

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 22nd September <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: Msg. Marek Martiska (MIC) 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 23rd September 25th Sunday B	5.00pm Reception of Body into Church: Mary Marshall	9.00am Mass: James Weatheritt 11.00am Mass: Michael Hesking
Monday 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.00am Requiem Mass: Mary Marshall	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 25th 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: George Beattie
Wednesday 26th September <i>Ss Cosmos and Damian</i>	10.00am Mass: Jim, James & Sarah Craik	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: All deceased relatives and friends
Friday 28th September <i>St Wenceslaus</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass: Deceased Members of the SVP	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 29th September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John & Catherine McGinn	12:30pm Nuptial Mass: Liam Treacy and Christy Brown
Sunday 30th September 26th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Ann Lewington 11.00am Mass: Maureen Owens 12.30pm Baptism: Liesl Florence and Robyn Charlotte Graham

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.

Changes on Saturday Morning

Please note that because of the Nuptial Mass on Saturday at 12.30pm, our normal Saturday Morning Mass, Devotions and Confessions are cancelled.

Do you have any surplus rosaries?



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.

Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith meeting will begin with the first session being held on Thursday 4th October. Meetings will then be held every two weeks on a Thursday in St Robert's Presbytery. All welcome ... those seeking admission into the Church as well as those interesting in joining in discussions on the faith and the Church.

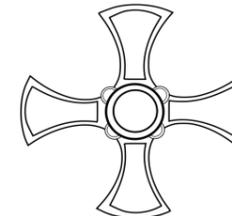
Ministry of Consolation

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.

Keyholders

Reminder to all who have keys to the Presbytery, Church or Hall, we ask that you let Bernadette at St Roberts or Pat at St Bede's know what keys you have, for what purpose they were originally given and if you still use or need them.

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Sunday 23rd September 2018 - 25th Sunday Year B

Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."



We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.



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 **Mary Marshall** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 24th September at 10am at St Bede's Church; for Thomas Rowley Percy of Bedlington whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Bede's on 4th October; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Collections

St Bede's: 15th Sept: **£278.10**. Home Mission: **£105.53**.
St Robert's: 16th Sept. **£790.59**. Home Mission: **£331.59**

Offertory Envelopes

Following the recent changes in our Partnership Sunday Mass times, please note that if you use your parish envelopes at another partnership church, those envelopes are returned to the Church whose name appears on the envelopes. So if you usually attended the 6pm Mass at St Robert's Church and you now go to either St Bede's Church or St Aidan's Church, the money in your envelope is passed back to the church. Loose collection goes to the church you are attending.

Parish Financial Audit

Both St Bede's and St Roberts were chosen at random very recently, by the external auditors of the diocese, for a check of all financial records, paper and electronic, pertaining to the last financial year. They asked to see all counting sheets used by the counting teams, paying in books, cheque books, bank statements, invoices and any electronic form of accounting eg Excel spreadsheets. Fortunately auditors left saying that all was fine. Very many thanks to everyone involved in the counting, recording and banking of our collections and to those who prepare our accounts.



St Bede's Counting Teams

We seek the help of a couple more people to help with the weekly counting of the collection. You would be needed once every five or six weeks for about 1 - 1½ hours to count and record the collection. We must have at least two people on each team. If anyone can help, please speak to Fr Peter

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.

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

The series of meetings on "Spiritual Journey through Christian Art", continues this week in St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth, from 7pm—8pm. There has been a very enthusiastic response so far to this new spiritual venture.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Count this year will be taken this weekend, 29th / 30th September, 6th / 7th and 13th / 14th 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.



Liturgy and Worship Group

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

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.

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.*

Wedding Prayers

Please keep Liam Treacy and Christy Brown, who will be married in St Robert's next Saturday, in your prayers, We hope that they have a wonderful day and we pray that they will have a very happy and blessed married life together.



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Appeal

Following the recent appeal by SPUC to petition the Home Secretary, concerning a ban on silent pro-life vigils, especially in areas where Abortion Clinics are located, we are pleased to say that a decision has been made **not to impose a ban**. Thank you to everyone who supported the petition and to all who sent a postcard to Parliament.

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.

St Robert's Bonus Ball

Members of the Catholic Women's League are once again organising another Bonus Ball. We are very grateful to those who organise this because as well as giving everyone the chance for a little flutter, it also raises funds for the parish. Numbers are available at a cost of £10 for 10 weeks, on sale from next week. The first draw will be taken from the National Lotto draw on October 13th.

Holy Hour to pray for the Church

In his Pastoral Letter Bishop Séamus asked all parishes in the diocese to hold a Holy Hour at the beginning of October to pray for the Church and to use the opportunity as a time of prayer for renewal.

- Holy Hour at St Bede's Church on Monday 1st October 7pm—8pm
- Holy Hour at St Robert's Church on Wednesday 3rd October, 7pm—8pm.

Christmas Piety Stall

Last year's Christmas Piety Stall proved so popular, we are doing it again!! We shall have a Christmas Stall with Christmas Cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on 6th and 7th October; 10th and 11th November; and 8th and 9th December.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 24th September, at 7.00pm, in the Church Hall. There will be a talk by Joan Howard on 'Two Years as Mayoress'. Everyone welcome.

St Roberts Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be on Saturday 8th December. It will follow the same basic as previous years, but if anyone has any new ideas we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either Andrea Mitchell (512281) (usually at 9am Mass) or Elizabeth Dixon (516584) (usually at 11am Mass). Thank you.

SVP St Robert's

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society— Awareness Month

Raise Awareness, Donate, Volunteer, Fundraise The purpose of SVP Awareness Month is simple: to tell people about the SVP so that more people can benefit from the charity's work, and more people can get involved. To find out how you can get involved visit the SVP website. September is chosen as the society's awareness month to coincide with Saint Vincent de Paul's feast day on September 27th. www.svp.org.uk (England and Wales)

Mass for the Sick

St Robert's Parish are celebrating a Mass for the Sick on Friday 19th October at 2 p.m. All are welcome. We would like as many as possible who are unable to come to Mass on their own, to be enabled to attend. The SVP will coordinate a list of those needing assistance, but need help to identify them. If you know of anyone who would like to come please ask their permission, put their name and a contact phone number on the list in the porch. We would also like help with transport. If you can help please put your name and phone number on the list for that.



Coffee Morning & Cake Stall Thanks

The Coffee morning last Saturday, organised by Peter Smith, raised the fantastic sum of £806.50. Thank you to all parishioners who attended and supported by purchasing cakes & raffle tickets; colleagues, family and girlfriends who helped run the stalls and lastly, all the very kind people who gave generous donations. The money will be used to purchase chairs & pillows for use in the Intensive Care Units and also to help fund a children's play area in the Burns Unit at KCMC, Tanzania.

Catholic Newspapers

We are having a few problems with delivery of our Catholic Newspapers. This weeks papers arrived on Thursday. Last weeks papers only arrived on Friday, a full week late! Copies of last weeks' papers are available if anyone wants one from the Parish Office in the Presbytery. We have also been given five complimentary copies of The Tablet, and we are happy to add these to our regular order if people wish to have a copy.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Our preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion will begin in early October. There will be a Parents' Meeting at

- St Bede's Church on Monday 24th September at 3pm and ...
- 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.

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.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation begins on **SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER** at 7pm in St Aidan's Church, Ashington. We have candidates from both St Robert's and St Bede's Parishes who are attending and who have completed their paperwork. If there is anyone else, Year 9 and above, who wishes to be part of the preparation for this special sacrament and haven't filled out their form yet please see Fr Peter.

EDGE for Middle School Students

Edge is an exciting, fun, and instructive Catholic youth group for young people in school years 5 to 8 inclusive. Our partnership will have an Edge group beginning in St Robert's Parish Hall at 6pm on Thursday the 27th September; please encourage any young people you know in that age group to come! It includes social time, games and activities, opportunities to make new friends, and thought provoking discussion on questions that really matter. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas, the youth ministry co-ordinator at: youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk

Life Teen group

The Life Teen Group will begin after Christmas and we will be inviting the young people who have been in the Confirmation group to become the new group that forms the new Life Teen Group. More details from Thomas our Youth Coordinator.

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) Annastasia 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.

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

FLAME

Flame is the National Catholic Youth Congress, taking 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