

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 3rd November</b> <i>St Winifride</i>	5pm The Rosary 5pm-5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Private Intention</b>	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: <b>Fr Lawrence Jones</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 4th November</b> <b>31st Sunday Year B</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: The Davison Family</b> 12.30pm Baptism: Willow & Lily Carlson
<b>Monday 5th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass: Molly, Owen &amp; Patrick Ruddy</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 6th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	
<b>Wednesday 7th November</b> <i>St Willibrord</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 8th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	<b>11.00am: FUNERAL SERVICE: Kenneth Stewart</b> 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 9th November</b> <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am: Mass: No Intention</b>	<b>7.00pm: Brinkburn Partnership Service of Remembrance</b>
<b>Saturday 10th November</b> <i>St Leo The Great</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: No Intention</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Mary McCole</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 11th November</b> <b>32nd Sunday Year B</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Sarah Crosby</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Deceased Members of the Cole Family</b>

## The Pope's Intention for November

In the Service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

### Confirmation Preparation

Please keep all our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. The Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Friday 7th December.

### 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

### Journey in Faith Meetings

Please note that the next Journey in Faith Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd November** and not 15th November as previously advised. Apologies for the change, but the date now clashes with other meetings on 15th November.

### Lay Carmelite Association

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 11th November 2pm - 4.30pm at St Paul's Church, Dewley, Cramlington, NE23 6EF. Anyone interested in learning about Carmelite Spirituality is very welcome to join us



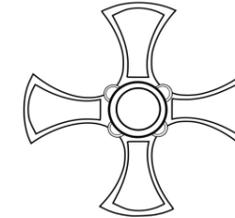
### Northumberland Listening Service

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.

### St Robert's Parish Council - Advance Notice

The next Parish Council Meeting at St Robert's will be held on Thursday 6th December at 7pm.

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Catholic Church**  
Catholic Row  
BEDLINGTON  
NE22 6HS



**Saint Robert of Newminster  
Catholic Church**  
Oldgate  
MORPETH  
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## Sunday 4th November 2018 - 31st Sunday Year B

We all think we know what love is, until we have to put it into words. We all think we know what love is and then realise we've mistaken it for romantic obsession, or dependence, or some kind of selfish need. So when Jesus tells us "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself..." we can be at a bit of a loss as to how we should best respond.

Beginning to understand what love is all about is probably best understood in the context of a close human relationship ...the love of a partner, child, sibling or parent. Love in this context is about respect, joy, tenderness, kindness, wanting to do things for another person and appreciating the things that person gives back. Between husband and wife, love is a bit like an unspoken contract... "You treat me well and I'll treat you well." Between a parent and a child, love is unconditional. We do all we can to make our children happy without expecting very much back. We look at our human relationships and it becomes clear that love isn't just a fuzzy feeling we find in Valentine's cards. Love is about aiming to look after other people. Love is about appreciating what people do for us. Love is about not expecting anything in return. Love is about putting ourselves in someone else's shoes.

Establishing a couple of 'love rules' makes it easier to love people we have never met. Have we ever been grateful for a visit when we were sick? Can we translate the gratitude into caring for others when they are sick? Have we ever been unburdened by forgiveness? What can we do for those whose lives have gone wrong and who are crippled by guilt and regret. Have we ever felt lonely or out of our depth? How can we translate those feelings into doing something positive for someone living alone? What does it feel like to be loved? How do we pass those feelings on?



Finally, what does it mean to love God? The glib answer is to have God at the centre of our existence, but what does that actually mean? How do we love God when we cannot see, hear or even imagine him very well! Jesus gives us the answer. We must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Loving God with all our heart means generating feelings that give rise to how we speak and how we act. Loving with all our soul means keeping up a constant dialogue with God. Loving with all our mind means using intellectual processes to decide how best we can impact the world. Loving with all our strength means developing the stamina and resolve to constantly renew our endeavour.

Learning to love is the most valuable lesson we can master. Once we know how to love, every other law worth its salt is automatically upheld.



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; for all who have died recently, including **Father Peter Etterley**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Pauls Church, Alnwick at 11am on Tuesday 6th November; for **Ken Stewart** whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Robert's Church on Thursday 8th November at 11am; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections 27th / 28th October 2018**  
St Bede's Church: £204.07. St Robert's Church: £752.63

#### Clergy Training Fund

Many thanks to all who contributed to the retiring collection last week. 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 another three weeks. We will announce the total collected at the end of the collection. Special Envelopes are available at the back of church.

#### Bonus Ball

The 3rd draw of the Bonus Ball was on Saturday 27th October. The lucky winners receiving £25 were Connie Reardon and Maureen McDougall. 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.

#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday 5th November at 7pm 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 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

We are holding a Christmas Cards Sale TODAY in both St Robert's and St Bede's Churches. There will be a further sale on 8th/9th December. Alternatively please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office who will have some cards available there.

#### Mass Changes

Please note the changes in Mass Times this coming week. Fr Peter will be attending the Lourdes Pilgrimage Directors Conference in Manchester this week

#### 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. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.



#### 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 pray for all those who died in the two World Wars, but remembering those who died in the First World War and especially those from the parish. 11am Mass next Sunday will begin with an Act of Remembrance and a moment of silence. There is also a List of all St Bede's Parishioner who gave their lives, and we should remember them too that weekend.

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#### 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

#### Mass for Deceased Catenians

There will be a special Mass on Wednesday 14th November at 7.00pm for the Deceased Members of the Catenian Association, especially those from the Morpeth Circle. It would be good if all members could attend this extra Mass that is being celebrated specifically for this intention. All welcome

#### "November Dead List" Envelopes

As usual again this year, the November Dead List envelopes 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 coming year.

#### 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 to raise funds for the Maria Luiza Orphanage in Bulgaria. Tickets will be on sale after the 5.30pm 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).

#### Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

At the end of 11am Mass last weekend, Bishop Seamus spoke about his visit to Rome and about the English Bishops' Meeting with Pope Francis, where he spoke to them about the evils present in our world and the need to pray for those who face difficult times. As a result, following the Pope's words, Bishop Seamus has encouraged us to say the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel at the end of every Mass. *St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

#### Youth Sunday Readers and Musicians

The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 25th November, is 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. 10-20 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.

#### Parish Social Evening

We are holding a Parish Social Evening at St Bede's 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 Dickey Rileys". 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.



#### 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 Robert's Christmas Fayre Raffle

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the Raffle we would be pleased to hear from you. Please speak to Anne Beattie (517273) or Christine Watson (503398).

#### 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.

#### St Bede's Mass for the Sick and Housebound

We will be celebrating a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at St Bede's Church on Friday 30th November at 1.00pm. Names of everyone requiring assistance (transport etc) should be given to a member of the SVP. We would like to see many of those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass regularly.

#### "Open House"

Many thanks to those who have responded to this appeal. The help offered is very greatly appreciated.

#### Planning Your Wedding

If anyone is planning a Wedding for 2019 or 2020 and they have not approached the church to book a date, please contact Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen as soon as possible.