

## Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 6th October</b> <i>St Bruno</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass:</b> <b>Robert &amp; Mary Keddy</b>	
<b>Sunday 7th October</b> <b>27th Sunday B</b>	4pm: Holy Hour—Rosary and Benediction	<b>9.00am Mass: Helen &amp; Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Mary Doris Cook</b>
<b>Monday 8th October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.45am REQUIEM MASS</b> <b>Doreen Henderson</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b> <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	<b>10.00am REQUIEM MASS</b> <b>Edith Margaret Worsley</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th October</b> <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	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
<b>Thursday 11th October</b> <i>St John XXIII</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 12th October</b> <i>St Wilfrid</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
<b>Saturday 13th October</b> <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Iveson</b>	
<b>Sunday 14th October</b> <b>28th Sunday B</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Frank &amp; Mary Ellen McLaughlin</b> <b>11.00am Mass: James Walsh</b>

### The Pope's Intention for October

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice



#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

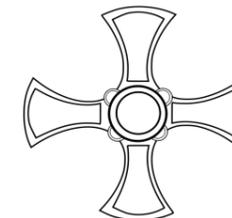
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY was held on Friday 5th October. Envelopes are available today for those who wish to make a donation at Mass today and there will also be a Retiring Collection for CAFOD.

#### CAFOD Soup Lunch

There will be a CAFOD Soup Lunch to support Family Fast Day on Friday 12th October in the Church Hall at at St Roberts beginning at 11:45am



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## Sunday 7th October 2018 - 27th Sunday Year B

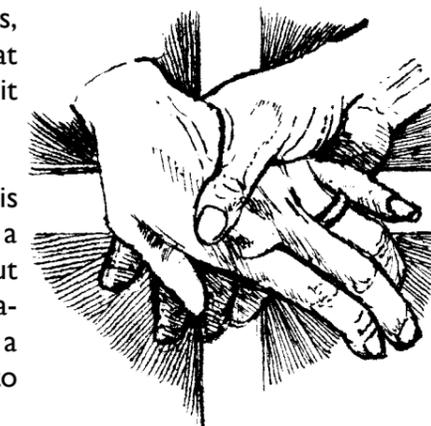
It's easy to make promises in the first flush of romance. "I'll love you forever" and "I've only eyes for you," trip off the tongue easily. When we're young the idea of marriage is romantic and highly desirable. The vows we make when we marry don't seem too difficult. In sickness and in health? We don't imagine that our spouse might become an alcoholic or succumb to a disability. For richer or poorer? We don't think that our partner will lose his or her job or become swallowed up in bad debt. For better or worse? We don't think for a moment that our loved ones will fall out of love with us and look elsewhere. So what happens when things go wrong? Does God really expect us to stay in abusive or loveless marriages?

This week's gospel text is one of the most heatedly debated passages in scriptures. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet the gospel is more about the hardness in man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.

At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to 'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation male and female should become one.

Of course we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? Sadly the answer is yes. We are surrounded by quick fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can get.

Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality. It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let out clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we can love and cherish.





Please pray for: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human 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, George Wilson.

**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: £332.61**

**St Robert's: £810.38**

Standing Orders September **£2,548.92**

#### Prisoners Sunday

Next Sunday is Prisoners Sunday and a Day of Prayer for all Prisoners and their families. There will be a Retiring Collection next weekend for PACT. PACT is the national Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Their vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, where the innate dignity and worth of every human being is valued. The National Prisons Chaplain is Fr Paul Douthwaite, CSsR, who was previously resident at St Bede's, Bedlington.

#### World Mission Sunday

Sunday 21st October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a Special Collection on that Sunday for the Association of the Propagation of the Faith. Mission Sunday envelopes will be available next weekend. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. And all the donations from these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Rosary and Benediction

There will be Rosary and Benediction every Sunday afternoon at St Bede's Church at 4pm during the month of October. All Welcome.

#### Annual Mass Count

The Annual Count is currently being held and will continue until next Sunday.

#### 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 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.

#### 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

#### 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.*

#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 8th October, at 7:00pm, in St Robert's Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.



#### SVP St Robert's

The annual report to the parish from St Robert's SVP is available at the back of church - please take one. It expresses our thanks to all our generous benefactors. The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the SVP is welcome to come along to this meeting



#### Asylum-Seekers Bicycle Appeal

If anyone has any spare bicycle locks, they would be very welcome for use for the asylum seekers and the recent appeal for bicycles; they can be put in the box in the Church Porch at St Robert's.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### St Bede's Christmas Fayre

St Bede's Parish will be holding their Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December.

#### First Holy Communion preparation

The catechetical sessions with our young people begin this weekend [6th / 7th October]; St Bede's session at 4.15pm on Saturday and St Robert's at 10am on the Sunday morning. There will be a special Liturgy of Enrolment for the children at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's and the 9am Mass at St Robert's next 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. The Course continues on a Sunday evening as planned, at 7pm at St Aidan's Ashington.

#### 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

#### 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).



#### 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.

#### 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 (*The Parish will help towards a percentage of this cost for those young people who are genuinely interested in travelling to this event.*)

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 are interested in receiving monthly prayer intentions, please contact Maura Illingworth on 516452 or Lyn McKay on 790237 or with your name and address Thank you.