

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 2nd March</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Simpson &amp; O'Neill Families</b>	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am <b>Mass: Holy Souls [November List]</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 3rd March 8th Sunday C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Davison Family</b>
<b>Monday 4th March Weekday</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am <b>Mass: George &amp; Ellen Arkle</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 5th March Weekday</b>	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 <b>Mass: Anthony Sharpe</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am <b>Mass: No Intention</b>	<b>12.30pm Mass: No Intention</b> <b>7.00pm Mass: Harry and Margaret Bell</b>
<b>Thursday 7th March Weekday of Lent</b>	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 <b>Mass: No Intention</b> 12.00pm <b>Funeral Service: John Robert Hunter</b>  7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 8th March Weekday of Lent</b>	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 9th March Weekday of Lent</b>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fred &amp; Dominic Devine</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Raymond &amp; Margaret Taylor-Walker</b> 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 10th March 1st Sunday Lent C</b>	<b>4.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>9.00am Mass: Michael Lillico</b> <b>11.00am Mass: James &amp; Elizabeth Grey</b>

## The Pope's Intention March 2019

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### Journey In Faith Meeting

The next Journey in Faith Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March at the slightly later time of 7.30pm, with the theme of the Sacrament of Marriage.

### Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese is looking for applicants for ...

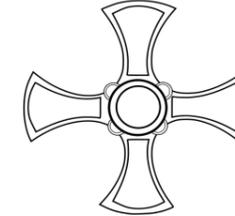
- Cleaner, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – 20 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 4 March.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk), contact 0191 243 3301 or send an email to [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> July — 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 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 or 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. 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](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)

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## Sunday 3rd March 2019 – 8th Sunday of the Year

We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have a good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.



So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly we will be the last to see what other people see.

Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all? Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.



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 **John Robert Hunter** of Pegswood whose Funeral Service will be held at St Robert's Church on 7th March at 12noon; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Offertory Collections 23rd / 24th February

St Bede's: £245.00 / St Robert's: £930.62 / Racial Justice £213.03

### 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.



### 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.

### Ash Wednesday Masses

Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March, Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at **10am at St Bede's Church**, Bedlington and at **12.30pm and 7pm at St Robert's Church**, Morpeth. (Ashington are also having a 7am Mass for early birds!!)



*Ash Wednesday  
Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.  
-Ecclesiastes 3:20*

### Lenten Alms

Throughout Lent we are asked to support St Cuthbert's Care through our Lenten Alms. We will have a box available each week at the back of church for donations for Lenten Alms.

### 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 Friday 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.

### Station Masses in the Partnership

Throughout Lent, we are holding "Station Masses" in each of our Partnership Churches. There is a notice about Station Masses on the noticeboard and their importance for the Church. When a Station Mass is celebrated in one of our Churches during these weeks of Lent, the other partnership churches are encouraged to cancel Mass on that day and encourage parishioners to travel to the church where Mass is celebrated. The dates for these are ....

- Longhorsley, St Thomas of Canterbury ... Wed.13th March, 7pm
- Amble, Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert ... Wed. 20th March
- Ashington, St Aidan ... Wednesday 27th March, 7pm
- Bedlington, St Bede ... Monday 1st April, 7pm
- Morpeth, St Robert of Newminster ... Monday 8th April, 7pm

### Diocesan Lent Course

The Diocesan Spirituality Department have prepared a series of talks and discussions points for 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

- 15th March at St Robert's, Morpeth
- 22nd March at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley
- 29th March & 5th April and 12th April at St Robert's, Morpeth. 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 at 7pm and Saturday at 10.30am during Lent. As usual we will invite parishioners to come forward and lead if they wish to. At St Bede's Church, Bedlington Stations of the Cross will be held on on a Sunday afternoon at 4pm.



### CAFOD Family Fast Day

The first Family Fast Day took place on 11th March 1960, when a group of Catholic women came together to raise funds for a mother and baby clinic in Dominica. They did this by eating a simple meal together, asking others to do the same, and then to donate what they had saved. It was from this very first Family Fast Day and the incredible efforts of these women that CAFOD was born. Today, Family Fast day is every bit as important to us now, as it was in 1960. CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day will be held on Friday 15th March. Envelopes will be available next week for return to Church the following week.



### "At The Cross"

On Tuesday 12th March, Morpeth Methodist Church will be starting its annual Lent Course from 11am—12.15pm. This year's study is entitled "At the Cross" and will be following a book by Abby Guinness (£5.20 per copy). Abby is a writer and actor as well event director for Spring Harvest. The course looks at the crucifixion from the points of view of six witnesses and will help to find a fresh perspective on the death and resurrection of Jesus and the wider implications of what was achieved for individuals and all humanity. Everyone is very welcome to join. It would be useful to have an idea of numbers so please contact Lorrie Bronsema (tel: 01670 516390, email lorrie@bronsema.plus.com) if you would like to come along."

### "Life Though Death in St John's Gospel"

St Aidan's, Ashington are exploring chapter 18 onwards of the Gospel according to St John. To be held in St Aidan's Parish Hall, Ashington, Tuesday 12th March, Tuesday 19th March, Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd April, starting at 2.00pm. All are Welcome!

### Partnership Service of Reconciliation for Lent

We will be celebrating a Partnership Service of Reconciliation for Lent on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington. We hope parishioners will feel able to come along and join in the celebration of Confession.

### Collection for the Retirement of Bishop Séamus

Anyone who would like to make a donation towards this collection is asked to use these envelopes and place them in the collection baskets or hand in to the Presbytery or to Fr Peter by 17th March.



### Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne



To mark Bishop Robert Byrne's Installation as the new Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, there will be **Solemn Vespers** on Sunday 24th March at 4.30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. Everybody in the Diocese is invited to attend. On Monday 25th March the **Episcopal Mass of Installation** will be celebrated at 12 noon in the Cathedral. [Unfortunately, because of the large number of guests expected to attend, Entry to this is by invitation only, you will not be permitted without a ticket]. On Tuesday 26th March there will be a **Diocesan Schools Event** in St Mary's Cathedral at 2pm, when the Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert to Hexham and Newcastle. We will shortly be giving out some prayer cards for all parishioners so that we can keep Bishop Robert in our prayers.

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP Conference will be held on Wednesday 6th March after the 7pm Mass. New potential members would be welcome. Why not come along?

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### APF Missions – Red Box



We received our Parish statement from Mill Hill Missions for St Robert's Parish and a "Thank You" for sharing God's love all around the world. During 2018, **£2,913.60** was donated from St Robert of Newminster [£2,563.60 from the little Red Boxes and £350 from Direct Members]. The loose change put into these boxes really does make a huge difference. So once again thank you for taking a Red Box into your homes and a great thank you to all the collectors. If you are not one of our parishioners with a Red Box and you would like to have one please see Elizabeth Dixon or Bernadette (at the Parish office).

### Christian Aid Spring Evening

The Christian Aid Spring Evening will be held on Saturday 30th March at 7 for 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. The theme this year is Sierra Leone and there will be an African style meal followed by a talk about how Christian Aid is helping to make childbirth safer there. Presently Sierra Leone is one of the most dangerous places in the world to give birth with 10 women dying in childbirth every day. The speaker is Sue Burston and tickets cost £7, available from Gerry Harber (tel 517829).

### Senior Parishioners Social - thanks

The SVP would like to thank all those who helped with the Senior Parishioner's Social at St Robert's last Saturday, and all those who donated raffle prizes etc. Judging by the buzz of animated conversation all afternoon it was much enjoyed by all who attended, with 51 people sitting down to the meal.

### Sunday Morning Coffee Rota.

The new Sunday Morning Coffee Rota will start in April. We thank everyone who is involved in this activity, but we need a few more volunteers to join the rota for the coffees after both the 9am and 11am Masses. At the moment most volunteers work on a two-month cycle and we would like to at least keep it this way. So please consider volunteering ... contact Elizabeth Dixon for more information.

### 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.

### 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'. Entry is by ticket only. Places are limited so book early ... The cost is £10 a ticket to cover event costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

### 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 be interested in helping 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 cant just let these meetings go by without St Robert's being represented!

### St Bede's: Gift Aid & Planned Giving

The planned giving boxes for St Bede's Parish, for the new tax year commencing April 2019 are now available for collection in the Narthex. If there is a change in your circumstances, ie that are no longer a tax payer or should you require to change your method of giving, it is important to let us know as soon as possible. If any details are incorrect i.e. name, address, contact number, etc. or if you are new to the parish or have not had a box of envelopes before and would like one, please let either Fr Peter, Deacon Stephen or Pat Bateman in the Parish Office know.

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

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr Peter and Fr Chris Warren, from Hexham, are looking into the possibility of a joint parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 2020, staying in Bethlehem, in Galilee and Jerusalem. If you are interested, or for further information, please contact Fr Peter or Fr Chris at Hexham. We need to know if there is interest because there is a very high demand for pilgrimages to the Holy Land for next year and hotel availability is quite limited.



### 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 musicians and singers from St Bede's who would like to be involved to come along too. *Holy Thursday Evening Mass will be at St Robert's Church, Good Friday Service will be celebrated in both Churches and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St Bede's Church. Easter Sunday Masses will be at 9am and 11am at St Robert's Church.*