

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 8th September <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Joe & Nancy Riley	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: Daphne Landells 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 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
Monday 10th September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am REQUIEM MASS: THOMAS OSWALD YOUNG	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Tuesday 11th September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am Mass: Babs and Paddy O'Connell
Wednesday 12th September <i>The Holy Name of Mary</i>	10.00am Joanne Dixon (AO)	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Thursday 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am Mass: James Dunn
Friday 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.15am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Bob Quinn	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Saturday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	5.00pm <i>The Rosary</i> 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Dominic Devine	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: The Cone Family 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i> 1.00pm WEDDING SERVICE: Dominika Stramska and Michael Lawley
Sunday 16th September 23rd Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Molly McKee 11.00am Mass: Derek Smith

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.

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

Christian Aid Street Collection, Morpeth

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

Thanks to Bicycle Request

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the request for unused bicycles last week. Fourteen bikes were donated so will be of great benefit to those less fortunate.

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal

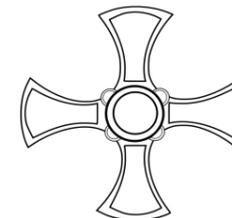
The SVP is running a national appeal to raise funds for the flood disaster in Kerala, southern India, the most Christian state in India. They desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please remember the people of Kerala in your prayers.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Count this year will be taken on the last two weekends of September [22nd/23rd and 29th/30th] and the first two weekends of October [6th/7th and 13th/14th], a change from all previous counts that have taken place in October. This will therefore avoid the Half Term holidays when many go away for the weekends and therefore have been missing from the annual count.



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Sunday 9th September 2018 - 23rd Sunday Year B

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us, at first impression, a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.



When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private.

Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.



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 ill: for all who have died recently including **Thomas Young** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 10th September at 10am at St Bede's Church; for **Mary Marshall** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 24th September at 10am at St Bede's Church; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections:

St Bede's: 25th Aug: £218.32; 1st Sept £291.83; August SOs £821
St Robert's: 2nd Sept. £833.76; August SOs £2548.92

Education Sunday Collection

Today is Education Sunday, a Day of Prayer in England and Wales. There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Education Service. Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. The second collection taken today is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.

Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, and it is a Day of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel in our own Home Mission here in England and Wales. The Home Mission Sunday Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend will give the opportunity to support this financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

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.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Séamus

This weekend, we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Séamus, in response to Pope Francis' August Letter on the abuse crisis in the Church that has been revealed in recent weeks in various parts of the UK and the church around the world. The Bishop refers to the Pope's Letter, and copies of Pope Francis' Letter to "The People of God" are available this weekend at the back of the Church. Bishop Séamus has also sent two documents reflecting on the Pope's Letter but to print them off would require lots of paper! If you would like a copy, send an email to Fr Peter and he will make sure that a copy is sent out in reply to your request. If you don't have email and would like a copy, please speak to Fr Peter.

Holy Hours

In his Pastoral Letter this weekend, Bishop Séamus has asked all parishes in the diocese to hold a Holy Hour at the beginning of October to pray for the Church at this time of crisis and to use the opportunity as a time of prayer for renewal. There will be a Holy Hour at St Bede's Church on Monday 1st October from 7pm—8pm and a Holy Hour at St Robert's Church on Wednesday 3rd October, from 7pm—8pm. *I urge you to do all you can come along to church for one hour on these evenings, to change your normal routine and to come to pray for the whole church.*

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 week, opening on both **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th September from 12noon until 4pm**. We 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 let Fr Peter know.

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.

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. Come along and try out a new form of prayer and spirituality. All welcome.

Coffee Morning & Cake Stall

Peter Smith will be travelling 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. He hopes to buy 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

Wedding Prayers

Please keep Dominika Stramska and Michael Lawley in your prayers, as they prepare for their wedding at St Robert's Church on Saturday afternoon. We hope that they will have a wonderful day and we pray that they will have a very happy and blessed married life together.

Church and Parish Keyholders

We have been asked by the Bishop to do an audit of all those who hold keys to parish property following an incident in the diocese where a Presbytery had recently been "broken into" by a person using an authorised door key and certain items were stolen from the Presbytery. 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. Many thanks.

Liturgy and Worship Group

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

Partnership Spirituality Network Group

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

Partnership Development Group

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

Becoming a Catholic

The first meeting of our 'Journey in Faith', a brief introduction to one another and to the Journey of Faith meetings, will be held on Wednesday 19th September at 7pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. **Please note Change of Date and Change of Venue.**

Partnership Day of Recollection

We will hold a Partnership Day of Recollection, led by Mrs Chris Smith and Sr Sheila McNamara, on **Saturday 20th October** from 10.30am-3.30pm at St Bede's, Bedlington, about 'Our Call to Holiness', based on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation. (Coffee/tea from 10am) This will be an opportunity for people from across the Partnership to come together, reflect and pray together. *This day will fulfil Extraordinary Ministers requirement for an annual Day of Recollection.*

St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for St Robert's Church will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 7pm. Father Peter has been trying to recruit new and younger members of the parish to come along to these meetings. What we do as a parish, reaching out to members of the community, pastorally, spiritually and socially is part and parcel of why we are here, but we need the presence of some younger people—young mums or dads or younger single parishioners to support the work that the Parish Council tries to do. Please give this some thought and if you can come along please speak to Fr Peter this week.

Do you have any surplus rosaries?

The Catenian Association send rosaries 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 please leave them in the box on the table in St Robert's church porch

Apostleship of the Sea Regional Mass

The 'Apostleship of the Sea' invites you to a Mass in honour of their 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, 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

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Appeal

The Home Secretary is being asked to impose bans on silent pro-life vigils, especially in areas where Abortion Clinics are located. SPUC is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigil, which in some cases have helped women to choose life to save their baby. The freedom to oppose abortion, and the freedom to hold pro-life vigil, pro-life chains and public meetings may be at risk. Postcards are available at the back of church today. Please take one and send to the Home Secretary or write your own letter of support to him at the House of Commons

Christmas Piety Stall

Last year's Christmas Piety Stall proved so popular, we are doing it again!! We shall a Christmas Stall with Christmas cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on one weekend each in October, November and December. Keep an eye out for our stall before you go anywhere else for your cards!

What's Happening for our Young People?

First Holy Communion Preparation

Our preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion will begin in early October and there will be a Parents' Meeting at St Bede's Church on Monday 24th September at 3pm and a meeting at St Roberts Church Hall on Monday 24th September at 6pm. Parents are asked to attend these meetings so that we can inform them of the preparation for these important sacraments.

Catechists needed

It has been pointed out that we need a few more catechists for First Holy Communion, especially those who might be experienced in this area. If able to help, please speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen.

Confirmation Preparation

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.

The Source 'Do Not Be Afraid'

The first SOURCE this year is on October 3rd, starting at 6:45pm in the Cathedral, finishing at 8:00pm (food served in Cathedral café) Anastasia Baker will share her music and her story; she is a UK based Gospel, Inspirational, Soul singer and performing artist, who has featured as a contestant at "judge's houses" on 'X Factor UK' and was the winner, by public vote, of the 3rd Series of Time2Shine, the UK's biggest gospel talent quest show.

Pope John Paul II Award

The next registration period for The Pope John Paul II Awards for young people aged 16 to 18 years starts in September 2018. Please ask Fr Peter or Bernadette Rich at St Robert's or Joe Gallagher at St Bede's for details or ring Arthur Mitchell, Partnership Leader, directly on 07553287601.

EDGE for Middle School Students

Our Partnership will soon be launching EDGE, an exciting, Catholic youth group for young people in school years 5 to 9. It includes social time, fun games and activities, provoking or thoughtful discussion on issues that really matter, and chances to make new friends.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be in St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm. Parents wishing to have children baptised should speak to Fr Peter about attending this course.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Canonisation Mass

To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13th October at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor. All are welcome to attend this special Mass at the Cathedral.

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation is essentially a Ministry of Listening and Compassion. It is the sensitive and privileged work of accompanying the dying and supporting those who are bereaved in our own families or in our Parish. This is a programme of both training and pastoral formation and is taking place at Our Lady and St. Joseph's, New Hartley on the following dates: October 9th and 23rd, November 6th and 20th and December 4th, beginning each afternoon at 1pm and finishing at 3.30pm. To apply, please contact Karen Brown in the Department for Spirituality, 0191 2433302 or Karen.Brown@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is September 30th.

The EVENT

The EVENT is back! It is held monthly at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Hebburn between 6.00 - 7.30pm, is free and welcomes all young people from years 5, 6, 7 and 8. First evening is Wednesday 17th October. Organisers provide pizza and refreshments free of charge afterwards too so young people can get to know others from other schools across the Diocese

Faith in Action Award

The Diocese is introducing a new 'Faith in Action' award for Year 6 – Year 11 pupils in our schools. A lot of this will be promoted in our Catholic Schools but if there anyone not in a Catholic School, as many of our young people from St Robert's do not attend a Catholic school and may like to get involved, please speak to Fr Peter. See <http://ymt.org/faith-in-action-awards.html> for more info.

Young People's Discipleship Training - IN PURSUIT

Following a period of research and exploration YMT are launching a Discipleship Program beginning with a Residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29th and 30th September. Applications are invited from young people 16 years – 21 years who wish to deepen, grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese. Supported by the Partnerships young people will have the opportunity share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. Contact details: Youth Ministry Trust - Phillip Salkeld - inpursuit@ymt.org - 01207 592244 - Facebook page: IN Pursuit www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating the Annual Altar Servers Mass in on Saturday 3rd November at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral. All servers are invited to attend this Mass. Please let Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen know before Saturday 13th October 2018, since they have to complete the attendee slip and return it to organisers.

FLAME, the National Catholic Youth Congress, takes place at Wembley Arena on March 2nd 2019. Booking forms are out this month in partnerships and secondary schools and it is hoped that coaches will leave from pick-up points in every area. The cost will be £40 per person which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org