

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</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 10.00am <b>Mass: Raymond and Margaret Taylor-Walker</b>  10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent C	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>9.00am Mass: Michael Lillico</b> <b>11.00am Mass: James &amp; Elizabeth Grey</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am <b>Mass: Betty &amp; Peter Quinn</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</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 <b>Mass: Michael Lillico &amp; members of the Quinn and Marshal families</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>LENTEN STATION MASS</b> <b>AT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH, LONGHORSLEY AT 7PM</b>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</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 <b>Mass: Gordon Sill</b> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</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 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Moira Hart</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Elphin Conroy</b> 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent C	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>9.00am Mass: James Weatheritt</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown</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.

### "Missio" Red Boxes

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Missions through the Red Boxes. In 2018 St Robert's collected £2913.60 and £1,839 at St Bede's Parish. These are wonderful amounts. Thank you for having a Red Box in your homes. If you do not have a Red Mission Box and would like one please see Elizabeth Dixon or Bernadette at St Robert's, or Lesley McDonnell or Moira Quinn at St Bede's.



### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting takes place on Thursday 14th March at St Bede's Bedlington at 6.30pm. All those seeking Baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office to make sure we know you are attending the Baptism Meeting. All parents are asked to attend one of these meetings prior to Baptism.

### St Bede's Parish Finance Committee

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th March at 6pm.

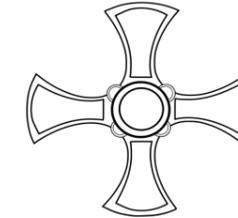
### Northumberland Listening Service

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.

### 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.

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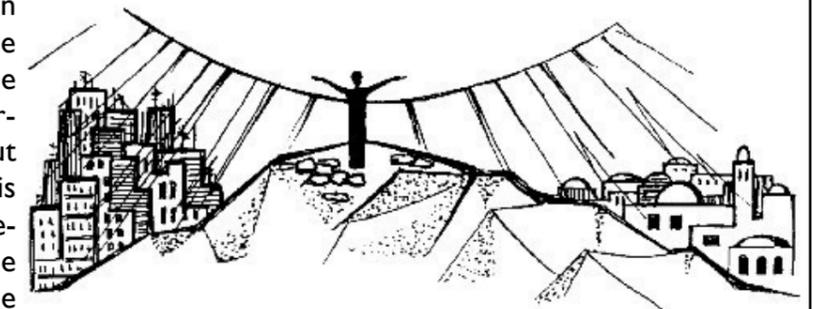
## Sunday 10th March 2019 – 1st Sunday of Lent

If we are not criminals, and we don't particularly consider ourselves to be sinners, do we really need to worry about the devil, or the dangers of temptation? If the temptations in our lives are simply to sit at the computer too long, or indulge in the odd tittle, how much does that really matter?

On the first Sunday of Lent we are always treated to the same lesson. We are asked to consider what we are about, how the devil might put spanners in the works, and what we can do about it.

Today the devil finds Jesus in the wilderness. He finds him when he is hungry and weak and tempts him with attractive options, food, fame and protection.

We don't see Jesus dithering, not even for a minute. Jesus is able to put the temptation behind him because he knows what he is about. Jesus understands his mission and it isn't about materialistic benefit or power. Jesus is able to put aside the temptation because he is confident that the same Holy Spirit that has taken him into the wilderness will lead him back out.



The wilderness comes in all shapes and sizes. For us it could be moments when we're feeling lost, broken, unloved, tired or overburdened. In these moments of weakness this is when we are most at danger. These are moments when the devil can come to us offering comfortable and attractive options. Comfortable and attractive options can tempt us to make poor decisions; decisions that provide distractions. The devil can be subtle. Temptations rarely lead the majority of us into crime or even into sin. Being tempted to finish off a bottle of wine or spend longer than we ought on Facebook doesn't seem so bad, but are the tens of little distractions we succumb to each and every day taking us away from who we really are, and from what is genuinely important?

Every day the Holy Spirit is guiding us towards our specific missions in life. Do we say 'yes' to the work God has lined up for us, or do we fall for all those comfortable little distractions?



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 Thomas Boiston of Stannington Station and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections 23rd / 24th February**  
St Bede's: £257.30 / St Robert's: £804.22

#### Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have tea and coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's on Saturday evenings and tea and coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday mornings.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Robert's on Thursdays at 7pm & Saturdays at 10.30am during Lent, (we invite parishioners to lead if they wish.) and at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Sunday afternoons at 4pm.



#### Lenten Lunches

Simple soup lunches and refreshments will be served each Friday during Lent from midday to 1.30pm in St Robert's Church Hall. Proceeds will be split between CAFOD and Marys Meals. A list is in church for offers of help and donations of soup, cakes, scones, fruit etc. 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 7pm
- Ashington, St Aidan ... Wednesday 27th March, 7pm
- Bedlington, St Bede ... Monday 1st April, 7pm
- Morpeth, St Robert of Newminster ... Monday 8th April, 7pm

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

The first Family Fast Day took place on 11th March 1960. 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 are available this weekend for return to Church next weekend



#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 11th March. We will be having Stations of the Cross, at 7:00pm, in the Church, followed by a business meeting in the Church Hall.

#### Collection for the Retirement of Bishop Séamus

If you wish 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.



#### Society of St Vincent de Paul

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

#### Cards

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

#### 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 Lent Course

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, & 29th March & 5th April & 12th April at St Robert's, Morpeth
  - 22nd March at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley
- Everyone welcome to come and along and join the discussions.

#### "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). The course looks at the crucifixion from the points of view of six witnesses, it will help find a fresh perspective on the death and resurrection of Jesus and 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 3rd April at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington. We hope parishioners will feel able to come along and join in the celebration of Confession.



#### Carmelite Spirituality

Sunday 17 March 2.00 - 4.30pm at St Paul's Church, Dewley, Cramlington NE23 6EF. Anyone interested in learning about Carmelite Spirituality is very welcome to join us.

#### St Robert's Liturgy and Worship

The next Liturgy and Worship Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March at 7pm 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.*

#### Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne

As previously announced: **Solemn Vespers**, Sunday 24th March at 4.30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. Everybody in the Diocese is invited. **Episcopal Mass of Installation**, Monday 25th March 12 noon in the Cathedral. [Entry to this is by invitation only, you will not be permitted without a ticket]. **Diocesan Schools Event**, Tuesday 26th March in the Cathedral at 2pm.



#### Christian Aid Spring Evening

The Christian Aid Spring Evening will be held on Saturday 30th March at 7 for 7.30 p.m. 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 Burstun and tickets cost £7, available from Gerry Harber (tel 517829).

#### Music and Worship with Matt Maher

Wednesday 29th May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral: an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by Matt Maher, 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 by ticket only. Limited places - ... The cost is £10 a ticket to cover event costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 26<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 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. 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 on the Facebook page and on the pilgrimage website [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)

#### Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha continues for those 14 and over at St. Aidan's Parish Hall, Ashington, at 7pm to 8:30pm on Sunday 17th of March. The topic will be Prayer: Why And How Do I Pray. There will be pizza, social time, video, and discussion, so be sure to come! For more information, please contact Thomas at [youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk) or on 07483347646.

#### Edge

Edge continues for those aged 9-13 at St. Robert's Parish Hall, Morpeth, at 6pm to 7:30pm on Thursday 14th of March, when we will be discussing the Ten Commandments: what are they, and why should we care about what they say? Over the next few weeks of Lent before the Easter holidays we will be thinking and talking about how we can turn to God with all our hearts. A fun time is sure to be had by all, with the usual games, discussions, and social time. For more information or with any questions, please contact Thomas on the details given under Youth Alpha.

#### Marriage Preparation Day - REQUEST

Ben and Lyn Cole are running the Marriage Care Preparation Day on Saturday 16th March in St Robert's Hall, but they need one or two parishioners available to help with serving of tea and coffee throughout the day. If you are able to help them, please speak to Lyn or Ben, or to Bernadette in the Parish Office. There are quite a few engaged couples coming to this preparation day, not just from the parish, but from other areas of the diocese, so it would good to get a couple of people who would be free to help with this special day.



#### St Robert's: Gift Aid and Planned Giving

The planned giving boxes for St Robert's Parish for the new tax year commencing in April are available from this Sunday in the church porch. However, there are IMPORTANT CHANGES to this years Envelopes, to assist the counting teams and make it a little easier for recording of amounts received ....

- **ONLY those who are registered for the Gift Aid scheme will have numbered envelopes.**
- **Boxed sets of un-numbered envelopes available for other parishioners who wish to use them.**
- **As a result, everyone's envelope number will change.**
- Because of this, it is very important that you **DO NOT** use any left-over envelopes from last year: the number will be wrong and this could lead to an error in the claim. **Therefore, any leftover envelopes must be thrown away after Sunday 30th March.**
- **You must ONLY use the new envelopes from the start of April.**

If you are in the Gift Aid scheme but there is not a box for you please contact Gerry Harber (Tel 517829) or Peter Smith (tel 516433), who is taking over as St Robert's Parish Gift Aid Organiser from the start of the new financial year.

Anyone who is not currently in the Gift Aid scheme but pays tax and would like to join please take a Gift Aid Declaration form from the plastic pocket on the noticeboard and return it to Peter Smith or hand in to the presbytery. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme but your circumstances have changed so that you no longer pay tax, please let Peter know as soon as possible. Similarly, please advise any change of address or other details. Thank you.

#### 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.

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr Peter and Fr Chris Warren are looking considering 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.



#### Vocations Discernment

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

#### Sunday Morning Coffee Rota.

We are looking for more volunteers to join the rota at St Robert's, for the coffees after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please contact Elizabeth Dixon for more information., or if able to help.