

Masses, Services and Devotions

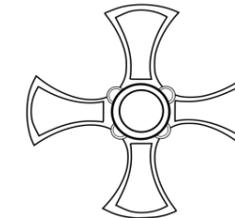
	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Ben Turnbull	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Fr Jim Doherty (CWL) 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
Sunday 2nd June 7th Sunday of Easter		9.00am Mass: Evelyn Givens 11.00am Mass: Deceased members of the McMorrow Family
Monday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Comps</i>	9:30am: Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: No Intention	7.00pm Mass for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Hospitalité
Tuesday 4th June <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: In Thanksgiving (N&MP)
Wednesday 5th June <i>St Boniface</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
Thursday 6th June <i>St Norbert</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: Fr Jim Doherty (LE)
Friday 7th June <i>St Robert of Newminster</i>	10.30am Mass: Requiem Mass: Mary Kelly	7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
Saturday 8th June <i>St William of York</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Mary & Turlough Grimes (AB) 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
Sunday 9th June Pentecost Sunday		9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Dolly Brew

The Pope's Intention June 2019

The Mode of Life of Priests. That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



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Sunday 2nd June 2019 – 7th Sunday of Easter

In these final chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all about. He speaks at length of the bond between him and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is 'sent'.

Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission is to place his love and message at the centre of the world. In following him in mission and love, we too are 'being sent'.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their sense of mission.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world.

We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' love for his disciples does not fade. It endures eternally. He asks the Father to protect and guide. He entrusts us, his friends and companions, to the loving care of his Father. If we are really to believe this, we should leave the house every morning with a lot more on our minds than simply catching the early bus or answering our emails on the tube. Today is an invitation not to think of ourselves on the outside looking in, but to be as much a part as we can in impacting the world as much as those early disciples did.





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, including Mary Kelly whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday at St Bede's Church and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 25th / 26th May 2019
St Bede's: £299.00 / St Robert's: £680.50

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede'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. We also have Tea and Coffee available after both the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday at St Robert's Church Hall.



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.

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. We hope you will try to make the effort to come along this this special occasion.

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.



First Holy Communion 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 pray for, 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.

New Altar Servers

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.



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.



St Robert's Bonus Ball

Week 2 of the Bonus Ball was number 24 and the two lucky winners were Julie McMorro and Brian Gregory. Congratulations to them and good luck to everyone for Week 3.

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.

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 Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held in the presbytery on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm.

St Roberts Mini Vinnies

The little tub for used stamps for the Mini Vinnies is on the table in the church porch at St Robert's. Many thanks to all who are supporting this little project.

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. 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 at 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.

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.

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 the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church, i.e. entering the hymns selection so that it will play the hymns at the press of the remote button, please speak to Father Peter or Kelvin Keddy.



CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island

CAFOD's annual pilgrimage to Holy Island takes place on Saturday 22nd June, with the theme 'Our Common Home'. Safe crossing times are between 9.35am and 5.20pm. Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Priory Church at 3pm. There will also be the opportunity to participate in the Walk across the Sands (optional) and a Liturgy at 12 noon in St. Aidan's.

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. Fr Peter is appealing 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.

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.

Christian Aid - Thank you!

Very many thanks to our small band of volunteers who collected house to house for Christian Aid week. The total raised by St Robert's parishioners was **£1,272.27**. Thank you all very much whether you collected or donated. Thanks also to all who supplied plants and books for the stalls last Saturday, and to those who purchased from the stalls. The total raised between them was **£127**.

Lay Training Fund

Next Weekend 8th / 9th June, there will be a Retiring collection for the Lay Training Fund. This fund is accessible on application to any member of the diocese for training / studying that will benefit them in their parish and any parish ministries they undertake.

Day for Life Collection

The national Day of prayer for Human Life will be celebrated on Sunday 16th June and special collection will be taken that weekend. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the [Anscombe Bioethics Centre](http://www.anscombebioethicscentre.org) and other life-related activities supported by the Church. www.dayforlife.org

Feast of St Robert of Newminster

Friday is the Feast of St Robert of Newminster, our Parish Patron in Morpeth. Some children from the school will come to Mass for St Robert with us on Thursday and Fr Peter has also agreed that the Parish will be providing Ice Cream for everyone in school on Wednesday. We will celebrate an extra Mass on Friday evening at 7pm to mark the Parish Feast at St Robert's, everyone is welcome.



Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday 23rd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi and all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded that they must renew their commitment to this ministry during Mass that weekend.

Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul will this year be celebrated on Sunday 30th June. At all Sunday Masses on this weekend there will be a retiring collection for "Peter's Pence".