

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday</b> <b>24th November</b> <i>St Andrew Dung Lac and Comps</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm-5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: McDonnell and Ruddy Families</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Leo Horrax</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday</b> <b>25th November</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ The King</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Jim McKee</b> <b>11.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving and Welcome to baby Dominic Cole</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>26th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass: No Intention</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: John McDonald</b> <b>1.00pm FUNERAL SERVICE: KAY WARD</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass: Brian Gregory</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday</b> <b>29th November</b> <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Edward and Mae Tiernan</b> 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday</b> <b>30th November</b> <i>St Andrew</i>	<b>1.00pm Mass: For the Intentions of the Sick and Housebound</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1st December</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Dominic Devine</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd December</b> <b>1st Sunday Advent C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Lily &amp; Pat McCafferty</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.

### Music for 11am Mass

If anyone would be able and willing to play the organ for Sunday 11am Mass at St Robert's Church and support the singing for the whole congregation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Fr Peter if there is any interest.

### Advent Calendars

We still have a few Advent Calendars available and Advent is nearly upon us. Prices range between 80p and £2.50p. Please call into St Robert's Parish Office if you are interested.

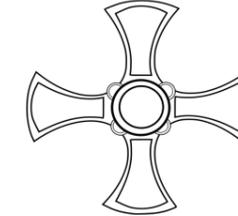
### Luke—A Call to Radical Living

Flyers for a new book about St Luke's Gospel by Richard Ferguson are available at the back of St Robert's Church.

### New Life Church Concert

A concert with Jonathan Viera is a unique experience for people of all ages. He is an internationally acclaimed singer, musician and comedian/raconteur. He can make you laugh out loud and he can move you to tears. His stunning Friends and Family Tour features his three highly talented sons and some of the leading musicians in the UK. You will hear popular songs, classics and so much more. It is an evening you will remember for a long time. The concert is on Saturday 1st December at New Life Church, 24 Dacre Street, Morpeth starting at 7.30pm and priced at £10 per person. The proceeds are to raise money for Prison Fellowship, who do an amazing work amongst our prisons in the UK. Tickets from [prisonfellowship.org.uk/jvtour](http://prisonfellowship.org.uk/jvtour) or 01670 511778

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## Sunday 25th November 2018

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves.

Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.





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 Kay Ward who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at 1pm on Tuesday; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections 17th / 18th November**  
St Bede's: £300.50 and October SOs £831.00  
St Robert's: £867.69

#### Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund closes today. Thank you to those who have contributed. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood—it is so important because we need priests for the future.

#### 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.

#### Youth Sunday Collection

Today we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to "Gift Aid" your donation.

#### LEPRA

Many thanks to those who supported the LEPRA Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th November. £293.33 was raised. Fabulous. Again, many thanks.

#### Advent Reflection Booklets

'Bible Alive', 'Walk With Me' and 'My Day By Day' (Adult, Infant and Junior) Advent booklets are now all available on the table in the Porch at St Robert's Church. If you would like any please put the payment in the box on the wall beside the card stand. There is a price list on the table.

#### Missio – Red Boxes

It is that time of the year when the donations from the Red Mission Boxes are due to be collected at St Robert's. If by any chance your box has not been collected by the end of November or you live outside of Morpeth please bring your box to the parish office or contact Elizabeth Dixon.



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

Mass, with the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at St Bede's Church on Friday 30th November at 1.00pm. We look forward to welcoming our sick and housebound as well as the Minnie Vinnies from St Bede's School who will be present.

#### Live Music Social Evening

Would you like to come and join in the social evening at St Bede's Hall on Friday evening (30th November) from 7.30pm onwards. We will have live music from the "Dicey Rileys", bring some food for a Shared Table and drinks for your own table. Tickets cost £6, or you can pay at the door on the night. This is a great way for our two parishes to come together, to help get to know each other a little better and have a good evening.



#### CWL Advent Service

The CWL will be holding their Annual Advent Service on Sunday 2nd December at 2.00pm in St Robert's Church and will be followed with mince pies and shortbread in the Church Hall afterwards. Everyone is invited and you can be sure of a warm welcome.



#### CWL Bonus Ball

The 6th draw of the Bonus Ball was on Saturday 17th November. Bonus Ball was number 32 so the lucky winners receiving £25 were Elizabeth Dixon and Pat Hughes. Congratulations to our winner.

#### Parish Christmas Fayres

We have Christmas Fayres coming up soon ..... St Bede's Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 1st December from 11am onwards and St Robert's Fayre will be held on Saturday 8th December from 10am. We need prizes for Raffles, Tombolas, Bottle Stalls and lots of other stalls; and there are notices in both churches of items for these stalls. Boxes are in both churches for donations and we ask for your help and support. At St Bede's, please contact Alison Johnston or Sandra Boulter; at St Robert's please contact Andrea Mitchell (512281) (usually at 9am Mass) or Elizabeth Dixon (516584) (usually at 11am Mass). Thank you. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the Raffle please contact or hand your donations to Anne Beattie (517273) or Christine Watson (503398).

#### St Robert's Christmas Fayre

A one-off opportunity to buy hand stitched cross-stitch pictures used in exhibitions, featuring castles, cathedrals and landmarks of the North East and other parts of the country. All at knock down prices of between £15 and £25 each. 100% of the proceeds go to St Robert's Christmas Fayre.

#### St Robert's SVP Bottle Tombola

The SVP will be running the bottle stall and would welcome donations of bottles. We need some more bottles please .... Aiming for 100 bottles 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.

#### Senior Citizens Christmas Party

There has been a very good response from St Bede's and St Robert's Parishes for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party at St Benet Biscop School. This will be held on Thursday 13th December from 2.30pm – 4.15pm and is described as "an afternoon of festivities including ... sherry on arrival, a student cabaret performance, afternoon tea, tombola and a raffle, before bringing the afternoon to a close with Christmas Carols". If you haven't yet contacted the school and would like to attend please do so this coming week .... please contact Marie Wright at the school on 01670 822795 or via email at admin@st-benetbiscop.org.uk. Unfortunately transport cannot be provided however the event is otherwise completely free of charge.



#### SVP Meeting

The next SVP Meeting at St Robert's will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30pm.

#### First Holy Communion Preparation

First Holy Communion Catechesis and Liturgy will be held on the weekend of 1st / 2nd December: 4.15pm at St Bede's Church followed by 5.30pm Vigil Mass; and 9am Sunday Mass at St Robert's followed by 10am in the school hall.

#### Partnership Service of Reconciliation

We have organised a partnership Service of Reconciliation for Advent on Friday 21st December at 7pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. There will be several priests available for Confessions.

#### Partnership Development Group

The next PDG Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th December at 7pm at St Thomas of Canterbury at Longhorsley

#### Partnership Finance Committee

The next Meeting will be held at St Robert's at 7pm on Thursday 29th November.

#### Partnership Advent Service

There is to be a Partnership Advent Service at St Aidans Church, Ashington on Friday 14th December at 7pm. Everyone very welcome.

#### The Northern Catholic Calendar

The 2019 edition of The Northern Catholic Calendar is now available at the back of Church, price £3 each

#### St Robert's Church Cleaning Rota

We are in the process of drawing up the new Church Cleaning rota, but before we do, we would welcome new participants (men and women). At the moment we have a four-week rota with our teams – one team cleans on Thursday morning, one on Thursday evening and two on Friday morning. We are sure that we can accommodate more help, even a new team. Please contact the parish office or Elizabeth Dixon for more information.

#### "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. Do you have children of this school age ... can you encourage and support this with your children. At the moment we only have two children attending from across the whole partnership. Can we do a little more in our parishes to encourage young people to attend

#### Youth contact for our parishes

We need to promote the activities for our young people that our Youth Coordinator is organising. It would be good if we had a point of contact for our Youth Coordinator, to help Thomas to publicise and encourage support for events in our parishes. If anyone is willing to be an active supporter with Thomas in encouraging our young people to get involved, and also to help promote the youth activities that Thomas is organising please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible

#### 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.

#### World Gifts Catalogue

CAFOD have a range of ethical World Gifts for you to choose from. Their virtual gifts are waste-free and help to change the lives of people living in poverty across the world, you can even choose to send an eCard. All of their virtual gifts come with a beautifully illustrated card. You can have this delivered FREE of charge, ready for you to personalise and give to your loved one, or you can send a personalised eCard straight to their inbox! The CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue is now available at the back of Church. Can you support people in other parts of the world with a gift? Take a catalogue or go onto the CAFOD website.

#### Christmas Cards

We will have another Christmas Card sale on the weekend of 8th / 9th December at both churches.

#### Morning Prayer during Advent at St Bede's

We will pray the office of Morning Prayer during the Season of Advent on those days when there will be a Mass or Service at 10am. To help those interested and to help understand the proper Morning Prayer books, Deacon Stephen will have a run through for those who are interested in joining in this form of prayer on Wednesday 28th November at 10.30am.

#### Safeguarding and DBS Checks

Many people at St Robert's have received new DBS forms from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office because they need to renew the current DBS. Anyone needing help or further information should contact Anne Dawes, Mary Beaton or Veronica Shearer.