

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 25th May <i>St Bede The Venerable</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: Intentions of Jim & Elizabeth Dixon (Golden Wedding)
Monday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</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 28th May <i>Weekday of Easter</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: Deceased members of the McMorrow Family
Wednesday 29th May <i>St Paul VI</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
Wednesday 29th May Ascension Vigil	7.00pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Thursday 30th May Ascension of the Lord		12:30pm Mass: Fr Jim Doherty (AB) 7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
Friday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:10am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Lyn MacKay	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Ben Turnbull	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Fr Jim Doherty (CWL) 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
Sunday 2nd June 7th Sunday of Easter		9.00am Mass: Evelyn Givens 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

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.

An evening with Matt Maher

Musician Matt Maher will be visiting St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne on **Wednesday 29th May**, from 7.00pm-9.00pm. This will be an evening of Prayer, Worship and Adoration. Matt Maher is an eight-time GRAMMY nominee and an international contemporary Christian music artist, songwriter, and worship leader. Please follow the link below to purchase tickets, which cost £10 each. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cathedralour/232884/>

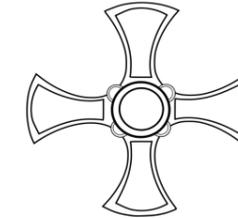
St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council takes place on 26th June. Please note the date in your diary so that you will be able to attend. We appeal for new members to come along and support the pastoral work of our parish community.

World Communications Day

Sunday 2nd June is World Communication Day, a Day of Prayer to reflect on how we use modern day communications in the spreading of the message of the gospel. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. And particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. A collection will be taken that weekend for the work of the Catholic Media Office.

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Sunday 26th May 2019 – 6th Sunday of Easter

There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.





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 19th May 2019
St Bede's: £197.81 / St Robert's: £901.63

Sick and Retired Priests Fund

Very many thanks to those who contributed to the Sick and Retired priests Fund over recent weeks. We have raised **£442.10** at St Robert's for this 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

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.

New Mass Setting

The "Mass of Christ the Saviour" is now familiar to those who attend 11am Mass at St Robert's and today we begin sing this Mass setting at the 9am Mass. (No 1012ff in the hymnbook)

Partnership Visitation

On Thursday 20th June Bishop Robert Byrne will be visiting the Brinkburn Partnership. He will visit the clergy during the day in the five parishes and then there will be a Partnership Mass with the Bishop the Clergy and parishioners from the five partnership Parishes, at St Robert's Church at 7pm. It will be a great opportunity for all members of our Partnership to come together, to celebrate Mass, to meet the Bishop and then share a cup of tea with those present after the Mass.

First Holy Communion Preparation

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, both at 10am. Since there are only a few weeks left for preparation, we encourage attendance at Mass in the coming weeks. Please pray for all who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. The next preparation meetings will be held on Saturday 8th June at St Bede's and Sunday 9th June at St Robert's.



FHC Prayer Sponsors

Prayer Sponsors are encouraged to pray for the children they are sponsoring over the coming weeks as we approach the time for First Holy Communion. While a few have been very good at coming to Mass regularly, and having their "Passport" signed, not everyone has and it has been a little disappointing. Pray for the child and family that you promised to sponsor especially over the next few weeks, that they may become eager to be with the Lord Jesus at Mass.

First Holy Communion Cards

A selection of First Holy Communion Cards are available on the stand at the back of St Robert's Church.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday 30th May is Ascension Thursday and is therefore a Holyday of Obligation. We have a Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church on Wednesday evening at 7pm; and Masses at 12.30pm and 7pm on Thursday at St Robert's Church.



New Altar Servers

KEEP CALM AND BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

We are always looking for new Altar Servers at both St Robert's and St Bede's Churches. Any young people wishing to become an Altar Server, or just thinking about it, especially those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in a few weeks' time are asked to let Fr Peter know as soon as possible.

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 between 10.30am-3.30pm. Further information on notice-board. 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 ARE NOW AVAILABLE for those who wish to book their seat on this trip. £100 initial deposit and then a further £200 when flight prices are available. Please book soon, as there seems to be a demand for forms at Hexham.



Parish Bonus Ball.

Week 1 of the Bonus Ball was number 3 and the two lucky winners were Mary Murray and John Ratcliff. Congratulations to them and good luck to everyone for Week 2.

Decorating at St Bede's Church.

The Hall is now completely redecorated and at the time of writing this newsletter the Church was almost complete as well. Over the next few days (apart from Bank Holiday Monday) the decorators will be working in the Narthex, Sacristies and side entrance and completing their work. Apologies for any inconvenience. We hope you like the new clean St Bede's.

GDPR Consent Forms

Following the implementation in May 2018 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, we have received guidance from the diocese concerning the data we keep, how we keep it and what we do with it. "Data Protection and GDPR: A guide for parishes", is available on the Diocesan website and we also have copies of available electronically if needed. These guidelines mean we now need to ask all who are actively involved within parish life (at St Robert's) to complete a form about your information and whether you consent to our sharing of your information to other members, for the sake of good communication within the parish. Would all volunteers please contact Bernadette Rich to request a copy of the Volunteers Consent Form, complete and return it, so that we know what you want us to do with the data we have about you. *In due course we will also have these forms available for all those in St Bede's Parish.*

Divine Mercy Devotion

The next "Divine Mercy" prayers will take place on Thursday 6th June at 7pm in St Robert's Church.

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.

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 in St Robert's Church Hall. The Mass is open to all who may wish to attend.



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.

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.



Apostleship of the Sea
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

This is a peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join them to pray for seafarers and for everyone who is involved in their 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).

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. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th June. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director.

Christian Aid sponsorship

Gerry Harber has now finished his walk across Scotland on the Great Outdoors Challenge. If you have sponsored him but not yet paid he will be outside St Robert's Church after Masses today. Thank you.

The 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.

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



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held in July at St Bede's, Bedlington. Any parents who have not yet attended this meeting and are requesting Baptism are asked to contact Fr Peter. Please note that Parents should be coming along to Mass regularly. At least one parent of the child being baptised must be a Catholic and at least one Godparent must also be a Catholic.



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

Traidcraft Coffee Morning Thank You

Morpeth Ecumenical Justice and Peace group would like to offer their thanks to everyone who supported the Traidcraft "Big Brew" last Saturday, to mark the 40th Anniversary of Traidcraft. They managed to raise £274.50, some of which will go to "Christian Aid". If any parishioners would like to join this small group, please ring 516452 for more information



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Co-workers Gathering – Sat 22nd June

The Youth Ministry Team would like to welcome Co-workers and those that are involved in Youth Ministry across the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, to a gathering at the Youth Village. This will be an opportunity for input on the Post Synod Exhortation "Christus Vivit" – "Christ is Alive"; a reflection from Bishop Robert on Blessed Cardinal Newman, in light of his forthcoming canonisation in Rome. There will be a chance to share the good work that's happening around our diocese, as well as a BBQ and bar. If you are currently a Co-worker, thinking of becoming a Co-worker, or know anyone who you think should come along because of their contribution to Youth Ministry; please join us and bring them too. Please RSVP admin@ymt.org before 10th June.

Music Hymnal Programmers

If anyone would be willing to assist with the programming of the Electronic hymnal for a Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church, so that it will play the hymn at the press of the remote button, please speak to Father Peter or Kelvin Keddy