

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 16th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Moira Hart	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Elphin Conroy 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent C		9.00am Mass: James Weatheritt 11.00am Mass: Sheila Brown
Monday 18th March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: John Lowe	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 19th March <i>St Joseph</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: Peter Lewin
Wednesday 20th March <i>St Cuthbert</i>	LENTEN STATION MASS 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church, High Street, Amble	
Thursday 21st March <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 Mass: Mae & Edward Tiernan 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 22nd March <i>Weekday of Lent</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 March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Sallie Stokes 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 24th March 3rd Sunday of Lent. C	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am Mass: Special Intention (TS) 11.00am Mass: Tony Syron

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.

LEPRA

A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 23rd March 10.00am – 12.00 noon in St. Robert's Church Hall in aid of LEPRA. There will be cakes on sale, a raffle and tombola. All welcome.



St. Robert's First School Mini Vinnies

St Robert's First Schhol have recently started a Mini Viinnies group—following the spiritual;lity of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and |Frederick Ozanam. They would like to invite all Parishioners to the School Hall after Mass on Thursday 21st March for a cuppa and cake. We will have a raffle and some lovely prizes to help raise funds for our chosen charities.



Fundraising for Syrian Refugees

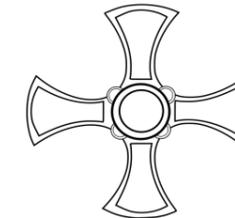
The Tandoori Mahal restaurant in Morpeth are holding a fundraising evening on Monday the 1st of April for Ruhi a nurse from Morpeth who regularly works in the Syrian refugee camps. The money enables Ruhi to purchase medicines and other essentials to take with her to the camps. Tickets are £20 with £10 going to the restaurant and £10 to the fund. If you fancy a night out with friends for a good meal and a good cause please contact Maura Illingworth at St Roberts or Amanda Gallagher at St. Bede's to get your Tickets.



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.

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Sunday 17th March 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being.

Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee.

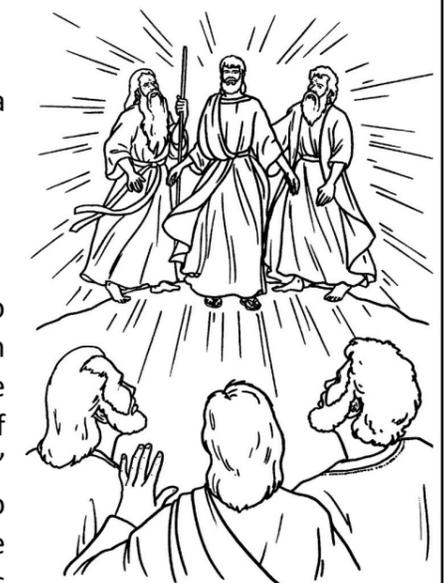
Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer.

In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity.

Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'.

It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.





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 23rd / 24th February

St Bede's: £213.60, (Jan SOs £821)
St Robert's: £827.34 (Feb SOs £2618.92)

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. Proceeds will be split between CAFOD and Marys Meals. A list will be placed 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

- 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

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

- 22nd March at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley
 - 9th March & 5th April & 12th April at St Robert's, Morpeth
- Everyone welcome to come and along and join the discussions.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 25th March.

St Vincent de Paul

The next S.V.P. meeting will be on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm.

"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 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 (today) at St Paul's Church, Dewley, Cramlington NE23 6EF. Anyone interested in learning about Carmelite Spirituality is very welcome to join the group.

Collection for the Retirement of Bishop Séamus

The diocesan collection for Bishop Séamus closes today (17th March) If you wish to make a donation, please do this weekend.



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, entry not be permitted without a ticket].

Diocesan Schools Event, Tuesday 26th March there 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 Burston and tickets cost £7, available from Gerry Harber (tel 517829).

CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please return your Family Fast Day Envelopes today.

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.

Young People

For more information on events for Young People, or if you have any questions, please contact Thomas on 07483 347646 or at youth.brinkburnheavenfield@rcdhn.org.uk

Edge

Thursday the 21st of March: Edge continues for those aged 9-13 at St. Robert's Parish Hall, Morpeth, at 6pm to 7:30pm on Thursday the 21st of March, when we will be having a social night with lots of games and activities centred around the idea of following God more closely in Lent. 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.

Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha, Sunday the 24th of March: Youth Alpha continues for those 14 and over at St. Aidan's Parish Hall, Ashington, at 7pm to 8:30pm on Sunday the 24th of March. Our topic for the evening will be "Bible: Why and how do I read the Bible?" There will be the usual pizza, social time, video, and discussion, so be sure to come!

Journey In Faith Meeting

The next Journey in Faith Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March at the slightly later time of 7.30pm, with the theme of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr Peter and Fr Chris Warren are 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.

Fr Peter now has prices for both a 7 and 10 day pilgrimage and these are available on request.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 26th July — 2nd August. 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. 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 the diocesan pilgrimage website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk



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.

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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.

Appeals Panel

The Diocesan Department for Education welcomes applications from people willing to serve as lay or non-lay members of appeal panels for school admissions. Suitable people will be appointed to serve on panels hearing appeals for Catholic schools within The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. People are eligible to be a lay member if they have no personal experience in the management of any school or in the provision of education in any school (disregarding any such experience as a governor or in any other voluntary capacity). People are eligible to be a non-lay member if they have experience in education, are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or are the parent of registered pupils at school. Application forms can be obtained from our Diocesan website www.edurcdhn.org.uk by emailing education@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone on 0191 2433313.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 18 April 2019.**

Thank you

Gabriel Gallagher would like to thank all the St Bede Parishioners who have been giving him loose change and CAFOD Boxes to count and let them know they raised £82.18 which he has now sent to the charity.