

Masses, Services and Devotions

| | St Bede's Church Bedlington | St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth |
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| 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 |
| Monday 1st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i> | 10.00am Mass: Ossie Young | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Tuesday 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> | 10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Peggy Bullen |
| Wednesday 3rd October <i>Weekday</i> | 10.00am Mass: Francis Reid McAlroy | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Thursday 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> | 10.00am Service of Word and Communion 11.15am Funeral Service: James Percy | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Bill Smith 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions |
| Friday 5th October <i>Weekday</i> | 9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Saturday 6th October <i>St Bruno</i> | 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Robert & Mary Keddy | |
| Sunday 7th October 27th Sunday B | | 9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Mary Doris Cook |

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.

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.

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.

Weddings 2019

If anyone is planning a Wedding for 2019 and they have not approached the church to book a date, please contact Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen as soon as possible. At the moment we don't have any weddings in next years diary.

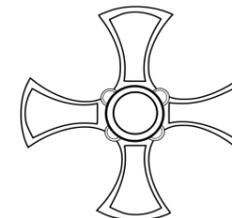
Intercessory Prayer

In St Robert's Parish it has been suggested that we should ask all our sick and housebound parishioners, as well as every one else, to pray for particular intentions each month. However, we need to know who would like to be involved with this and who would want to receive regular intentions for prayer. You are asked to let us know if you want to be included in this by giving us your name, address and contact number which will be used for this purpose only. If you want more information please contact Maura Illingworth who is to coordinate this.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is to be marked on Friday 5th October and envelopes are available today for those who wish to make a donation at next week's Mass. At St Robert's we are to hold a CAFOD Soup Lunch to support Family Fast Day on 12th October in the Church Hall at 11:45.

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Sunday 30th September 2018 - 26th Sunday Year B

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.





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 James Percy of Bedlington whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Bede's on Thursday at 11.15am; Doreen Henderson whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Bede's Church on Monday 8th October at 10.45am, followed by Burial at Bedlington Cemetery; for Margaret Worsley of Holmside Care Home, Bedlington, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Robert's Church on Tuesday 9th October at 10.00am, followed by Burial at St Mary's Cemetery; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections:

St Bede's: 15th Sept: £279.40 / St Robert's: 16th Sept. £717.28.

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

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.

Parish Gift Aid

St Robert's Parish: Letters from the Diocese thanking all members of the parish Gift Aid scheme for the amount they contributed during the 2017-18 tax year have been received and will be distributed over the next couple of weeks. Please read the letter carefully and if there are any changes to your address or tax status or other reason why you are no longer eligible for Gift Aid please advise the Parish Gift Aid organiser (Gerry Harber - tel 517829) as soon as possible. If you think you are in the Gift Aid scheme but do not receive a letter please contact Gerry to ascertain the reason.

St Bede's Parish: some letters are still available on the table at the back of Church. If you have not yet picked up your letter please check the little pile of envelopes on the table.

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.

Annual Mass Count

We continue taking the Annual Count for the next three weeks until 13th/14th October.

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"

"Spiritual Journey through Christian Art", continues this week on Friday from 7pm—8pm. in St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth. All welcome.

SVP St Robert's

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the SVP is very welcome to come along and find out about what the SVP does.

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, reflecting on 'Our Call to Holiness', based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. (Coffee/tea from 10am) This will be an opportunity for people from across the Partnership to come together, to reflect and to pray. *This day will fulfil Extraordinary Ministers requirement for an annual Day of Recollection.*

Journey in Faith

The first full session of the Journey in Faith will be held at St Robert's Presbytery, on Thursday 4th October at 7pm. So far we have four people from St Bede's and St Aidans Parishes who have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic and we invite others who might be interested to come along on Thursday evening.

Wedding Prayers

Please keep Liam Treacy and Christy Brown, who were married in St Robert's yesterday, in your prayers. We pray that they will have a very happy and blessed married life together.

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.

Holy Hour to pray for the Church

In his Pastoral Letter recently 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 & 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 hold 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.

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.

Catechists needed

If anyone in St Robert's Parish who might have a little bit of experience in teaching children and would be willing to assist with the preparation of our young people for First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion preparation

The catechetical sessions with our young people begin on the week-end of 6th / 7th October; St Bede's session at 4.15pm on Saturday and St Robert's at 10am on the Sunday morning. It seems that because of sporting commitments on a Sunday, making it therefore difficult to attend St Robert's, some from St Robert's Parish will be attending the catechesis at St Bede's. To make sure that we have enough books for the children at St Bede's and St Robert's, could parents please let either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen know which session they will be attending. There will be a special Liturgy of Enrolment for the children at the Vigil Mass and the 9am Mass the following weekend.

Confirmation Preparation

We thank all the young people from our two parishes who have made that big step to come forward to join the Confirmation preparation Course. It can be a bit daunting!! But over the coming weeks hopefully everyone will get to know each other. The Course continues on a Sunday evening as planned, at 7pm at St Aidan's Ashington.

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.

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 is now running an Edge group in St Robert's Parish Hall at 6pm on a Thursday evening. There were only three young people present on Thursday evening! 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

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Mass for the Sick

St Robert's Parish are celebrating a Mass for the Sick on Friday 19th October at 2pm. 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.

Christian Aid Ceilidh

The annual Christian Aid Ceilidh take place in St George's Hall, Morpeth on Saturday 13th October - see poster on church notice board. This is a great chance to have fun while supporting Christian Aid, to help those in need. Why not come along? Tickets only £5 for adults with accompanied children free, available from Eileen or Gerry Harber (☎ 517829).

Justice and Peace Urgent Appeal

Thanks to all who continue to donate food for Asylum Seekers, we are grateful for your generosity; please continue those donations. At the Centre in Newcastle, numbers have increased from 30 to 70 clients since January. Over 100,000 food items and over £40,000 has been distributed. If you can support financially, standing order forms can be obtained from and donations given to Donald Marr (505573) or Maura Illingworth (516452). Cheques should be made payable to 'DHN Destitute Asylum Fund' and sent to John Dowling, Justice and Peace Refugee Project, Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle, NE4 6EE. Thank you.

Rosary Collection

Thank you to everyone who has contributed rosaries to the collection organised through the Catenians for sending to missions in Africa, Australia and people in prison in the UK. We are very grateful that 47 rosaries (including some broken ones that will be repaired) have been received and sent off, plus some cash which will be used to buy additional rosaries. The box has now been removed but rosaries can still be donated by contacting Eileen or Gerry Harber who will see that they are delivered.

Christian Aid Street Collection

The Christian Aid street collection in Morpeth raised £665. Thanks to all who collected and everyone who contributed.

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

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. (The Parish will help towards a percentage of this cost for those young people who are genuinely interested in travelling to this event). Further information from YMT on ☎ 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Chairs—Free to good home

We have four retro 1970s-style office / visitor chairs free to a good home. If anyone is interested, please speak to Fr Peter or to Bernadette in the Parish Office at St Robert's, Monday – Friday morning.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Canonisation Mass

Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13th October at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend this special Mass at the Cathedral.

