

Masses, Services and Devotions

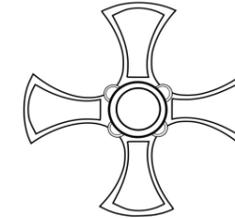
	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 13th April <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Cavanagh & Land Families	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Leo Horrax 10.30am Stations of the Cross 11am - 12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY	4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am Mass: Pat McLaughlin 11.00am Mass: Deceased of the Brown & Nicholson Families
Monday 15th April <i>Weekday of Holy Week</i>	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
Tuesday 16th April <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: Ernest & Lucienne Pickering 9.45am <i>Confessions</i>
Wednesday 17th April <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: For a Sick Person 10.30am <i>Confessions</i>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 18th April	HOLY THURSDAY	
	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm St Robert's Church, Morpeth	
Friday 19th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Stations of the Cross 12noon Ecumenical Service (Market Square) 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord	9.15am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross 11.30am Walk of Witness (St James) 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 20th April	HOLY SATURDAY	
		9.15am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.45am <i>Confessions</i>
	EASTER VIGIL at 8pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington	
Sunday 21st April EASTER SUNDAY		9.00am Mass: Special Intention (AM) 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

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



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Sunday 14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday



We are once again at the beginning of Holy Week, but what is it that makes Holy week holy? As we process into Church on Palm Sunday waving our palms or weaving them into crosses, it's tempting to feel that this is all just a commemoration of the past. But if Holy Week doesn't impact on our lives a little more with each passing year, then it really is just a story about something that happened a very long time ago.

It's the very first 'Palm Sunday' and the excitement is growing like wildfire. Jesus rides into Jerusalem and his followers throw down palms and robes. Only Jesus seems aware that something is very wrong with this triumphant parade. The followers are misguided. They think that Jesus has come like some great military deliverer to overthrow the authorities. But in truth, Jesus doesn't ride into Jerusalem on a stallion with great might and power, he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and he comes in peace, humility and servitude. He comes to stand up for what he believes without any hint of compromise or aggression. He comes ready to lay down his life. He comes to show humanity what real love means and he brings the promise of his heavenly kingdom for all those who can realise his teaching.

Those original Palm Sunday crowds had a very poor grasp of what Jesus was about, and so it's no wonder that by the end of Holy Week they had switched to shouts of 'Crucify!' Like those original Palm Sunday Crowds we celebrate Jesus' life, but we celebrate for the right reasons. Hopefully we are not celebrating someone we think can wave a magic wand and make everything right for us. Holy Week brings into sharp focus what Christianity should be about. Each year we endeavour to make Holy Week holy with greater insight and a greater maturity of faith. Each Holy Week we endeavour to become better ambassadors for Christ.





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 Sylvia Thompson; for all who have died recently including **Father Jim Doherty who died in hospital on Friday morning**; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 7th/8th April
St Bede's: £306.70 St Robert's: £739.40.

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.

St Robert's New Offertory Envelopes

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**

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.

Collection for Holy Places

TODAY we have a retiring collection to support the Holy Places which supports both the Christian Community of the Holy Land as well as the upkeep of some of those holy places which we read about in the scriptures.

St Robert's Big Church Clean

We will be doing the big church clean for Easter or Monday 15th April, starting at 9.45am. Anyone willing to help will be very welcome.

Volunteers needed for Services and Masses this week

We need a variety of volunteers this coming week for Welcoming, Reading, helping with Holy Communion, Washing of Feet, Passion Gospel, Good Friday Intercessions. If you can help, forms are at the back of church.

Children's Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross for children and young people on Good Friday at 10am at St Robert's Church.

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

We will pray both Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at St Robert's Church at 9.15am on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Extra Confessions

Extra Confessions will be available this week ... after Mass at 9.45am on Tuesday, after Mass at 10.30am on Wednesday and after Morning Prayer on Saturday at 9.45am. (Please note change for Saturday)

Fast And Abstinence

Please remember that Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. "For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards."

Divine Mercy Devotions

Divine Mercy Devotions are held on Thursday 25th April at 7pm in St Robert's Church, Morpeth.

Walk of Witness: Morpeth

The Annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Morpeth, will leave St James Church at 11.30am and process to the Market Place for a service with prayers and reflection. We hope you will be able to come along.

Walk of Witness: Bedlington

Good Friday Churches Together in Bedlingtonshire will gather in the Market Place between 12 noon and 1pm on Good Friday for a service with readings prayers and hymns.

Diocesan Chrism Mass

Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate his first Chrism Mass in the Diocese in St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 18th April at 11am. This 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.

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 or Eileen Dutt (usually at 9am Mass). The session is free - any donations will go to the Parish Lenten charity St Cuthbert's Care.

Minnie Vinnies 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

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm. The result of the SVP National Raffle are on the noticeboard in St Bede's Church entrance.

Becoming a Catholic

On Holy Saturday at our Easter Vigil, we will be receiving into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Mrs Ann 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.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 29th April at 7.00pm in the church hall. There will be a talk on 'Hollon Tea and Morpeth'. Everyone welcome.

Journey in Faith Meeting

The next Journey in Faith Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Fr Jim Doherty

It is with deep sadness that we learnt of the death of Father Jim Doherty on Friday morning. He died peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit, at Wansbeck Hospital having received the Sacrament of the Sick. Please pray for the repose of his soul. The family of Fr Jim would like to express their sincere thanks for all the prayers said for him over the last two years since he was knocked down. Continued prayer, and Masses said for him and them, are asked at this time. A big thank you too to all parishioners who have shown real care and concern through their visits and messages to both Fr Jim and his nieces.

Movie night: TONIGHT Sunday 14th April

We will be showing "Ben Hur" in St Robert's Church Hall this evening, Sunday 14th April beginning at 5.30pm. Please join us for some tea, coffee and popcorn.

Lourdes Hospitalité AGM and Procession

On Sunday 12th May, members of the Lourdes Hospitalité will be joining St Robert's Parishioners for the 11am Mass. After Mass they will have a picnic in the Church Grounds (Weather permitting), followed by their Annual General Meeting in the Hall at 1.30pm. At 2.30pm there will be Prayers to Our Blessed Lady and a Procession around Church Grounds., to which everyone is welcome to join in.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in the Presbytery. We ask all members to make every effort to attend. We would also love to have a few new people come along to discuss Parish Pastoral matters. If you have never been involved before, or if you think you can offer something to the life of the Parish Pastoral Council, please come along to this, or have a word with Fr Peter to find out what's involved.

Days of Reflection for All Ministries

Serve the Lord with Gladness – Days of Reflection for All Ministries to be held at:

- Ushaw College, Durham on Saturday 4th May 2019 between 10.30-3.30.
- St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 15th June 2019 between 10.30-3.30. See more information in the church porch. If you would like to attend please see Fr Peter and book in the parish office.

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 nineteen people from St Robert's who have said Yes to going on this pilgrimage.

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 or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes for those needing Nursing Care

Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 26th July – 2nd August still has several places available for those who need Nursing Care or who are unable to travel or stay in Lourdes on their own. Flights are from Newcastle, directly to Lourdes, Accommodation will be in the Accueil Marie St Frai and there will be the assistance of the pilgrimage nurses and doctors throughout the week in Lourdes as well as many helpers. The cost for those staying in the Accueil is £895.00 per person. Anyone wishing to go is asked to contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at St Robert's Morpeth (01670 513410 or lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for a Booking Form and Medical Consent Form. A medical assessment will be made to make sure the pilgrimage can offer the appropriate care. Closing date for application is 21st April 2019.

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. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day.

New Mass Setting Rehearsal

To help prepare for a New Mass setting (Mass of Christ the Saviour) at 9am Mass (already being sung at 11am Mass) two practices have been arranged: 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

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.

Christian Aid Week: 12th-18th May 2019

- Christian Aid Week Ecumenical Service in St James' Church at 6pm on Sunday 12th May. All welcome 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 needs about 30 volunteers for the house to house collection in Morpeth. Can you spare about half an hour to deliver the envelopes in your 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.
- 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.
- Gerry Harber will be walking across Scotland in May on the Great Outdoors Challenge. His route is from Strathcarron to Inverbervie 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"