so obsessed by this that they no longer engaged well with the world and all its suffering. They lived by lofty and judgmental ideals that Jesus totally rejected. Jesus didn't deliberately set out to disregard tradition, but at the same time, he had come to engage with the world and its needs. Jesus' main concern was for the poor the sick and the marginalised, and he went out of his way to associate himself with them. He saw the Pharisees placing barriers between man and God, and he wasn't having it!

We do not become unacceptable to God by failing to follow a set of outward rules. We become unacceptable to God when our hearts become cold. God is not impressed when we turn up for Mass in our Sunday best. God is best pleased when we show the world a loving and sincere heart.



Please pray for: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Fr Jim Doherty, and Fr Peter Etterley at Alnwick who is very poorly; for all who have died recently including **Joanne Dixon** of Bedlington whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.15am at St Bede's Church on Wednesday; for **Ann Dacko** whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at 1pm on Thursday at St Roberts Church; for **Thomas Young** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 10th September at 10am at St Bede's Church; for **Mary Marshall** who died during the week at Bedlington (funeral arrangements to follow); and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections: 25th / 26th August
St Bede's: _____ / St Robert's: **£873.71**

Education Sunday Collection

Sunday 9th September is Education Sunday, a Day of Prayer in England and Wales. There will be a Retiring Collection next Sunday for the Catholic Education Service.

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 marian@marianbell.f2s.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.

Heritage Open Days

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.



Welcome to Mass

We look forward to welcoming Staff of St Bede's Primary School to our daily Mass on Monday 3rd September, at 10am at St Bede's, as part of their Teacher Training Day.

Catholic Women's League

There will be a CWL Committee meeting on Monday 3rd September at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall.

First Holy Communion Catechists

All who are involved in preparing our children for First Confession and First Holy Communion, and new people who would like to be [DBS checks necessary] for our two parishes, are asked to attend a preparation meeting on Thursday 6th September at 4pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington.



Confirmation Course Meeting

There will be a preparatory meeting at St Aidan's Church, Ashington, on Monday 10th September at 7pm, for those being confirmed and their parents. 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 are asked to collect and complete a form if they wish to be confirmed.

Becoming a Catholic

The first meeting of our 'Journey in Faith' will be held on Thursday 21st September at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth. All who are interested are asked to attend the first meeting which will explain the rest of "The Journey".

Keyholders

We received a letter recently from the Bishop who was concerned that a Presbytery had recently been "broken into" by a person using an authorised door key and certain items were stolen from the Presbytery. We are asked therefore to complete an audit of all those who have keys for the premises at St Robert's and St Bede's Parishes. All who have keys for the Presbytery, Church or Hall are asked to contact Bernadette at St Robert's and Pat at St Bede's and to inform them of the keys that they hold and for what purpose / activity.

Coffee morning & Cake stall

Peter Smith will be travelling out again to work within the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Tanzania, [KCMC] in early November. Peter will be holding a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall on Saturday 15th September from 10am-12noon in St. Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth in aid of the Burns Project at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre. Peter hopes to purchase much needed items including monitoring equipment and more basic equipment such as pillows for beds & plastic chairs for patients in the Burns Unit & ICU. Please support the event if you can. Thank you.

St Robert's SVP

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

Urgent request for bicycles

Maura Illingworth (☎ 516 452) is organising a collection of unwanted bicycles for asylum seekers and refugees, living in Ashington. Maura will be available THIS MORNING, Sunday 2nd September. **Please do not leave bicycles in the Porch or the entrance to the Church, but make sure they are handed to Maura Illingworth who will arrange for them to be put away.**



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. *This day will fulfil Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion requirement for an annual Day of Recollection.*

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 10am, followed by tea & coffee. The Day of Recollection itself will start at 11am, and will end with 30 minutes of Adoration and 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.

Partnership Spirituality through Art

We are to hold a series of meetings on "Spiritual Journey through Christian Art", starting on Friday 14th September at St. Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth from 7pm-9pm. This will be led by Veronica Shearer and there will be six sessions, which are being advertised throughout the partnership.



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.**

Vacancy: Cathedral Outreach Co-ordinator

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

Do you have any surplus rosaries?



Through the Catenian Association rosaries are sent to missions in Africa, the indigenous people of Australia and to people in prison in the UK. If you have any rosaries that you don't need they will be very much appreciated by Catholics in these situations. Please leave them in the box on the table in St Robert's church porch. Thank you.

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. 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.



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

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



Mass times Changes

Today marks the beginning of new Mass Times throughout our Brinkburn Partnership, which are given below.

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