

## Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 27th October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5pm The Rosary 5pm-5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Tom, Elizabeth and John Coates</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Helen &amp; Douglas Cone</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 28th October</b> 29th Sunday Year B	12.30pm <b>Baptism: Alfie Douglas</b> 4.00pm Rosary and Benediction	<b>9.00am Mass: Cecil Walker</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Mr &amp; Mrs S E I Cole</b>
<b>Monday 29th October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass Claire Williams</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion 7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers
<b>Tuesday 30th October</b> <i>Martyrs of Douai College</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: In Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Wednesday 31st October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>7.00pm Vigil Mass: George and Ellen Arkle</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 1st November</b> <b>All Saints</b> Holyday of Obligation		<b>12.30pm Mass: Elphin Conroy</b> <b>7.00pm Mass People of the Parish</b>
<b>Friday 2nd November</b> <i>All Souls [Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed]</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am: Mass: For the Sick of the Parish</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass: Deceased of the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday 3rd November</b> <i>St Winifride</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: No intention</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Fr Lawrence Jones</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 4th November</b> 31st Sunday Year B		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: The Davison Family</b> <b>12.30pm Baptism:</b> <b>Willow and Lily Carlson</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.

### 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.

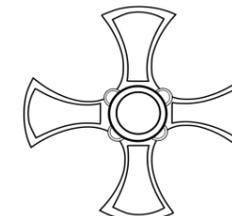
### EDGE

Our partnership is now running an Edge group in St Robert's Parish Hall at 6pm on a Thursday evening for all in years 5, 6, 7 and 8. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas, the youth ministry co-ordinator at: youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk

### "Open House"

Eight years ago, St Cuthbert's Care enabled parishioners at St Bede's to begin 'Open House', a Tuesday evening gathering for the senior citizens of the parish and the local community and every week there is an average of 30 people attending. It has run very effectively with the help of a group of very committed parishioners. After these eight years, they now need a little support and help in the running of Open House. Thanks to those who have already offered some support, but tho those who haven't yet responded, can you spare 3 hours on a Tuesday evening - once a month? It would be a great help.

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BEDLINGTON  
NE22 6HS



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## Sunday 28th October 2018 - 30th Sunday Year B

We all understand Bartimaeus' cry for help, after all, most of us have felt like that at some stage in our lives. How many of us have felt trapped in jobs we hate, in bodies that are weak or in relationships that are failing? Yet how many of us feel that we should accept our lot in life and persevere without help? Praying to God for help doesn't seem much of an option in a world governed by science. Have we lost our sense of wonderment? Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see?

Today Bartimaeus, the blind man, teaches us a lesson in prayer. He certainly wasn't ready to suffer in silence. He cried out and many rebuked him telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more. The lesson is that the blind man's persistence and faith were rewarded.

In our modern day scientific world, faith is a stumbling point because it suggests believing in things of which there can be no proof - things we can't see. Of course this is true, but faith also means believing in things that are all around us. Sometimes we suffer in silence when we are surrounded by people who could help us given half the

chance. Today we exercise our faith and ask for help. We remember that we have friends, neighbours, professional counsellors and medics who we can call upon. We remember to put our problems before God and ask for help.

LORD  
THAT I  
MAY SEE!



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, Fr Peter Etterley at Alnwick who is very poorly; for all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



#### Offertory Collections:

St Bede's: 20th October **£243.40**  
St Robert's: 21st October **£800.90**

#### Bishop's Visitation

This weekend we offer a warm welcome to Bishop Seamus Cunningham, as he make his regular Visitation to the Parish. Bishop Seamus will celebrate the vigil Mass at St Bede's Church and the 9am and 11am Mass at St Robert's Church.

#### World Mission Sunday Collection

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. We collected **£154.44** at St Bede's Church and **£414.72** at St Robert's Church. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of hope with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755.



#### Clergy Training Fund

Every year the Clergy Training Fund asks us to support our priests and our deacons and more importantly those students who are discerning their vocation in seminary. Please pray for vocations. Please also support the Clergy Training Fund with your donations. The Fund is open for four weeks.

#### St Robert's Parish Accounts 2017-18

Summarised accounts for St Robert's Parish for the year 2017-18 have been prepared and a copy is on the notice board in the church porch for information. Many thanks to all our parishioners for their offertories throughout the year which more than covered the total expenditure. Thanks particularly to all those who are in the Gift Aid scheme which resulted in a tax reclaim of **£12,558.61** being credited to the parish deposit account for future needs - a very worthwhile contribution. However, we still have many parishioners who have not signed a Gift Aid form. Please do so if you are a tax-payer, there are forms in the plastic folder on the notice board.

#### 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

#### CWL Bonus Ball

The 2nd draw of the bonus ball was on Saturday 20th October. The lucky winners receiving £25 were Eileen Harber and Tony Smith. Congratulations to them both.

#### 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.

#### SVP St Robert's

The annual report to parishioners from St Robert's SVP is available at the back of church - Please take one. It expresses our thanks to all of our generous benefactors. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm.

#### 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 Robert's Christmas Fayre

There is now a sheet in the church porch with the stalls and activities on for people to sign up if they would like to help. It's always a fun day for all the family so if you have not been involved in the past why not consider helping this year. The SVP will be running the bottle stall and would welcome donations of bottles. About 100 bottles are needed to make a successful stall. Please either hand them to a member of the SVP or leave them in the Presbytery marked for the bottle stall. From this Sunday there will be a box in the back of the church where you can leave items for the Tombola. Please collect items for other stalls but hold onto them for now. Anne Beattie is coordinating the raffle, and for the first time this year we are going to have printed tickets so they can go on sale before the fayre. We do need prizes for the raffle, so if you can help with this please see Anne. Any questions, 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 11am. If anyone has any new ideas we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Alison Johnston or Sandra Boulter at the Presbytery.

#### Confirmation Preparation

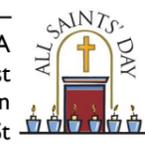
We thank all the young people from our two parishes who have made that big step to come forward to join the Confirmation preparation Course. Please keep them in your prayers. The Course will continue on a Sunday evening after the Half Term break as planned at 7pm at St Aidan's Ashington and the Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Bede's Church on Friday 7th December.

#### Christmas Piety Stall

We shall be holding two more Stalls with Christmas Cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on the weekends of 3rd/4th November; and 8th/9th December. Alternatively please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office who will have the cards available there.

#### Holyday of Obligation

There is a Holyday of Obligation this week— 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. For early risers, St Aidans, Ashington are celebrating a Mass at 7am on 1st November.



#### Feast of All Souls

On the Feast of All Souls we will have a Mass at 10am at St Bede's and an evening Mass at 7.00pm at St Robert's to pray for the souls of all our faithful departed.

#### Remembrance Sunday

On 11th November, the world will mark Armistice Day, the official ending of World War One. It seems appropriate that at our 11am Mass on Sunday 11th November we should join with so many others, praying for all those who died in the two World Wars, remembering those who died in the First World War and especially those from the parish. Mass that day will begin with an Act of Remembrance and a moment of silence. There is also a list on the memorial plaque of all St Bede's Parishioners who gave their lives, and we should remember them too that weekend.



#### "November Dead List" Envelopes

As usual again this year, the November Dead List envelope are available at the back of St Robert's Church for month of the Holy Souls. If you wish to have a Mass offered for those who have died, place the name of the Intention and your offering in the envelope, place the envelope in the basket at Mass and these Masses will be offered during the year coming.

#### Blessing of Graves

We will be remembering those who are buried in our cemeteries with the Rosary and Blessing of Graves, on ...

- 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at Fairmoor Cemetery, Morpeth
- 11<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at St Mary's Cemetery, Morpeth
- 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at Bedlington Cemetery



#### Partnership Service of Remembrance

There will be a Partnership Service of Remembrance at St Robert's Church on Friday 9th November at 7.00pm. It gives all members of our partnership parishes the opportunity to come together to remember family and friends who have gone to their eternal rest.

#### Youth Sunday Readers and Musicians

The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 25th November, is also Youth Sunday and we are making an appeal for young people in our parishes to be actively involved during the Masses. At St Bede's, if there are any High School students willing to help in any way, please speak to Fr Peter; at 9am Mass at St Robert's ... we would like some young members of the Parish (approx. 10-30 year olds) to do the Welcoming, the Readings, present the Offertory and collection and play music. We would particularly like people who play the trumpet and guitar. Also, if any middle / high school students who come to Mass would be willing to stand up in Church and tell everyone why their faith is important to them, please let Fr Peter know. There will be a list at the back of Church.

#### 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.



#### 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).

#### Parish Social Evening

We are holding a Parish Social Evening at St Bede's Church Hall, for both St Bede's and St Robert's Parishes, and anyone throughout the partnership and friends, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm – 11pm. Bring your own food for a Shared Table and your own drink. We will have a band who will provide live music – supplied by the Celtic Folk Band "The Dicey Rileys", who are fairly well known at the Ashington Folk Club. We have a limited number of tickets available at £6 per head. Please contact Pat Gales at St Bede's on 01670 821471 / 07724659446 or more information from Father Peter. We hope this will be a very successful evening for members of both parishes, and hope you will want to come along for a good evening's entertainment.

#### Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is well-established in our Diocese now, and the deacons come from all walks of life and live out their ministry in a variety of ways. The Council of Deacons is running a series of information evenings across the diocese, to offer an opportunity to come along and find out more about the diaconate. The Council of Deacons is sure that the Holy Spirit is calling forward men to the diaconate. The information evenings will offer an overview of the four-year formation period, insight from current deacons as to how they live out their ministry, and offer a chance to ask questions. Anyone interested to know more is invited to come along to one of the sessions. Wives of those interested in the diaconate are welcome to attend. The details of the three information evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 7th November 7.00 pm: St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.
- Wednesday 21st November 7.00 pm: English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY.
- Thursday 22nd November 7:00 pm: St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF (in the meeting room).

If you are unable to attend any of these evenings, but are still interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, please look at the diocesan website:

#### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at St Robert's Church. Any parents wishing to attend this meeting in preparation for Baptism should speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible before this meeting to arrange attendance.