

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 16th February	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 Confessions
Sunday 17th February 6th Sunday C		9.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 11.00am Mass: Ints Father Peter Stott 12.30pm Baptism: Jack Arthur Shanahan
Monday 18th February <i>Weekday (St Bernadette)</i>	11.45am Requiem Mass: Bridget Cox	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 19th 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 Mass: Andrew Kingwell
Wednesday 20th 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 10.00am Requiem Mass: Paul McDonald
Thursday 21st 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 Mass: John Devitt & Dcd Doherty/Devitt families
Friday 22nd February <i>The Chair of St Peter</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 23rd February <i>St Polycarp</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Molly Ruddy	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Sallie Stokes 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
Sunday 24th February 7th Sunday C		9.00am Mass: Jerome Thompson 11.00am Mass: Peter & Sylvia Lawson

The Pope's Intention February 2019

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

Guitar Music Workshop

The Diocesan Church Music Association presents: a music workshop for Mass parts, psalms and other music suitable for guitars and melody instruments. To be held on Saturday 9th March, 10am – 3.30pm (approx.) at Ushaw College, Durham. Cost: £10 to cover room hire and to include a soup and sandwich lunch. For further details about the day and to book your place please email: alisonpurvis1@hotmail.com or call on 0191 371 9184 Please note that booking is essential for this event



New Mass Setting

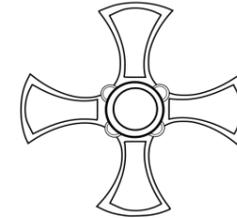
We are to begin a new Mass setting soon at St Robert's ... Mass of Christ the Saviour ... at the back of the hymn book ... listen, learn and sing along on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-OWTbmuRE8&start_radio=1&list=RDG-OWTbmuRE8

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service this year will be held in Morpeth Methodist Church, Howard Terrace, Morpeth on Friday March 1st 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.



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Sunday 17th February 2019 – Sixth Sunday of the Year

“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?



In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our “I'm all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people's lives.



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, including **Biddie Cox**, of Bedlington, whose

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.45am on Monday at St Bede's Church; for **Paul McDonald**, of Morpeth, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Robert's Church at 10am on Wednesday; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 9th/10th February

St Bede's: n/a / St Robert's: £780.20

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.

Retirement Mass for Bishop Séamus

To mark the retirement of Bishop Séamus, a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Friday 22nd February, 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.

Collection for the Retirement of Bishop Séamus

Envelopes are now available today for a collection fore Bishop Séamus on his retirement following almost ten years as the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Anyone who would like to make a donation towards this collection is asked to use these envelopes and hand them in, either in the Sunday collection baskets or to hand in to the Presbytery or to Fr Peter. The Fund will close on 17th March. Any cheques should be made payable to "DHN Morpeth, St Robert of Newminster" and NOT to Bishop Seamus directly.

Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne

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



Divine Mercy Devotion:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th February at 7pm in St Robert's Church.



Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be on Monday 18th February, at 7pm in the Church Hall at St Robert's. This will be a business meeting which will begin with prayers.

SVP

The next meeting for St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm.

SVP National Lottery

Tickets will be on sale before and after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Bedlington on Saturday 23 February priced at £1 each.

St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social

A Social Afternoon for our Senior Citizens 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 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.

Getting Married this year?

If you are getting married this year, it is important to make sure that you contact your Parish Priest to make sure that the proper paperwork is completed. If you wish to get married at either St Robert's or St Bede's, please make contact, if you have not already done so, with Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen. This initial discussion is important so that we can make sure that you are free to get married and that your date can be arranged. The Marriage Preparation Course must be completed (see notice below). If you wish to marry in a non-Catholic Church because the person you are marrying is a practising member of that non-Catholic Church, it is important to speak to your Parish Priest as soon as possible because you have to have the permission of the Bishop to get married in this instance. If you wish to get married in a Catholic Church abroad, this is also possible but all necessary paperwork must be completed by your Parish Priest beforehand and then this has to be sent to the appropriate diocese in the place where you are getting married. If you are unsure about any of the arrangements that you are planning, please speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen as soon as possible, before it is too late to complete the necessary paperwork. Please note that permission for a wedding in a Register Office or a Hotel, or any other non-religious venue is not usually given.

Marriage Preparation Course

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.



Ministry of Consolation Day

On Saturday 23rd March, the Diocese is holding its second Ministry of Consolation day. The theme this year is "Spirituality in Times of Trauma" and the main speaker is Bishop John Wilson, auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster, who was involved in supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire in Corpus Christi, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower fire. The day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10.15am-3.30pm. Refreshments will be available on arrival at 9.45am. Lunch will be provided. The day itself is free but any donations to cover the Diocese's costs would, of course, be most welcome! To reserve a place, please complete a booking form and return to Department for Spirituality at the diocesan offices

"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.



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.

Youth Alpha

There will be no "Youth Alpha" at St. Aidan's Parish Hall on Sunday 17th or Sunday 24th February, due to February Half Term. Youth Alpha will continue on Sunday 3rd March at 7pm at St. Aidan's, when the evening's discussion will be on "Cross: Why did Jesus die?"

"Edge"

There will be no Edge group at St. Robert's Parish Hall on Thursday the 21st February, due to the February Half Term. Edge will restart on Thursday 28th February at the usual time and place of 6pm at St. Robert's, when we will be talking about the Priesthood and Vocations.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 21st February in the Presbytery.

Parish Finance Committee

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting at St Robert's will be held on Monday 25th February at 6pm

Journey in Faith

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith will be on Thursday 28th February at 7pm in the Presbytery at St Robert's, looking at the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound



Any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who would be available in St Robert's Parish to take Holy Communion to the sick on a regular basis [weekly/fortnightly] during the day, are asked to contact Fr Peter or Bernadette in the Office as soon as possible.

Music and Worship with Matt Maher

On Wednesday 29th May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral are hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by eight time Grammy nominee, Matt Maher. Matt is an International Christian music artist who has had success writing and recording songs like 'Lord I need You', 'Hold Us Together' and 'Because he Lives'. One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration as he knelt on stage with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio in 2013 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICL5du0GAsU> This will be a powerful and moving evening and entry is by ticket only. Places are limited so book early, we are charging £10 a ticket to cover event costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from July 26th—August 2nd. Booking Forms now available from Fr Peter. The Pilgrimage organisers are appealing for Nurses to assist with the Pilgrimage and for all other adult helpers so that they can take 40 sick pilgrims. Are you a nurse able to help ... do you a nurse who might be able to travel with the pilgrimage? There is also a Youth Section for those aged 16-25 for the Youth Section and those who need Nursing Care can also apply to travel... there are 40 places available for sick pilgrims needing nursing care. Please see Fr Peter for booking forms. Full information is available about the diocesan pilgrimage on the Facebook page and on the pilgrimage website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk.



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.