

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 6th April</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</b>	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am <b>Mass: Thomas McArdle</b> 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 7th April</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent C</b>	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>9.00am Mass: Helen &amp; Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 8th April</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>		<b>11.45am Funeral Service William Gray</b>
	<b>PARTNERSHIP LENTEN STATION MASS</b> 7pm at St Robert of Newminster Church, Morpeth	
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<b>Wednesday 10th April</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00am Requiem Mass: Evelyn Twist</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
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<b>Friday 12th April</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Margaret Sutherland</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
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<b>Sunday 14th April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>9.00am Mass: Pat McLaughlin</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Deceased of the Brown &amp; Nicholson Families</b>

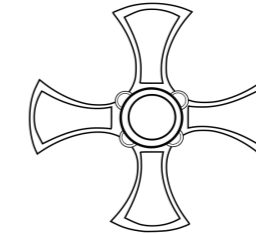
### The Pope's Intention April 2019

For Workers in War Zones: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others

### Christian Aid Week: 12th-18th May 2019

- Christian Aid Week starts in Morpeth with an Ecumenical service in St James' Church at 6pm on Sunday 12th May. Please come to this service to pray for the poor of the world who desperately need our help and for the success of Christian Aid Week.
- Christian Aid need about 30 volunteers for the house to house collection in Morpeth. This is a vital task and is very easy. It takes about half an hour to deliver the envelopes for a typical street and an hour or so to collect them. While we have a small number of regular collectors they are getting older and fewer and we urgently need more volunteers to sustain this work. If you feel able to help, please put your name and telephone number on the list in the church porch at St Robert's, against your chosen street(s). Thank you.
- As usual there will be plant and book stalls in the Market Place, Morpeth on Saturday 11th May. Donations of books and plants are requested. Please contact Eileen or Gerry Harber on 517829 if you can supply some. Help is needed 11th May manning the stalls and to move and erect tables and a gazebo and the plants and books. Please let Gerry Harber know if you can assist.
- Finally, Gerry will once again be walking across Scotland in May on the Great Outdoors Challenge. His route this year is from Strathcarron to Inverberie and according to his route sheets is just under 200 miles. As usual he will be doing it as a sponsored walk for Christian Aid and will have sponsorship forms outside St Robert's church after Mass for the next few weeks for those who might wish to support him. Alternatively, donations can be made through JustGiving.com at the page "Gerald's The Great Outdoors Challenge 2019"

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## Sunday 7th April 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr. Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, the Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.



When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.



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 Sylvia Thompson; for all who have died recently including **William Gray**, of Morpeth, whose Funeral Service will be on Monday 8th April at 11.45am in St Robert's Church; and **Evelyn Twist**, of Bedlington, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 10th April at 10am at St Bede's Church; for **Father James Keane**, Parish Priest of whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 12noon at St George's Church, Bells Close, Newcastle; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections: 30th / 31st March**  
St Bede's: £377.72 / St Robert's: £785.87

#### New counters

We are very grateful for one offer of help so far, but if anyone has time to help with the counting teams at St Robert's, we are looking for a few new people to assist. Please contact Fr Peter if you are able to help or require further information.

#### CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who has responded to the Emergency CAFOD Appeal last week for those suffering after the Cyclone in Africa. We have collected **£625.00** at St Bede's and **£1,052.56** at St Robert's. Very many thanks to everyone for the support to this appeal.



#### 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

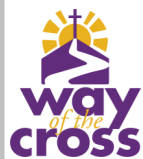
Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter by 7pm on Wednesday to the parish office email address at St Robert's.

#### Helping prepare the Newsletter

We are looking for a couple of people to help with the typing of the Newsletter. Anyone who is useful with desktop publishing (we use Microsoft publisher to put the news letter together, but Word will be acceptable also) should speak to Fr Peter, Marian Bell or Mary Beaton.

#### Stations of the Cross

Please remember that we continue to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent: St Robert's on Thursdays at 7pm & Saturdays at 10.30am and at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Sunday afternoons at 4pm.



#### Station Masses in the Partnership

The final Partnership Lenten Station Mass will be held on Monday 8th April at 7pm at St Robert's Church, Morpeth. All Welcome.

#### Palm Sunday Masses

Next weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week and we will begin all Masses with the Blessing of Palms. At St Bede's we will begin the Vigil Mass in the Hall and at St Robert's, weather permitting we will begin in the Garden for both Masses (pray for fine weather!!).



#### Music Practices for Holy Week

You are invited to the following practices for Holy Week Music and we invite all singers and musicians to come along to familiarise themselves with the music ...

- Wednesday 10th April at St Robert's Morpeth. 7pm
- Wednesday 17th April at St Bede's Church Bedlington, 7pm



#### Diocesan Lent Course

The talks on "Gods Gifts of Love and Mercy" continues this week, on 12th April at St Robert's Church Hall from 7pm – 8pm. This will be last of these meetings. Everyone welcome to come and along and join the discussions.

#### Easter Rhyme Time

There is to be a craft and singing session focused on the Last Supper for pre-schoolers held at St Roberts Parish Hall on Thursday 18th April from 10:00 till 12:00. To help manage numbers please advise if you wish to bring older siblings. For more information please contact Jodi Harrison on [jsnharrison@outlook.com](mailto:jsnharrison@outlook.com) or Eileen Dutt (usually at 9am Mass). The session is free - any donations will go to the Parish Lenten charity St Cuthbert's Care.

#### Lenten Lunches

The last of the Friday Lenten Soup Lunches will be held this week on 12th April. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this. The proceeds of these lunches will be split between CAFOD and Marys Meals.

#### Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held on April 11th at 7pm. This will be the last meeting before Easter.

#### LEPRA

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported the LEPRA coffee morning on 23rd March. A fabulous £300 was raised. Your support is appreciated.

#### Thank you from St Robert's Mini Vinnies

St Robert's Minnie Vinnie would like to say a big thank you to all the parishioners who attended their first coffee and raffle fundraising morning on Thursday 21st March, we were overwhelmed by the turn out! We managed to raise just over £300 which we will be donating to CAFOD, Mary Meals and St Cuthbert's Care.



#### Postage Stamp Collection

St Robert's Mini Vinnies are currently collecting used postage stamps to donate to charity. We will donate the stamps to a local charity (yet to be decided) this will be an ongoing project which we aim to collect as many stamps as possible, then make our donation before the summer holidays in July 2019. We have created a stamp collection tub which is now placed in the church porch so parishioners can help us with their donations of stamps.



#### St Vincent de Paul Society - St Robert's

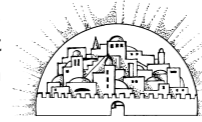
The next meeting of St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 p.m.

#### Becoming a Catholic

On Holy Saturday at our Easter Vigil, we will be receiving into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Mrs Anne Douglas from St Bede's Parish. There will be many others around the diocese going through similar baptism / reception into the church celebration. Please keep them all in your prayers.

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Information sheets are available from Fr Peter. Most people who are expressing an interest are opting for the longer 10 day pilgrimage, so please keep that in mind. So far we have sixteen people from St Robert's who have said Yes to going on this pilgrimage.



#### First Holy Communion Preparation

The children's catechesis continues this weekend and we look forward to welcoming them to our Masses. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

#### Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto of Our Lady

The Brinkburn Partnership would like to organise a day visit to the Carfin Grotto - near Motherwell in Scotland on Thursday 5th September 2019. To this end we would like to know if anyone is interested. Therefore, please sign the list at the back of church (as soon as possible), to register your interest. For more details contact Elizabeth Dixon.



#### Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for Young Adults

A time for young adults (20s & 30s) to walk along part of St. Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation.



For more information email [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)

#### Decoration of our properties

Please note that St Robert's Church Hall will be closed for repainting from Monday 8th April until Thursday 11th April. Shortly after Easter, decorators will be moving into St Bede's where we are due to have the Church, Hall, Narthex and Sacristies all painted. It is over 26 years since some places were last painted. More information about that nearer the time.



#### The Mission to Accompany with Bill Huebsch

Mr Bill Huebsch will be visiting the diocese on Saturday 18th May to lead a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany', at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am-3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, and it is suggested that a donation of £10.00 be made to help cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential by telephone: 0191 243 3302 or [www.billhuebsch.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.billhuebsch.eventbrite.co.uk). Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day.

#### Catholic Women's League Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning to support Syrian families through the **Caritas Social Action Network**, an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, on Saturday 13th April in the church hall, 10am-12 noon. There will be a cake stall, lucky dip and raffle.



#### Diocesan Fire Safety Inspection

The Diocesan Fire Safety Inspection at St Robert's on Wednesday, sparked an unexpected visit from the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer on Thursday morning. The Emergency Exit staircase has been declared "not fit for purpose" in its present state, and so we are awaiting further information about how to proceed. In the meantime we have been informed that the upstairs of the Hall has to remain locked, until repairs are carried out. We are hoping to carry out refurbishment to the upstairs Hall in the near future, so it is important that we also have the Emergency Exits and Outdoor stairs repaired as well.



#### Movie night: Sunday 14th April

Following our successful Advent movie evening, we are pleased to be having a Lenten showing of the epic 'Ben Hur' on Sunday 14th April in St Robert's Church Hall beginning at 5.30pm. Please join us for some tea, coffee and popcorn as we go watch the chariots run and see the story that ends with the love and compassion of Christ.

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

This weekend marks the start of the new financial year for the Diocese. Envelope users please use the envelopes from your new box and throw away any envelopes left over from last year. Whenever possible, please use the correct envelope for the Sunday you make your offering. Thank you. If you have not yet collected your new box please see Peter Smith or Gerry Harber. **In handing out the boxes we have lost track of who took box numbers 113, 118, 119 and 120. If you have any of these numbers could you please let Peter Smith know - Tel 516433**

#### Diocesan Chrism Mass

Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate his first Chrism mass in the Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 18th April at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. The Bishop will bless at this Mass the three Oils used for the Sacraments of Baptism Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. All welcome.

#### New Mass Setting Rehearsal

11am Mass has recently begun singing the new Mass Setting "The Mass of Christ the Saviour" (in the hymnbooks) and we will soon begin this at 9am also. In preparation for this we are inviting parishioners to come along on three evenings to rehearse: Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 21st May – all at 7pm. Please come along so that we can learn together these new Mass settings. Its also available on Youtube

#### Christian Aid Spring Evening - thanks

Many thanks to those who supported the Christian Aid Spring Evening on 30th March. All who attended were inspired by Sue Burston's talk about the urgent need for basic care for women giving birth in Sierra Leone, which is the theme for this year's Christian Aid Week. Sue also reported on the terrific progress made by Christian Aid in re-housing people in Haiti in robust houses to withstand future natural disasters there, using the money raised in last year's Christian Aid Week. This is making a real difference to people's lives. The evening made over £300 net of expenses.

#### Northumberland Listening Service

A free and confidential Listening Service, 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.