

# Masses, Services and Devotions

|  | St Bede's Church<br>Bedlington  | St Robert of Newminster Church<br>Morpeth   |
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| <b>Saturday 11th May</b><br><i>The English Martyrs</i>     | 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions<br>5.00pm The Rosary<br><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: O'Neill family</b>                  | 9.40am The Rosary<br><b>10.00am Mass: Bobby Turnbull</b><br>10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>11.00am –12noon Confessions       |
| <b>Sunday 12th May</b><br><b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>      |   | <b>9.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b><br><b>11.00am Mass: Miss Nkiru Onono &amp; Mr Peter Onono</b>                                      |
| <b>Monday 13th May</b><br><i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>        | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church<br><b>10.00am Mass: No Intention</b>                                    | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.00am The Angelus<br>9.15am Service of Word and Communion                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 14th May</b><br><i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>     | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church<br>10.00am Service of Word and Communion                                | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.00am The Angelus<br><b>9.15am Mass</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 15th May</b><br><i>4th Week of Eastertide</i> | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church<br>10.00am Service of Word and Communion                                | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.00am The Angelus<br>9.15am Service of Word and Communion                                     |
| <b>Thursday 16th May</b><br><i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>  | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church<br>10.00am Service of Word and Communion                                | <b>NO MASS</b><br>7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions   |
| <b>Friday 17th May</b><br><i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>    | 9:15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.30am Morning Prayer<br>10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.00am The Angelus<br>9.15am Service of Word and Communion                                     |
| <b>Saturday 18th May</b><br><i>4th Week of Eastertide</i>  | 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions<br>5.00pm The Rosary<br><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fred &amp; Dominic Divine</b>       | 9.40am The Rosary<br><b>10.00am Mass: Sr Marie McAllistair</b><br>10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>11.00am –12noon Confessions |
| <b>Sunday 19th May</b><br><b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>      |   | <b>9.00am Mass: Mary &amp; Turlough Grimes</b><br><b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>   |

## The Pope's Intention May 2019

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 this continent.

### 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, North Wales. 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>

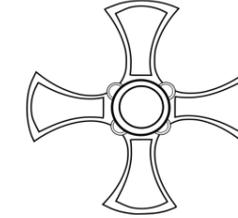
### Vocations Weekend for young women

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, 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 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 in Morpeth: 12th-18th May

Christian Aid Week starts today with an Ecumenical Service in St James' Church, Morpeth at 6pm. All are welcome to this service. Collectors please read the guidance in your 'Guide to Collecting' and wear your badge and certificate when collecting. When you have finished, please return the bag with all envelopes unopened to Gerry/Eileen Harber at 22 Dacre Street (tel 517829) or leave in the presbytery for collection. Thank you for this support. Gerry has started his walk across Scotland on the Great Outdoors Challenge. If you have not already sponsored him there will be opportunity when he returns or alternatively, donations can be made through [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) at the page "Gerald's The Great Outdoors Challenge 2019"

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## Sunday 12th May 2019 – 4th Sunday of Easter

How often do we hear the phrase, "We believe what we want to believe." It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. In today's reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep."

In other words, the questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to believing in him even though they have seen the evidence. In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.



Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe?

Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.



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 5th May 2019

St Bede's—not available  
St Robert's: £765.37 (April Standing Orders £2,825.92)

### Sick and Retired Priests Collection

The Fund for Sick and Retired Priests remains open until 19th May. If you wish to make a donation, Cheques should be made payable to "Northern Brethren's Fund".

### Good Shepherd Sunday—Vocations Sunday

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We welcome to our parishes this weekend, Luke Wilkinson, one of our diocesan seminarians, studying at Oscott Seminary, Birmingham. Luke will speak to us at Mass this weekend about Vocation to the Priesthood.



### World Apostolate of Fatima

Today, Sunday 12th May, there will be a short talk at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses on the World Apostolate of Fatima and we welcome Mr Patrick Cunningham from Blyth to our church today.

### Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's on after the Sunday morning Masses at St Robert's. The charity St Bede's are supporting 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

Can you help with the preparation and serving by joining the 'Refreshments Rota', 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. If you are interested 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 hand out Mass leaflets and hymnbooks. If anyone can help in this important role before Mass, please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

### Message from Fr Jim's Family

The family of Fr Jim would like to say thank you so very much for all the prayers, cards, flowers, well wishes and Mass offerings since Fr Jim's death, it is all very much appreciated. Thank you too to all those who were able to attend one or both of the beautiful Masses, Fr Stott excelled himself and both he and Fr Hoskins gave wonderful Homilies at the respective Masses. To see so many parishioners, old and new, come to pay respect to our wonderful Uncle was both uplifting and humbling. The retiring collections raised almost £800 which will be divided amongst Fr Jim's favourite charities.

### Mass Time changes this week

Please note that there are a few changes to Mass times this week as Fr Peter will be joining the Bishop and other priests of the diocese for a few days of reflection from Tuesday morning until Friday afternoon.

### Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

Mother Deirdre, from the Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home in Newcastle writes, "This year's Diocesan Church Appeal takes place this weekend (11th/12th May). We have a new focus - raising funds for essential fire safety improvements to St Joseph's Home ... We urgently need volunteers to champion our cause ... please email us to confirm your interest in this important responsibility... [ms.newcastle@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:ms.newcastle@lsplondon.co.uk)



**Little Sisters of the Poor**  
Caring for the elderly - inspired by our faith

### 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.

### Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral next Saturday, 18th 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.



### Rosary Chain for Vocations

Have you signed up yet at St Robert's Church, to say a decade of the Rosary for Vocations during Mass. There is still time to be involved and still a few gaps on the sheet. You are invited to join a "Rosary Chain" by promising to pray one decade of the Rosary daily during the month of May. If we fill sheet and get 20 people to join this, we will be praying a complete Rosary daily for vocations to the priesthood.

### 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!



### First Holy Communion Preparation

The next First Holy Communion preparation takes place this weekend. First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at St Robert's Church on Saturday 15th June and at St Bede's Church on Saturday 22nd June. Since there are only a few weeks left for preparation, we encourage attendance at both the catechesis and Mass in the coming weeks.



### First Communion

### 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.



I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

### Day of Reflection for All Ministries

A day of reflection for all involved in parish ministries will 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 cost £10 per number. We intend to start using the Bonus Ball from the National Lotto draw on Saturday 18th May. The lucky winners will receive a £25 prize. Good luck.

### St Bede's Parish Finance Committee

The next meeting planned for Thursday is postponed. Can members please advise on best day to meet in next two weeks.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The pilgrimage will be a 10 night pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15th—25th November, flying from Manchester with El -Al, and staying four nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Tiberias and three nights in Jerusalem. Booking Forms will be available soon for those who wish to book their seat on this trip. £100 initial deposit and then a further £200 when flight prices are available.



### Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto of Our Lady

The Brinkburn Partnership is organising a day visit to the Carfin Grotto - near Motherwell in Scotland on Thursday 5th September 2019. There is already a great deal of interest and if you haven't yet indicated your interest, please do so as soon as possible or for more details contact Elizabeth Dixon.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26th July — 2nd August. The Pilgrimage organisers are appealing for Nurses to assist with the Pilgrimage and for 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 Please see Fr Peter for booking forms. The Pilgrimage to Lourdes still has several places available for those who need Nursing Care or who are unable to travel or stay in Lourdes on their own. 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. Full information is available on the Pilgrimage Facebook page and the website ... [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)



### Apostleship of the Sea Pilgrimage

All are invited by the Apostleship of the Sea to a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 8th June led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join them to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity. The programme is Celtic Prayers on the Beach 12noon and Concelebrated Mass in St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm. Parish groups, families and individuals are all welcome. Please see the poster. **Saturday Safe Crossing Times 10:15am - 5:25pm.** For further information please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).



**Apostleship of the Sea**  
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

### New Mass Setting Rehearsal

There will be another practice of the "Mass of Christ the Saviour" (No 1012ff in the hymnbook) on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm. Please come along so that we can learn this new Mass settings for 9am Sunday Mass. This Mass setting can also be listened to on YouTube for those who want to familiarise themselves.

### Minnie Vinnies Postage Stamp Collection

St Robert's School Mini Vinnies are collecting used postage stamps to donate to charity. They will donate the stamps to a local charity and make their donation before the summer holidays in July 2019. There is a stamp collection tub in the church porch so parishioners can help with their donations of stamps.

### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 13th May, at 7pm, in St Robert's Church Hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers.

### St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the St Robert's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30 p.m.

### Traidcraft Big Brew Coffee Morning

Celebrate Traidcraft's 40th Birthday with the 2019 Big Brew. Please come and support a Traidcraft Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th May 10am - 12noon, in St. Robert's Church Hall.

### Ben Hur Part 2

Thank you to those who joined us for Part 1 of Ben Hur on Palm Sunday. Part 2 of the epic movie will be shown on Sunday, 19th May at 6pm. All are welcome to join us in St Robert's Church Hall.

### 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.

### The Mission to Accompany with Bill Huebsch

Saturday 18th May at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am-3.30pm. 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.

### 'No Outsiders to His Love'

A service will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 19th 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.

### Matthew Project

Thank you for all your donations to this project. In Bedlington demand is extremely high at present. If you know of a family that could benefit from receiving help please contact Russ Wallace on [russ.wallace@btinternet.com](mailto:russ.wallace@btinternet.com) or 07941 128493. Please continue to support this project. Tubs for donations are in the Narthex at St Bede's Church. Thank you.

### 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. Forthcoming dates are as follows: Wednesday 22nd May, Wednesday 26th June. For more information, please contact Fr. Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director.