

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 18th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fred & Dominic Devine	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Sr Marie McAllistair 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
Sunday 19th May 5th Sunday of Easter		9.00am Mass: Intentions of Mary and Turlough Grimes 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 20th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	10.00am Mass: Sick Person (MG)	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 21st May <i>St Godric of Finchale</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Helen Cone
Wednesday 22nd May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass: Kathleen Torkington	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 23rd May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Service of Word and Communion	10:30am Requiem Mass: Sylvia Thompson 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 24th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass: No Intention (IN SCHOOL)	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 25th May <i>St Bede</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John Bradley	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Joseph McCole 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
Sunday 26th May 6th Sunday of Easter		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Jim & Elizabeth Dixon Golden Wedding

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.

Weekday Mass and Services this week

The decorator will begin painting the Church this coming week. As we are unable to use the Church for weekday Mass and services we will use the upper room at St Bede's. and hopefully everyone will be able to make it up the spiral staircase!

Lourdes Mass and Hospitalité AGM

There will be Mass at St Robert's Church on Monday 3rd June at 7pm, followed by the AGM of the Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité. The Mass is open to all who may wish to come along.

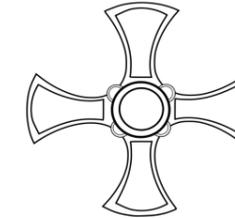
School Mass

Mass on Friday morning at 10am will be a School Mass and will be celebrated in St Bede's Primary School.

Promotion to Head teacher

We are happy to announce that Mr Jonny Philips, the Deputy Headteacher at St Bede's Primary School has been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Wilfrid's Primary School at Gateshead. At the same time we are sad that he will be leaving us after so short a while with us. We offer Mr Phillips our congratulations and best wishes and will keep him in prayer. He will be with us until the end of the Term and the take up his appointment in September.

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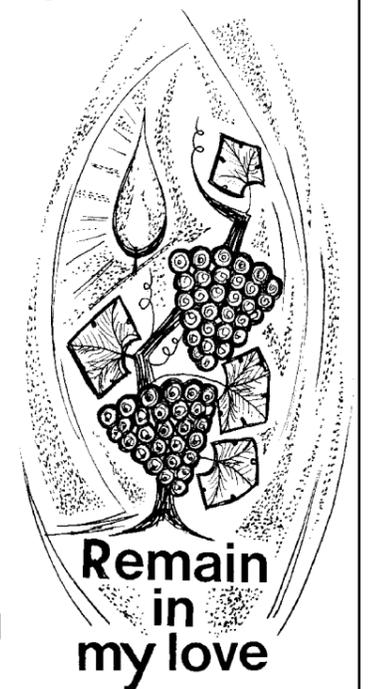
Sunday 19th May 2019 – 5th Sunday of Easter

We can recognise Rembrandt in his apprentices' work. We can recognise Mozart in the work of his students. We recognise the influence of early films in today's cinema and the devices of great classic literature in today's novels. So too people will recognise us as Christians if we love as Jesus loved. We might think we know how to be good people, but how closely have we studied Jesus' example? How we behave as Christians is Jesus' unique signature in the world, so it's important to get it right. In turn this will become our ultimate reason for being.

Our own human idea of love is self centred. We enjoy a long relationship with a partner, parent, or offspring, but what we're really expecting is for them to give us something in return. We're not great at unconditional love. Copying Jesus' example to the letter really would change the world.

So what made Jesus' love so special? Firstly Jesus made his love feel very specific. Jesus made every person he met feel special. His love was also universal. He was prepared to love people before he had even met them. His love was non judgemental. It doesn't seem to matter to Jesus that the people he meets are sinners or outcasts, he gives everybody the second chance they need. Nor does Jesus metre out his love from some lofty moral high ground, instead he relates to others with humility and genuine empathy.

"Love as I have loved," Jesus' recipe for a better world





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, especially Sylvia Thompson, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 12th May 2019

St Bede's 5th May £295.60 : 12th May £267.60 : April SOs £831

St Robert's: £699.36

Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor

St Bede's £182.50 St Robert's £338.74

Sick and Retired Priests Collection

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

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

Volunteers Needed

Can you help with the preparation and serving by joining the 'Refreshments Rota', at St Bede's. 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.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation

First Communion 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.

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.

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) for a Booking Form and Medical Consent Form. Full information is available on the Pilgrimage Facebook page and the website ... www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk



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.

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



Apostleship of the Sea

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

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).

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.

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.

'No Outsiders to His Love'

A service will be held in St Mary's Cathedral today 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.

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.

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 or 07941 128493. Please continue to support this project. Tubs for donations are in the Narthex at St Bede's Church. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Devotion

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June at 7p.m. in the church.

Catholic Women's League Dinner

The CWL dinner will be on Monday 20th May, at the Wansbeck restaurant. We will be meeting at 6:30pm for dinner at 7:00pm.

Catholic Women's League Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on 11th May. We raised £172.00, which will be donated to help support Syrian refugee families, through the Caritas Social Action Network.

St Roberts Mini Vinnies

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated postage stamps. We donated the first batch of stamps to the Salvation Army shop on Newgate Street, the shop manager Sara was very grateful for our donation. They design handbags with postage stamps in the shop to sell! We will continue to collect the postage stamps and our next donation will be to the Air Ambulance. Thanks again for your continued support.

Christian Aid Week

Thanks to everyone who has donated for Christian Aid Week. Particular thanks to all our Collectors for your efforts over the past week. Please return your bag with all envelopes unopened to Gerry/Eileen Harber at 22 Dacre Street (tel 517829) or leave in the presbytery for collection. Gerry is in the middle of 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 at the page "Gerald's The Great Outdoors Challenge 2019"

Our Lady's Catechists

In 1931 a standing committee of "Our Lady's Catechists" was established and in 1956 became a committee of the Catholic Women's League, with a representative of every Diocesan branch of the CWL. "Our Lady's Catechists" provide Catholic education and training for Catechists and those who want to deepen their love of Jesus. We also provide education for those who are not Catholic but want to know more about our beliefs. Visit our website today to learn more about our courses and our faith. www.catechists.org.uk

Feast of St Bede

Saturday 25th May is the Feast of St Bede and therefore it is our Patronal Feast Day at St Bede's at Bedlington. We ask the prayers of St Bede for everyone in the parish community at Bedlington.

St Bede's Parish Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of St Bede's Parish Finance Committee on Thursday 23rd May at 6pm.