

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 9th February	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish	9.40am The Rosary NO MASS 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 10th February 5th Sunday C		9.00am Mass: Jan Jurek 11.00am Mass: Mary Wilson
Monday 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</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 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 12th February <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 NO MASS
Wednesday 13th February <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 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 14th February <i>Ss Cyril and Methodius</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 NO MASS 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 15th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: No Intention	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 16th February <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Tom, Elizabeth & John Coates	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: The Cairns family 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 17th February 6th Sunday C		9.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 11.00am Mass: Fr. Peter Stott

The Pope's Intention February 2019

Universal – Victims

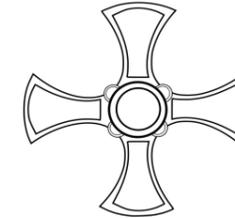
For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

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



Booking Forms now available from Fr Peter ...
There is more information on the diocesan pilgrimage website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk and on the Facebook page.
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 also apply to travel... please see Fr Peter for booking forms.

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Sunday 10th February 2019 – Fifth Sunday of the Year

We work to live ... or at least, that's the idea. But as we get up, go to work go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed it begins to feel that instead of working to live we are living to work. Our lives can become a pattern of chores formed by the pressures of life rather than by our own design. After years and years of doing the same things, these patterns can become a comfort zone that imprisons, confines and limits us. Before we know it, there are a whole raft of opportunities outside our comfort zone that we decide we are not capable of, or simply aren't 'us'.

Today we are reminded that we don't need to go through life beating our head against the same old brick walls. We can live life differently. We just need to be a bit braver and try a bit harder. The writer J.K. Rowling reminds us all to have the courage of our convictions. She submitted Harry Potter nine times before finally getting it accepted by Bloomsbury. "Success is failure that tried one more time!" All we need to step out of our self-made prisons is vision, belief and courage.

Today we find Peter and his fellow disciples at a low ebb. They have been fishing all night, but have caught nothing. Jesus advises them to do things a little differently. He asks them to cast their nets a little further from shore. It is heartening to see Peter knowing a moment of doubt. Jesus might be an expert when it comes to matters of faith, but what does he know about fishing? What Peter doesn't realise is that he is on the brink of a life changing experience. Fortunately for him, he trusts in Jesus despite his fleeting doubt, and follows the advice. The result is more fish than his nets can hold. Faith, courage, and a willingness to do things a little differently has brought it's own rewards.

Peter James and John left their fishing nets behind them and completely changed their lives not because they were superhuman, but because Jesus had taught them to see themselves in a new light. Today's invitation is to see ourselves in a new light, get excited about the possibilities ahead, and ask God for the courage to leave our old lives behind!





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**; and for all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 2nd/3rd February

St Bede's: £220.19/ St Robert's: £841.34

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

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.

Mass for The World Day of the Sick

A reminder to parishioners of the Mass for The World Day of the Sick at 7pm on Monday 11th February. 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, Penshaw at 7pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. The Diocesan Hospitalité look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.



Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Thank you to those of you who have donated food and clothing to help the refugees and asylum seekers. They have come from over 50 countries and at this time of the year are especially grateful for your help. Warm winter clothing and men's shoes are especially needed as well as regular gifts of food. There is a leaflet in the Church Porch giving more details about the project

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.



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.

Bishop Robert Byrne

On Monday the Holy See announced the appointment of Bishop Robert Byrne as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Bishop Byrne is an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham and has been a bishop for almost five years. Born in Manchester in September 1956, he entered Birmingham Oratory in 1980 and was ordained to the priesthood in January 1985. In 1990, he was part of a group from Birmingham who moved to St Aloysius parish, Oxford, to found what was to become the Oxford Oratory in 1993. He served as Provost from 1993-2011. In 2012, Fr Byrne was appointed Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department of Dialogue and Unity having served as a prison chaplain for over 35 years. He was Ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham in St Chad's Cathedral on 13 May 2014. We offer him all our prayers and best wishes as he prepares to take on this role of Diocesan Bishop.

Installation of Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 25th March 2019, the Feast of the Annunciation. Entry to the Cathedral for this Mass will be by invitation and ticket only.

Retirement Mass for Bishop Seamus

To mark the retirement of Bishop Seamus, a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 22nd February 2019, the Feast of The Chair of St Peter, Apostle. Everybody is welcome to this Mass which will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. The Cathedral will be open to everyone and tickets are NOT required.

"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, Newcastle, NE15 7PY on Thursday 21st March 10:30am-3.00pm. 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.

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Administrator, St Paul's, Alnwick – 9 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.

Closing date: 11 February. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk send an email to human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Asylum Seekers reminder

Thank you for your generosity in providing food donations and winter shoes and clothing for the asylum-seekers in Newcastle. Please continue with your contributions, especially in the coming winter days. Just one food item per family added to your weekly shopping list would make such a difference. Urgently needed are; tinned meat and fish, tinned tomatoes, beans, plain rice, sugar, teabags, biscuits, tinned chickpeas and sweetcorn, cooking oil, tinned fruit, jam, toothpaste, shampoo and hand-wash. Many thanks.

In addition – are there any occasional relief drivers available to help to deliver food and supplies to the Newcastle centres? If you think you could be able to help please speak to Donald Marr.

Women's World Day of Prayer



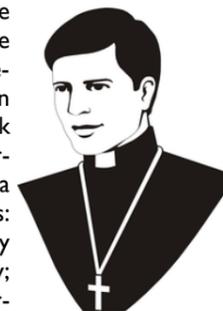
Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service this year will be held in Morpeth Methodist Church, Howard Terrace, Morpeth on Friday March 1st 2019 at 2.00pm. The Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Slovenia, taking as their theme – 'Come – Everything is ready'.

There will be two rehearsals – on Friday 15th February and the on Friday 22nd February, at the Methodist Church. Anyone who would like to join the choir or orchestra, please come along at 11.00am on those days. On the day of the Service there will be a full rehearsal from 10.00am until noon. Please support this service, it is always a joy to share with other Christians from all the local Churches, and we are reminded that we belong to God's family worldwide. Each service has a special flavour of the Country which prepares its content.

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 27th February; Wednesday 27th March; Wednesday 22nd May; Wednesday 26th June. For more information, please contact Fr Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director.



Vocations Weekend for young women

Dates: 15 - 17 Feb 2019

Location: Liverpool

Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation
The weekend is organised by the sisters of the , Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) order.
"There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God."



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 or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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).

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 11th May? Thank you.



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.



SVP National Raffle

Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be on sale after the Masses at St Robert's this Sunday (10th February) and for the next couple of weeks. 1st prize is £3000, 2nd £2000, 3rd £1000 and twenty other cash prizes! Tickets £1 each.

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

SVP - Sudan Crisis Appeal

Once again the SVP is appealing for your help for the impoverished peoples of Sudan and South Sudan. In South Sudan the SVP provides emergency food and water, including baby-feeding, for 11,000 people in two camps. SVP medical centres provide free life-saving treatment and medication to 50,000 people a year. An SVP water tanker provides 35,000 people a day with fresh water but is 30 years old and in need of replacement.



And there is so much more we could do if we have the funds. Can you help? Of course a one-off donation would be welcome but better still if you can sign a standing order to give regular support on a long-term basis. We know many parishioners are already doing this, and a massive thank you to all of them. Can you join them? There are information/donation leaflets with details of the work the SVP are doing at the back of church.

St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social

This will be held in St Robert's parish hall on Saturday 23rd February from 3pm till 6pm There has been a good response to the invitations to the Social from those who have come in previous years but there is still room for those who are newly eligible (over 70 or thereabouts) or new to the parish and we would welcome you to join us for what is always an enjoyable afternoon. Transport can be arranged if needed. We are still looking for a lot more prizes for the raffle: please leave them at the presbytery or with any SVP Member. We are also looking for volunteer drivers to help with the transport. Again names to any SVP member or ring 517829 please. Thank you.

