

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 29th June <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Evelyn Twist	9.40am Rosary 10.00am Mass: Jean Johannessen 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
Sunday 30th June St Peter and St Paul		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Brian Marshall 12.30pm Baptism of Cameron William Robert Dutton
Monday 1st July <i>Weekday</i>	9:30am: Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass:	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 2nd July <i>Weekday</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: Mary Wilson
Wednesday 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9:30am: Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass:	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 4th July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</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 90th birthday (FD/GS)
Friday 5th July <i>St Anthony Zaccharia</i>	9.15am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Special Intention (BCR)	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 6th July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Craik	
Sunday 7th July 14th Sunday Year B		9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Davison Family 12.30pm Baptism of Amelia Mae Taylor and Hugo William St. Pierre-Robson

The Pope's Intention July 2019

Justice: That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

GDPR Consent Forms

Many thanks to everyone at St Robert's who has completed and returned a Volunteer Consent Form. If you still need to do this please contact Bernadette in the Parish Office. We now have these forms available at St Bede's Church, so if you help with any parish activity or you organise or run an event in the name of the parish, we ask you to collect a form from the Sacristy, complete and return to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen

Cardinal Hume Memorial Lecture

The sixth Cardinal Hume Memorial Lecture will be held in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Thursday 11th July at 7.00pm. The Lecture is entitled 'A migrant, pilgrimage people - how the Catholic revival shaped the Church today'. Admission is free

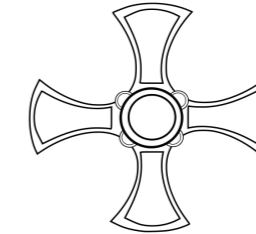
Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Parish Secretary, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Backworth, West Monkseaton and Whitley Bay, 18 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 3 July 2019.
- Data Input Clerk, Dept. for Safeguarding, Newcastle – full or part-time, flexible hours of work, temporary contract.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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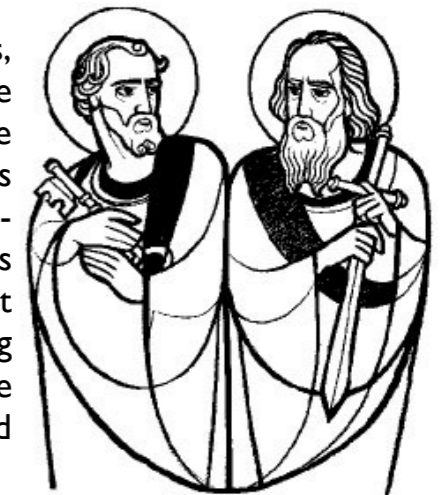
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Sunday 30th June—Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

Over the years the Catholic Church has laid itself bare to criticism. Sometimes this criticism is underserved, but sadly at other times it is. At certain times in history the Church has been guilty of making mistakes, and doubtless it will continue to make mistakes in the future because we are all human. There are those who complain that the Church is out of step with an increasingly secular world. There are even those who point to diminishing Mass attendances and predict that the Church is living on borrowed time. The bottom line however is drawn in today's gospel. Jesus turns to Peter and says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Whether Jesus' idea of 'Church' is our idea of 'Church' is debateable, but one thing is for sure, Jesus intended to leave behind a group of followers initially led by Peter, united in their belief of Jesus and God until the end of time.

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. Fortunately today's Christians don't get chucked to the lions any more, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.



Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet like Peter we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always fight for what is right, no matter how difficult that might be.



Please pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 22nd /23rd June

St Bede's: £264.11 / St Robert's: £924.06

Lay Training Fund

The Lay Training Fund remains open until 7th July. Details for anyone who wishes to apply for funds from this can find further information on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk/formation/form_laytrain.php

Feast of SS Peter and Paul



TODAY is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. At all Sunday Masses this weekend there will be a retiring collection for 'Peter's Pence', which the Holy Father uses to support good causes.

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's who are currently supporting "Aid to the Church in Need", especially 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 and everyone is welcome.



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.

Joint Parish Social

There will be a joint Parish Social Evening held at St. Bede's Church Hall on Friday 19th July 7.00pm—11.00pm. Live Music once again from the 'Dicey Rileys' and a Pie, Mash and Pea Supper, all for £10.00. Please see Pat Gales at Bedlington (07724659446) or Bernadette in the Parish Office at St Roberts for tickets.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July at St Bede's, Bedlington. Any parents who 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

St Bede's SVP

As well as our condolences, we offer our sincere thanks to the family of our late Brother Ronnie Faulder for the collection at his Requiem Mass: the total was a magnificent £351 which will help the many charitable works sponsored by the SVP. Ronnie was one of our members for many years, and latterly as Conference Treasurer.



St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30 pm.

Request for new Altar Servers

John Kinghorn has prepared the new rota for Altar Servers at St Robert's and we are very grateful to him for organising this throughout the year, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a rota with fewer altar servers. Some of our current servers have indicated that they no longer wish to serve anymore and that is a great disappointment. But we thank them for what they offered to St Robert's while they have been serving. At St Bede's we now only have four regular servers on a Saturday evening. So that leads us with a new appeal for Altar Servers. It is a great tradition that we have always had a good team of servers to call on throughout the year and so we ask once again.... Are there any young people willing to take on this role of serving at Mass. It is a great way to be actively involved in the life of the parish. Please let Fr Peter know.



Washing Albs Volunteers

Very many thanks to Ann Douglas (and Michael) who has volunteered to wash and look after our Altar Servers Albs at St Bede's Church and to Mary and Turlough Grimes who have offered to take up this duty at St Robert's Church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

First Holy Communion Thanks

Father Peter would like to express his thanks to everyone who has helped support our children during the Parish's Sacramental Preparation Course over the last nine months. We have recently celebrated First Holy Communion Masses in our two churches, which were the culmination of lot of hard work. Special thanks to our catechists in both parishes ... Anne in St Roberts and Mary, Sarah and Diane in St Bede's—who do excellent work through the year and who gave up parts of their Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings to help prepare our children. Thanks also to all the staff in our schools who work throughout the year as part of the regular curriculum to help our children in their religious education. At St Robert's several of our staff also helped with the catechesis on a Sunday Morning—Mr Sutcliffe, Mrs Sykes, Miss McDougal, Mrs Butler and Mrs Coen. Thirdly, a word of thanks to all parents and families for the support and encouragement you give your children in their preparation and their attendance at Sunday Mass and thanks also for your support to us and allowing us to help in the preparation of your children in the ways of faith.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The pilgrimage will be a 10 night pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15th—25th November 2020, 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, booking forms going quickly.**

Sea Sunday

Sunday 14th July is Sea Sunday and an international Day of Prayer for the Work of Stella Maris, the new name for the Apostleship of the Sea. There will be a special Collection at all Masses for their work that weekend, remembering especially the work of the port chaplains up and down the north east coast.



Morpeth Red Mission Boxes

It is that time of the year when the Mission Boxes should be emptied. Thank you to the collectors that have been out doing their rounds but some members of the Parish will not have a collector or you may have been missed. Therefore, if you still have a box at home and it has not been emptied would you please bring it to St Robert's and hand it to Elizabeth Dixon (at 11am Mass) or leave it at the Presbytery with Bernadette. Thank you.



Mini Vinnies

St Robert's Mini Vinnies would like to invite all parishioners for tea/coffee after the whole school leavers Mass on Thursday 11th July 2019 in our school hall.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

There will be an Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday 6th July at 11am at St Marys Cathedral, Newcastle. Please note that there is No Mass / Confessions here next Saturday.

'Lift the ban' Petition

There is the opportunity to sign the 'Lift the Ban' Petition calling for the right to work for people seeking asylum, after 6 months of lodging and asylum claim. This change is needed to enable asylum seekers (who live on just £5.39 per day for food, transport, clothing etc), to support their families and to contribute to the economy. Many organisations, trade unions and faith groups are supporting this appeal to the government. The petition can be signed after today's Masses. Further information from Maura Illingworth.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday, 1st July, at 7:00pm, in St Robert's Church Hall. It will be social evening, with a quiz and a shared supper table. This will be our last meeting before the summer break.

St Robert's Bonus Ball Results

Week 6 winners with Bonus Ball Number 11 were Graham Cook and Carol Gregory, congratulations to them and good luck for week 7.

Becoming a Catholic ... ?

Our Journey in Faith programme for enquirers interested in becoming a Catholic will begin in September and go through to Easter when we will celebrate with Baptisms or Receptions. If anyone is considering this, or wants to find out what we do to help those who are enquiring, please contact Fr Peter to make an appointment for a quick chat to see what needs to be done. We are always delighted when people want to join us in the church, and we will do all we can to help you in your journey of faith as adults.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Many thanks to those ministers who turned up on Monday to pray together. Ministers from St Bede's Church are asked to collect a sheet from the Sacristy which gives the details of the new place where Ministers should stand to receive Holy Communion.

Spiritual Spa Day for Women

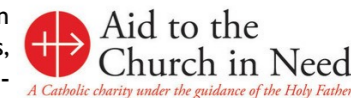
The Cor et Lumen Christi Community in Wigton, Cumbria are holding a 'Spiritual Spa Day for Women' on 28th September, giving the opportunity to come and be refreshed in the Living Water, to experience the renewing love of God through inspirational teaching, quiet adoration, prayer ministry, spending time in their gardens and in fellowship with other women. For further information see www.coretlumenchristi.org or telephone 016973 45623.

Mission Appeal

The Vincentian Fathers (Congregation of the Mission) will be making a Mission Appeal at both St Bede's Church and St Robert's Church on the weekend of September 7th/8th. More details nearer the time.

"Aid to the Church in Need" Appeal

"Aid to the Church in Need" have a special appeal for the catholic people of Nigeria. There is a report available on <https://acnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Nigeria-Full-Report.pdf> It a horrific report of the suffering faced by those going to Mass in parts of Nigeria ... attacks by Boko Haram and Islamist fundamentalists amongst Fulani tribesmen on villages and churches, inflicting suffering, persecution and murder while people are forced to stand by and watch their family being killed. It is a far cry from what we face as we come to Mass. Can you support ACN in their appeal.



Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

The CCRS is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2019-2020 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php If anyone would like further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Rosary Rally at Minsteracres

On Saturday 10th August there will be a Rosary Rally at Minsteracres. It starts with celebration of the Eucharist at 12 noon, followed by picnic (please bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea will be provided), Rosary Procession through the grounds and Benediction. The day will finish at around 4pm. All are welcome! For more information contact the Retreat Administrator, 01434 673248 or info@minsteracres.org.