

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 13th October <i>Weekday</i>	5pm The Rosary 5pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Iveson	
Sunday 14th October 28th Sunday Year B	4.00pm Rosary and Benediction	9.00am Mass: Frank & Mary Ellen McLaughlin 11.00am Mass: James Walsh
Monday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	10.00am Mass Doreen Henderson 1.30pm Funeral Service TERRY NICHOLSON	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 16th October <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: All sick friends & relatives
Wednesday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10.00am Mass: Private Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 18th October <i>St Luke</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Sister Gabrielle 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 19th October <i>Weekday</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass: No Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion 2.00pm Mass: for the Sick and Housebound
Saturday 20th October <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish	9:40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Intention of Poor Clares 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am — 12 noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 21st October 29th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Harry & Margaret Bell 11.00am Mass: Dr Nick Sutcliffe

The Pope's Intention for October

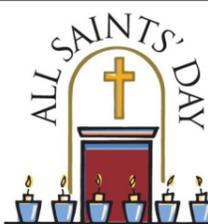
Evangelization: The Mission of Religious That Consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Journey in Faith Meeting

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held on Thursday 18th October at 7pm in St Robert's Presbytery. This is for all adults who are seeking admission into the Church, or who are thinking about it; also for those who wish to know more about their catholic faith, and teachings of the church.

Praying for those who have died

During the month of November we will pray as usual in a special way for all those from our families and parish communities who have died. On the Feast of All Souls we will have a special Mass and during the month we will be remembering those who are buried in our cemeteries once again with the Rosary and Blessing of Graves. Dates for these will be announced in next weeks Newsletter.



Holyday of Obligation

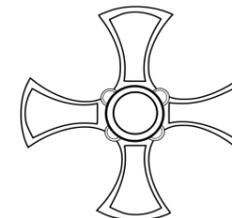
There is a Holyday of Obligation coming up soon—1st November, the Solemnity of All Saints. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on 31st October at St Bede's Church and Masses on 1st November at 12.30pm and 7pm at St Robert's.

Prayers for All Ministers and Readers

There will be a period of prayer, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for all Readers and Ministers on Monday 29th October at 7.00pm in Church. After the prayer, there will be the usual opportunity for discussion or questions about ministries and roles.



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Sunday 14th October 2018—28th Sunday Year B

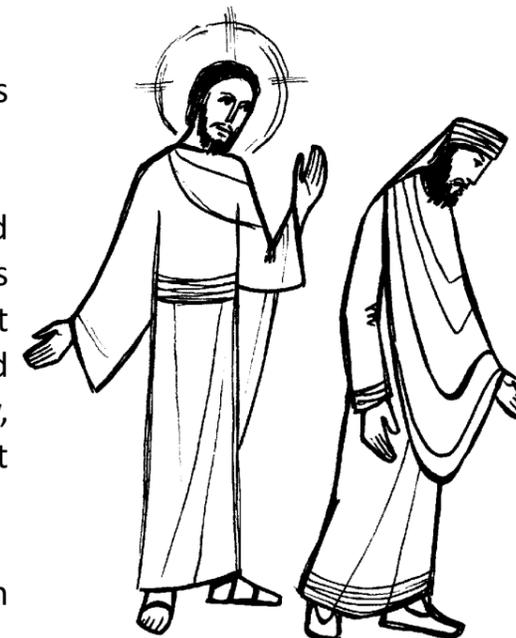
Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first?

We are similar to Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder; that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way - his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'





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, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections:

St Bede's: 6th October 2018: £239.50 / Cafod £170.20

St Robert's: 7th October 2018: £896.11 / Cafod £72.50

Prisoners Sunday

This 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.

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

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

Lay Carmelite Association

The Lay Carmelite Association will hold their next meeting at St Paul's, Cramlington on Sunday 21st Oct at 2.00pm. All welcome

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 this week. The first draw will be taken from the National Lotto draw on October 13th.



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.*

First Holy Communion Enrolment

A special liturgy for our young children takes place this weekend at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's and the 9am Mass at St Robert's. Keep them all in your prayers

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 now been distributed or posted. These cover all those in the scheme who contributed £50 or more during the tax year. 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.

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.

Annual Mass Count

We continue taking the Annual Count until 13th/14th October.



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.

St Robert's Parish Finance Committee

There will be a Parish Finance Committee Meeting at St Robert's on Wednesday at 6pm.

Christmas Piety Stall

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Card sale last weekend. We shall hold two more Stalls with Christmas Cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on the weekends of 10th/11th November; and 8th/9th December. Alternatively please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office who will have the cards available there.

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 Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 1st December at 1am. There will be a meeting next week for all stallholders to come together to discuss the Fayre.

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.

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. Please keep them in your prayers. 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

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.

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

FLAME

Booking forms for FLAME 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) or from Thomas Carrott

CAFOD Soup Lunch

The CAFOD Family Fast Day Soup Lunch to was a great success and raised £162.72. Thank you to all who supported this event



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 it has been suggested that at St Robert's Parish 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.

Maria Luiza Orphanage, Bulgaria—Fundraising

There will be a supper and quiz evening in St Bede's Parish Hall at 7pm on Saturday 10th November. Tickets will be on sale after the 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church, £5 per person (children free). For additional tickets please contact Margaret Lacy on 07801 695400 (supper vegetarian and gluten free options available).

Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has a vacancy for an Administrator, based at St Hilda's, Sunderland, 12 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16 October. For further information and details of how to apply please visit the website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Liturgy Rota (St Bedes)

The new amalgamated Liturgy/Counters Rota commencing 27th October is now available. If you are involved with the liturgy please take a copy of the rota (yellow sheet) which is available in the Narthex. Copies also available at St Robert's Morpeth.

Northumberland Listening Service

A free and confidential Listening Service, 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

Visitation by Bishop Cunningham

Bishop Seamus Cunningham will be present with us at all our Masses on the weekend of 27th / 28th October. This is part of the Bishop's regular visit to the parishes of the diocese. We look forward to welcoming him to St Bede's and to St Robert's for Mass.

Joint Parish Social Evening

There is going to be a joint Parish Social evening in November on a Saturday evening with a live band. Watch next weeks newsletter for full details