

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 26th January</b> <i>Ss Timothy and Titus</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm-5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Anna Tait</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Dorothy Devitt &amp; D'cd</b> Devitt & Doherty families 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 27th January 3rd Sunday C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Evelyn Givens</b> <b>11.00am Mass: D'cd of Onono family</b>
<b>Monday 28th January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Patrick Ruddy</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 29th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Mary &amp; Robert Conroy &amp; D'cd Conroy Family</b>
<b>Wednesday 30th January</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Kevin &amp; Sylvia Blackburn</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 31st January</b> <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Pat Horrax</b> 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 1st February</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <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>Saturday 2nd January</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Raymond Declerk</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: James Fraser</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 3rd February 4th Sunday C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen &amp; Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Yvonne Simey</b>

## The Pope's Intention January 2019

Evangelization – Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### The Matthew Project

At St Bede's we have a large bin for the Matthew Project, which is administered by Bedlington Christian Fellowship, and donations can be placed in the bin in the church entrance. Thank you to those who support.

### Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

If you are able to support the local Food Bank they are requesting the following ... Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Tins or packets of custard, Packets of dried potato, tins of hot dogs, Long life milk, Jars of jam, marmalade etc. Thank you for your help.

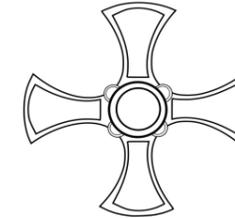
### Vocations Weekend for Young Women

"Follow your Heart – Discernment and Vocation" from 15th -17th February at Liverpool. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: July 26th—August 2nd

Booking Forms now available from Fr Peter ... Lots more information on [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk) and Facebook. There is an Appeal for Nurses for before 30th April—all helpers must register by 30th April ... Youth Forms are available for those aged 16-25 for the Youth Section .... Those who need Nursing Care can apply to travel also ... see Fr Peter for booking forms.

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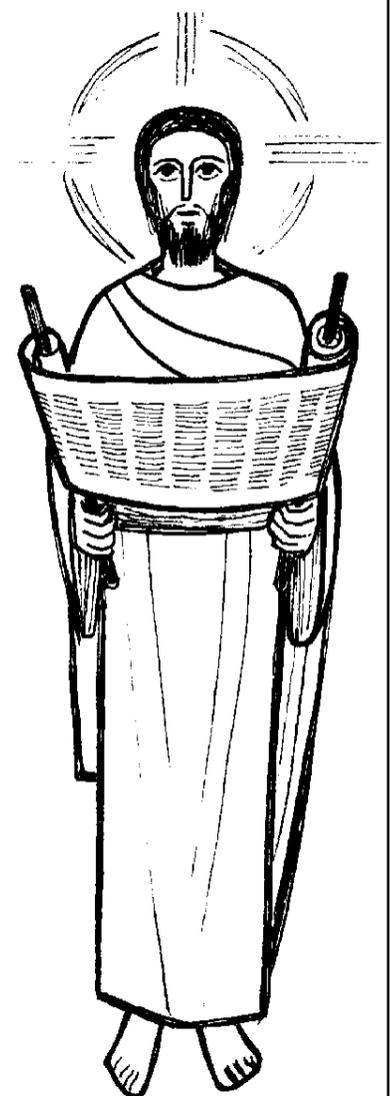
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## Sunday 27th January 2019 – Third Sunday of the Year

What makes a great orator? What makes them more persuasive? How do they influence people to take action? Great orators have something in common. A great speaker is driven by his or her passion. Passion is infectious. Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences. They use everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. A great speech is more than just a clever argument, a great speech comes from a person that throws their weight and their personality behind their beliefs.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? What would our own response have been? Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' leadership? Could we begin to imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later? Only very few of us have the charisma to communicate in the way Jesus obviously did, but there are other ways to communicate and other ways to evangelise. If we want to influence those around us, we need to take a leaf from Jesus's book and put some passion into our purpose.





Please pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; the Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, including **Fr Jim Doherty**; for all who have died recently, including **Father Bill Bellamy** in the Little Sisters of the Poor whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Michael's Newcastle on 31st January at 12noon; for **Bernard Watson** of Baedling Manor Nursing Home, Bedlington whose Funeral Service will be held at Cowpen Crematorium on Monday 4th February; for **Molly Laing** who has died (funeral arrangements later); and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections 19th/20th January**  
St Bede's: £210.30 / St Robert's: £856.92.

#### 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.



#### St Bede's Tea and Coffee Donations

For the last few months until the end of the year, the parishioners who enjoy a cup of tea and coffee at St Bede's after the Vigil Mass, have raised **£337.27** for the "Alan Shearer Centre" in Newcastle, run by St Cuthbert's Care for the those with special needs and disabilities. Many thanks. The donations over the next few months will be raised for "Daft as a Brush", which provides custom-made vehicles to transport outpatients to and from hospital who are undergoing Chemotherapy or radiotherapy cancer treatment in the north east.



#### 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.

#### Candlemas Day

Saturday 2nd February is Candlemas Day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Mass will begin as usual at 10am, at St Robert's Church but in the traditional way with the blessing of candles first.

#### Flower Arrangers Rota

Many thanks to those who turned up to discuss the possibility of a rota for Flower Arrangers. This will begin after Easter. If there are other people wishing to join this rota, especially people who currently do the flowers when they're cleaning the church, and want to be involved, please let Fr Peter know so that your name can be added to the list.

#### Music in Church

We are having a "Come along, play and see" afternoon at St Robert's Church on Saturday 2nd February from 1pm—3pm, to which any prospective musicians can come along, either bringing their own instrument, or having a try at the new keyboard or even the church organ. There is also an electronic drum-kit should anyone wish to try it.



#### Calling all gardeners

When doing your planting could you put in some extra seeds to provide plants for sale at the Christian Aid plant stall on 11<sup>th</sup> May? Thank you.

#### Partnership Development Group Meeting

The Next PDG Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th January at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church at Amble.

#### Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall. This will be a Burns Night celebration.

#### St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm.

#### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Peshaw at 7pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. The Diocesan Hospitalité forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.



#### Baptism Preparation Meetings

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th February at St Robert's Church. Any parents who are wishing to organise a Baptism should contact either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen to make arrangements to attend this meeting. Once that has been arranged then a date can be considered for the Baptism.

#### Baptism Invitation

Anna and Mark Hall invite parishioners to join their family and friends for the celebration of Eva's baptism on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm at St Bede's Church.

#### "Marking the Books"

This is "In Service Training" for Sacristans and Liturgical Lay Leaders to help find their way around setting up for Mass and Services. It will be held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, St. Cuthbert House, 391 West Road, Thursday 21st March 10:30am-3.00pm, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. The Cost is £5.00. Those attending will need to take a packed lunch. If anyone wishes to attend please contact the Parish Office, [Pat or Bernadette], or Fr Peter.

#### Marriage Preparation

Plans are already underway for a Marriage Preparation Course with "Marriage Care" in March. Anyone who has not yet registered and is wishing to get married this year is asked to contact Bernadette at St Robert's Parish Office or Father Peter as soon as possible, for the details of how book a place on the course.

#### "EDGE" - Middle School Journey of Faith

Edge continues on a Thursday evening at 6pm in St Robert's Church Hall. If you have children of Middle School age, please try to encourage them



to come along, even if its only for a taster evening, to see if they enjoy it. You never know ... they might decide they like it!

#### Youth Ministry Co-Workers Group

The parishioners from St Roberts who last year volunteered to attend and be part of the Co-workers Group have had to stand down because of other commitments. We are therefore urgently seeking the offer from two other parishioners to become part of the co-workers group who meet throughout the year to support Youth Ministry in the Partnership. St Robert's Parish does not have a representation at this meeting and St Bede's has one, and it is important that we are actively involved in this group if we think youth ministry is important in our parishes. The meetings discussions cover all aspects of Youth Ministry and outreach in our partnership parishes and in our schools. Anyone willing to help is asked to let Fr Peter know as soon as possible, as the next meeting is to be held on 7th February.

#### Youth Alpha

A Youth Alpha group is beginning for our Brinkburn Partnership for young people aged 14-18 at St Aidan's, Ashington at 7pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This group will last an hour-and-a-half and will discuss big questions of faith and life, with no expectations of having the right answers when you come. It is a chance to ask why we are who we are, who is Jesus, and why does he matter. Refreshments and fun are to be had at each session, too. For further details please contact Thomas, our Partnership Youth Ministry Co-ordinator at [youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk) or 07483 347646



#### Pope John Paul II Award

St Benet Biscop School has informed Fr Peter that there are two sixth formers from St Bede's Parish and two from St Robert's Parish, who wish to be involved with the Bronze Award of the Pope John Paul II Award. It is recommended that they spend one hour a week actively involved with some form of parish activity (Reading at Mass • Altar Server • Eucharistic Minister • Member of choir/music group • Children's Liturgy of the Word • Composing prayers of the faithful • Welcomer at Mass • Helping with sacramental preparation • Preparing articles for the parish bulletin • Church decoration/flower arranging/church cleaning) and a further one hour per week with some form of social awareness (Member of St. Vincent de Paul • Young leader for CAFOD • Young leader at parish youth group • Running a fair trade stall • Fundraising for a charity • Regular visitation of residential homes • Supporting a residential retreat for young people • Working with the homeless • Raising awareness of the needs of others • Volunteering on a parish or community project to support the vulnerable, e.g. Justice and Peace). They have to do this for 8 weeks. If we want to encourage these young people how can we help them to be involved?



#### Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm in the Presbytery at St Robert's.

#### Holocaust Memorial Day

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day this year is 'Torn from home' and encourages us to reflect on how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide. 'Home' usually means a place of safety, comfort and security. We reflect on what happens when individuals, families and communities are driven out of, or wrenched from their homes, because of persecution or the threat of genocide, alongside the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to find and build new homes when the genocide is over. There is to be a Memorial Service on Tuesday 29th January at St Mary's School, Benton, Newcastle and Thursday 31st January, St Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, BILLINGHAM TS23 3DX, both at 7.00pm. (Booking is essential via [www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk))



#### Whalton Unit Transport

The Whalton Unit at Morpeth has been temporarily relocated to Wansbeck General Hospital, and the following information has been published on the Northumbria NHS Trust site "We are able to help with transport from Morpeth for those who find it difficult to travel to visit loved ones at Ward 8 Whalton Unit at Wansbeck. Please discuss this with the ward team on 01670 529 008 if you are affected." [www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-locations/the-whalton-unit/](http://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-locations/the-whalton-unit/)

#### St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social

The St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social will be held on Saturday 23rd February from 3pm until 6pm, for all those eligible (over 70 or thereabouts). If you would like to come please put your name and phone number on the list in the church porch or the hall, indicating whether you need transport. If you are eligible, please don't be reticent because you think you are not old; do not deprive your fellow parishioners of your company. Ask not 'What will I get out of this party?' ask instead 'What can I bring to this party?' We will try to contact those who have come in previous years but there must be many newly eligible so please do not be shy to add your name. Also as usual we will be looking for donations of prizes for the raffle. Thank you.

#### Diocesan Justice and Peace News

The latest Justice and Peace Newsletter informs us that they have been forced to discontinue most of their clothes distribution. The ever-increasing number of clients mean that they need extra space and volunteer time for food distribution, which is their priority. They are appealing for Tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, plain rice, sugar, tinned fish, tea bags, biscuits, tinned fruit, sweet corn, cooking oil, jam, cereal, tinned chickpeas and kidney beans, small jars of coffee, plus toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, and hand wash. All products must be 'In Date' and ideally have a good shelf life. They appeal also for ladies' and gents' coats in good condition (18 years plus), ladies and men's shoes in good condition (trainers preferred for men), Clean duvets (double and single), Clean pillows and sheets, Clean and good condition towels, kitchen crockery (including large clean pans), Suitcases and Backpacks. Items can be left in the porch at St Robert's Church, but make sure they are clearly marked for the Diocesan Refugee and Asylum Seeker Centre, as the Food Bank also collects from our porch. At St Bede's, items can be left in the porch. Amanda Gallagher (07748701609) at St Bede's Church is willing to help with any collection of items there. Maura Illingworth and Donald Marr coordinate the collections at St Robert's Church.



#### Vocations Discernment

Are you aged 16 or over and thinking about the priesthood? Why not come along to one of the regular Diocesan Vocations Discernment evenings which are held at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. These evenings of prayer and reflection provide an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations, and are followed by a meal. Forthcoming dates are as follows: Wednesday 30th January; Wednesday 27th February; Wednesday 27th March; Wednesday 22nd May; Wednesday 26th June. For more information, please contact Fr Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director

#### Prayers for a New Bishop

Please pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the process of appointment and to pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis, the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adams and all who are involved in seeking a successor to Bishop Seamus, who offered his resignation to the Holy Father in July 2017.

#### 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).