

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 4th May</b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of Parish</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Deceased Macy Family</b> 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 5th May</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Davison Family</b>
<b>Monday 6th May</b> <i>3rd week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Madelaine Potter</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 7th May</b> <i>3rd week of Eastertide</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 <b>9.15am Mass: Kathleen Lovell</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th May</b> <i>3rd week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Evelyn Twist</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 9th May</b> <i>3rd week of Eastertide</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 <b>9.15am Mass: Fr Jim Doherty (NA)</b> 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 10th May</b> <i>3rd week of Eastertide</i>	9:15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer <b>10.00am Mass: Brian Gregory</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 5th May</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Miss Nkiru Onono &amp; Mr Peter Onono</b>

## The Pope's Intention May 2019

Evangelization: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

### Decorating at St Bede's

Decorators will begin work at St Bede's on Monday 13th May, to redecorate the Hall, Narthex, Church and Sacristies. When they get to the point of painting the Church we will move to the upstairs meeting room for weekday Masses and Services. We should be able to use the Church for the Saturday Vigil Masses during the works.

### No Outsiders to His Love'

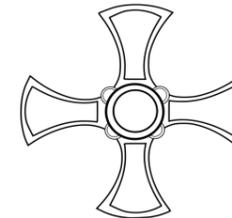
A service will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. It will be the culmination of Mental Health Awareness Week and draw attention to the importance of caring for and those living with mental health and emotional issues. The service will involve music, dance, reading and teaching, intended to highlight the dignity of our brothers and sisters whose mental and emotional health causes them pain and a lack of peace.

### Repair of Emergency Exit Staircase

Repairs are due to begin this week on the Emergency Exit staircase at St Robert's Hall. Two bays in the car park will be cordoned off for use by the contractors, for about two weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience.



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## Sunday 5th May 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Have you ever been entrusted with a big job and completely messed up? If you've made big mistakes in the work place, the chances are that you won't be entrusted with that job again. If you make a mistake in family circles, the people who love you most probably will give you a second chance but they might be keeping a watchful eye on you just the same.

In the days after Jesus' death and resurrection Peter must have been suffering huge guilt. He had been one of Jesus' most ardent followers and yet it was Peter who had denied Jesus three times during his arrest and trial. When we have had a difficult or traumatic time it is human nature to retreat into our comfort zones. This is exactly what Peter is doing in today's story. Jesus might have hoped that his disciples would be out and about spreading the good news, but Peter is back on the lake doing what he knows best.... fishing!

When we hit difficult times in our lives and all we are able to do is hide from the world, what we need most is for someone to give us a helping hand. What we might need is for someone to let us know that we are still valued. When we give someone who has lost their self esteem a special job, we can give them a new lease of life.

In today's gospel Jesus appears to Peter and the disciples from the shore whilst they are out fishing. Peter, as impetuous as ever, jumps into the water and swims to meet him. The others follow in the boat. On the shore Jesus takes some bread, and some fish that his disciples have just caught, and they share a simple meal. Then Jesus turns to Peter and asks "Do you love me?" Three times he asks the same question, and three times Peter replies that he does. It's as though Jesus is giving him the opportunity to make amends for his three denials. Jesus is offering more than forgiveness. He's offering healing and recovery. Then he says to Peter "Feed my lambs," and "tend my sheep." Jesus gives Peter an important job, the job he has been training him for all along – to give the growing community of disciples his support, guidance and leadership.

It isn't hard to imagine how delighted Peter must have felt on this day. Perhaps he hadn't let Jesus down after all. Jesus still loved him and valued him. This was Peter's big second chance and new lease of life.





Please pray for: New members of the Church; Vocations; the Right Use of the Media; the Church; and Human Work. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collections 28th April**  
St Bede's: £251.10 / St Robert's: £658.66

**Sick and Retired Priests Collection**

There will be a Retiring Collection this weekend for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund. This Fund remains open until 19th May.

**World Apostolate of Fatima**

Today, 4th May, there will be a short presentation at the end of the Vigil Mass on the World Apostolate of Fatima. Then on Sunday 12th May, the same talk will be given at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses.

**Tea and Coffee after Mass**

Tea and coffee are available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's on Saturday evenings and after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday mornings. The charity St Bede's is supporting for the next few months is **"Aid to the Church in Need"**, supporting Christian Syrian Refugees who have been displaced from their home country and who are now supported by Catholic Communities around the Middle East ... [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org).

**Volunteers Needed**

Additional helpers are needed to join the 'Refreshments Rota', providing refreshments after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St Bede's. Any help would be valued, either in setting up before Mass, serving teas and coffees, or clearing away and washing up. The rota usually operates on a 6 weekly basis. This social activity provides a wonderful opportunity for the parishioners of St Roberts and St Bede's to come together and build a strong sense of Community. In addition, we have raised significant amounts for a wide range of charities throughout the year. If you are interested in joining us please add your name to a sign up sheet on the Notice Board in St Bede's Narthex. For further information please contact either **Ellen Nixon 07746 711599** or **Margaret Lacy 07801 795400**

**Welcomers needed at St Robert's**

New welcomers are required for St Robert's Church for the Sunday morning Masses, to welcome people to church and had out Mass leaflets and hymnbooks. If anyone can help in this important role before Mass, please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

**CWL Coffee Morning**

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a Coffee Morning in St. Robert's Church Hall on Saturday 11th May between 10am and 12 noon. This is in aid of CWL Projects. All welcome.

**Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May)**

Come along to St Aidan's Church on Sunday 12th May at 3.00pm for the annual "Flores de Mayo" Procession. This is a traditional Filipino festival in honour of our Blessed Lady which takes place this year on the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The Rosary will be recited and there will be a procession. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards - all are welcome!

**Little Sisters Appeal**

Mother Deirdre, from the Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home in Newcastle writes, "This years Diocesan Church Appeal takes place on the weekend of 11th/12th May and will have a brand new focus - to raise funds for essential fire safety improvements to St Joseph's Home ... We urgently need volunteers to champion our cause ... please could you ask members of your parish to email us to confirm their interest in this important responsibility... [ms.newcastle@london.co.uk](mailto:ms.newcastle@london.co.uk)." If anyone can help the Little Sisters with their request, please contact Sr Deirdre.

**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.

**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.

**Day of Reflection for All Ministries**

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" – Day of Reflection for All Ministries, to be held at: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 15th June 2019 between 10.30am-3.30pm. Further information on noticeboard. If you would like to attend please see Fr Peter and book in the parish office.

**Bonus Ball at St Robert's Church**

Numbers for the Bonus Ball will be available at St Robert's from 5th May. The cost will be £10 per number which will keep for 10 weeks. Hopefully, we will start using the Bonus Ball from the National Lotto draw on Saturday 18th May. The lucky winners will receive a £25 prize. Good luck.

**Minnie Vinnies Postage Stamp Collection**

St Robert's School Mini Vinnies are currently collecting used postage stamps to donate to charity. "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."

**First Holy Communion Preparation**

The next First Holy Communion preparation takes place on the weekend of 11th/12th May. With only a few weeks left for preparation, we encourage attendance at both the catechesis and Mass that weekend and in the coming weeks.

**New Mass Setting Rehearsal**

There will two practices of the "Mass of Christ the Saviour" on Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 21st May at 7pm. Please come along so that we can learn together these new Mass settings, no 1012ff in the hymnbook.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting**

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held at St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 16th May. Any parents wishing to have their child baptised at either St Bede's or St Robert's, who hasn't yet spoken to Fr Peter is asked to do so as soon as possible, especially if they are wishing to attend the next preparation meeting.

**Volunteers Needed**

The SVP at St Robert's Parish have asked that the "Parish" take over the responsibility of providing the Afternoon Tea for the Senior Citizens of the Parish, rather than members of the SVP organising it. We are therefore looking for a team of people who would be willing to take this on. It can't be left to one person alone to organise, as there is quite a bit to sort out, so it needs to have two or three people willing and able to organise it together. If you feel you can do this, please speak to Fr Peter.

**Apostleship of the Sea**

The Apostleship of the Sea Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne takes place on Saturday 8th June led by the Bishop Paul Mason. This is usually a peaceful day of prayer and reflection. The programme begins with Celtic Prayers on the Beach at 12noon and Concelebrated Mass in St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm. Parish groups, families and individuals are all welcome. Saturday Safe Crossing Times for the island are from 10:15am - 5:25pm. For further information please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

**Lifepath**

The Mustard Tree Trust, Scripture Union, Barnabas in Schools and representatives from local churches are working in partnership to run and event for local school children called 'Lifepath'. This summer, 'Lifepath Brinkburn' is planned between 24th and 28th June and some children from St. Robert's First School will be attending. Lifepath is looking for volunteers to help, please go to [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/volunteerwithSU/](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/volunteerwithSU/) or alternatively email [Kirstine@mustardtreetrust.org](mailto:Kirstine@mustardtreetrust.org)

**The Mission to Accompany with Bill Huebsch**

On Saturday 18th May at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am-3.30pm Bill Huebsch will be leading a day of reflection. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, suggested donation £10.00. 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.



**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 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 that they can take 40 sick pilgrims. There is also a Youth Section for those aged 16-25 for the Youth Section Please see Fr Peter for booking forms. Full information is available on the pilgrimage Facebook page and the website, which is ... [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk) .

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 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](mailto: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.



**Lourdes Hospitalité AGM and Procession: 12th May**

Unfortunately this has been cancelled y the organisers.

**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.



**Celebration of Marriage**

Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 18 May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the Diocese and the wider North-East community.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Rosary Chain for Vocations**

Can you pray one decade of the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood? You are invited to join a "Rosary Chain" by promising to pray one decade of the Rosary daily during the month of May. Hopefully, 20 people will sign the list at the back of St Robert's Church, and we will be praying a complete Rosary daily for vocations to the priesthood.

**Good Shepherd Sunday—Vocations Sunday**

Sunday 12th May is Good Shepherd Sunday, a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. One of our diocesan seminarians Luke Wilkinson, will be joining us for that weekend and will speak at all Masses about Vocation.

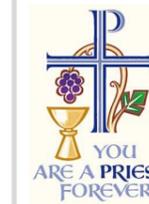
**Vocations Discernment**

Are you aged 16 or over and thinking about the priesthood! Why not come along to one of the regular Diocesan Vocations Discernment evenings held at St 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. For more information, please contact Fr. Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director.

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THEY NEED US.  
WE NEED THEM.**  
*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

**Discernment Weekend**

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September 2019. It takes place at St Bueno's Spirituality Centre. The weekend is hoping to reach men who are not already officially in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms are at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men>. Further information about the Beda College: <https://bedacollege.org>



**Vocations Weekend for young women**

There is to be a Vocations Weekend for young women, organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 with the theme, "Discernment and Vocation" in Liverpool. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, the chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**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 still urgently needs about 10 more 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. If you could do this please see Gerry or Eileen Harber who will be outside church after both Masses on Sunday, or telephone 517829. 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 Inverbernie 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](http://JustGiving.com) at e page "Gerald's The Great Outdoors Challenge 2019"