

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
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
Monday 25th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Monica & Bernard Ward	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 26th 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: Vocations [to the Priesthood]
Wednesday 27th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	10.30am Requiem Mass Nora Gleghorn
Thursday 28th 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 Devitt & Doherty families 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 1st March <i>St David</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Mary Killoran	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 2nd March <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Simpson & O'Neill Families	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Holy Souls (November list) 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
Sunday 3rd March 8th Sunday C		9.00am Mass: Helen Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Davison Family

The Pope's Intention February 2019

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

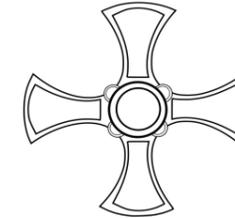
Getting Married this year?

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 nonreligious venue is not usually given.

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.

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Sunday 24th February 2019 – Sunday of the Year

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human. But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work?

Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.





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 **Nora Gleghorn** of Northlands Nursing Home, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Robert's on Wednesday 27th February at 10.30am; for **John Robert Hunter** of Pegswood whose Funeral Service will be held at St Robert's on 7th March at 12noon; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections

St Bede's: £297.47(10 Feb) £306.00 (17 Feb)
St Robert's: £738.76 (17Feb)

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.



Collection for the Retirement of Bishop Séamus

Envelopes are now available for a collection for 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 Westminster" and NOT to Bishop Seamus directly



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.

CAFOD Information Evening

David Cross, Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD in our diocese, will be holding an Information Evening at **St Bede's Church Hall** on **Wednesday 27th February at 7pm**. This evening is advertised throughout the local parishes so we hope you will be able to come along to hear about CAFOD's work and to support what they do.



Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

SVP

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

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'.

Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha will continue on Sunday the 3rd March at 7pm at St. Aidan's, when the evening's discussion will be on "Cross: Why did Jesus die?" We will be asking questions around the topic of Jesus' death and what it means for our lives, as well as sharing food and social time together.

Edge

Edge will restart on Thursday 28th of February at the usual time and place of 6pm at St. Robert's, when we will be talking about the Priesthood and Vocations.

Greetings Cards

A small section of cards for St. Patrick's Feast Day and Mother's Day cards are now available on the stand at the back of St Robert's Church. Easter cards will be on sale shortly but are available from the Parish Office at St Robert's if you would like them sooner.

Lent 2019

Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March, Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 10am at St Bede's Church, Bedlington and at 7pm at St Robert's Church, Morpeth

Diocesan Lent Course

The Diocesan Spirituality Department have prepared a series of talks and discussions points for throughout Lent. Our Partnership Spirituality Group have arranged five meetings to discuss "Gods Gifts of Love and Mercy". Meetings will be held on Fridays from 7pm – 8pm

- St Robert's Morpeth on 15th March
- St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley on 22nd March
- St Robert's, Morpeth on 29th March & 5th April and 12th April

Everyone welcome to come and along and join the discussions.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross at St Robert's on a Thursday and Saturday during Lent. As usual we will invite parishioners to come forward and lead if they wish to. There will also be Stations of the Cross on a Sunday afternoon at 4pm at St Bede's. We hope to have information on other devotions in the partnership available next week.

Lenten Lunches for CAFOD and Marys Meals

During Lent, we will once again be holding Lenten Lunches at St Robert's. A sheet will be available for those who will be able to support by making soup, or with donations of cakes, scones, fruit etc. The proceeds of these Lunches will be split between CAFOD and Mary's Meals. Every Friday during Lent in St Robert's Church Hall from 12noon to 1.30pm, beginning on 8th March. This annual event is well supported by the local community and is a great way to support worthy causes and enjoy a simple lunch.

Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne

The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle 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.

1st Holy Communion Preparation

Preparation for 1st Holy Communion continues with the children asked to come along to catechesis next Saturday and Sunday and hopefully with us at Mass as well next weekend

Parish Finance Committee

The next Parish Finance Committee meeting at St Robert's will be held on Monday 25th February at 6pm; the next Parish Finance Committee at St Bede's will be held on 11th March at 6pm.

Ministry of Consolation Day

On Saturday 23rd March, the Diocese is holding a 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

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.

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.

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 You Tube ... just search for Mass of Christ the Saviour.

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.



St Robert's Liturgy and Worship

The next Liturgy and Worship Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March to look specifically at Music for Holy Week and Easter and we invite parishioners (musicians and singers) from St Bede's who would like to be involved to come along too.

Partnership Youth Co-Workers Group

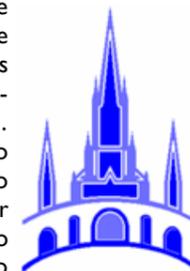
We have not received any offers of help for anyone to attend the Partnership Youth Co-workers Group on behalf of St Robert's Parish and this is something I would like to have in place very soon. Are you a young parent of teenagers or younger children, who would help with this? Or are you a young person or a young adult who wants to do something about young people in the parish and wants to get involved? If you can help with this, please let **Fr Peter** know as soon as possible. We can't just let these meetings go by without St Robert's being represented!

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 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 40places 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



Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese is looking for applicants for ...

- Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 28 February.
- Cleaner, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – 20 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 4 March.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesahn.org.uk

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 11thMay? Thank you.