

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 27th July</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Barbara and John O'Neil (Ruby Wedding)</b>	9.40am The Rosary 10.30am Adoration of the Bless Sacrament
<b>Sunday 28th July</b> <b>17th Sunday Year C</b>		<b>9..00am Mass: Sylvia Thompson (MB)</b> <b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 29nd July</b> <i>St Martha</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 Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 30th July</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.30am Funeral Service: Kenneth Millican</b>	
<b>Wednesday 31st July</b> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</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 Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 1st August</b> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	
<b>Friday 2nd August</b> <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 Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 3rd August</b> <i>St Oswald</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Mary Kelly</b>	
<b>Sunday 4th August</b> <b>18th Sunday Year C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>

## 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.

### St Bede's Mission Boxes

Thanks to everyone for the recent collection of Red Mission Boxes at Bedlington. We have been able to bank another £354 for the Mill Hill Missions. Thanks to Leslie McDonald for all her work.

### St Robert's Red Mission Boxes.

It is time for the Mission Boxes to be emptied. Thanks 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 11:00am Mass) or leave it at the presbytery with Bernadette. Thank you.

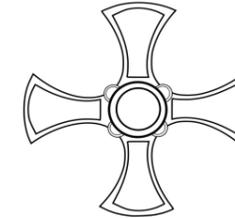
### Job Vacancy

Care Assistants Required - LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, Westmorland Rd, Newcastle. St Joseph's Home is a large residential care home for the elderly run by The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle. Full and Part-Time Hours available. Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm  
For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 0191 273 1279 or email [lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk)

### Justice and Peace

This small informal group meets in Morpeth every 2 months and includes representatives from most of the Morpeth Churches. We need a volunteer/volunteers to represent St Robert's Parish. The next meeting is in the Drysdale Room at St George's, Morpeth on Tuesday 30th July at 7.00pm

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# Sunday 28st July –17th Sunday Year C

Have you ever prayed really, really hard for something and not had that prayer granted? Have you ever looked back in life at a prayer you once made and thought thank goodness God didn't grant it? This week's gospel reading is a lesson in prayer, but more importantly, it's a lesson in having faith that God is a parent who will not let us down.

Let's face it, we pray hardest to God when we want something. We pray hardest when something seems beyond our human means and we need some kind of miracle, this often leads us to make inappropriate prayers. How many of us pray that the love of our life will notice us? How many of us pray to win the lottery and make secret deals with God that we will donate half the winning to charity in return? How many of us pray to God for our football team to score a winning goal in the closing minutes of a match? Worse... we lose faith when such prayers aren't answered! We find it difficult to believe that unanswered prayers might mean that God knows better, or has a different purpose for us.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples shared some of our frustration when they say, "Lord teach us to pray." In response Jesus gives us a model by which to pray. It's important to recognise it as a model and not a prayer as such. Reciting a prayer is not the same as praying. The model of pray Jesus gives us, 'The Lord's prayer', invites us to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread', in other words, for the things we genuinely need. Pray for forgiveness, and promise to forgive others. Pray with persistence. Payer is about building a relationship with God, speaking to him often throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly we should approach God with the faith with which we approach a loving parent. "What father," reasons Jesus, "would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?"

Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"





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 13th / 14th July

St Bede's Church: £262.50/ St Robert's Church: £812.05

### Visiting Priests

When Father Peter is away, in Lourdes, Father Nigel Holmes will be celebrating the Vigil Mass at St Bede's and Father Michael Hickey (retired) from North Shields will be at St Robert's Church for the 9am and 11am Masses. We are very grateful to these priests for being able to assist and welcome them to our parishes.

### 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" ... [www.acnuk.org](http://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.

### St Robert's Bonus Ball Results

Week 10, is the final week for this round of the Bonus Ball; the winners are Chris Offord and Pat Fanning with number 32, congratulations to them and thank you to everyone who took part. (There is a list of all the winners in the porch). Unfortunately, we did not sell all 118 numbers this time, but we are still able to present Father Peter with a cheque for £575 for Parish Fund. We look forward to your support for the next round. Thank you.

### 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.



### St Roberts Parish Pens

New, named Parish Pens now available at the back of Church, price £2 each.



### Pie and Pea Evening

Many thanks to all those involved in organising and helping with the social function in the church hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July in St Bede's church hall. Although this was not intended to be a fund raising event, nonetheless, the raffle raised the sum of £182.50 which went to church funds. The evening was enjoyed by all.

### Wedding Congratulations

On Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug at 2pm, there will be a Wedding Service for Cameron Will and Emma Turnbull at St Bede's. We offer both of them our congratulations and pray that they may share a long and happy life together.

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will not be held until September. Any parents wishing to make enquires about Baptism should speak to either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen over the coming weeks.



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

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The pilgrimage will be a 10 night pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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, booking forms going quickly.**

### Pilgrimage to Carfin

The Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September leaving Ashington at 8.00 am and then picking up at Morpeth, the cost is £20. The coach is full and there is a waiting list. Therefore we would be grateful if the 19 people from Morpeth and the 9 from Bedlington that signed up to go could pay their £20 to confirm their place. Money can be paid to Elizabeth Dixon at Morpeth or Pat Gales at Bedlington. Please let Elizabeth know if you no longer require your place, so it can be reallocated (01670 516584)



### Northern Cross Distribution

The Northern Cross is looking for a volunteer to help with the distribution of the paper each month as the present volunteer has stood down. The papers are to be collected from the Sacred Heart Church, North Gosforth and delivered to: St John the Baptist, Annitsford: Our Lady & St Wilfred Blyth: St Paul's, Cramlington : St Bede's Presbytery Bedlington: New Hartley and St Robert of Newminster. The papers will be at North Gosforth on the Friday lunchtime prior to the first Sunday in the month. They aim to have the papers on sale in the respective church for the first Sunday in the month. If you would like to volunteer or seek further information please contact Tom Hoban, Tel No 0191 3867033, Mobile 077929 13360, hobantom@btinternet.com

### Request for new Altar Servers

We have not yet had any offers for new Altar Servers, which is rather disappointing. If anyone changes their mind, please let Father Peter know as soon as possible.

### St Bede's School Governors

St Bede's School this week sent out a report to parents, and under the section on Governors, it read, "At present there are vacancies on the Governing Body for Foundation Governors. These are governors appointed by the Bishop to act on his behalf, guiding the school to fulfil the mission of a Catholic School. If you (or someone you know) are a practising Catholic and believe that you have the skills and time to offer the school and would like to join the governing body please speak to either Fr Peter Stott or Mrs Worrall".

It is true that there are vacancies for new Foundation Governors, but it is not usually the practice that people present themselves for this role, rather that they are asked by the Parish Priest to fulfil this role, to act on behalf of the bishop and to uphold that Catholic Faith and the catholic ethos of the school. However, if there are any people, who are "practising Catholics", ie at Mass every week, then Fr Peter is happy to discuss this matter without any commitment on either side, before he makes a decision.

### First Holy Communion Preparation

Parents of children who will be in Year 4 from September, and who are eligible to be celebrating their First Holy Communion are invited to complete a preparation form so that we can know sooner, rather than later, the children's Baptism details. Forms available from Fr Peter.

### Blessed John Ingram Walk

This annual walk takes place today, 28th July, between Newcastle and Gateshead over the Tyne Bridge, to remember Blessed John Ingram, one of the post-Reformation martyrs. It starts at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Newcastle at 2.30pm, ending with a service in St. Edmund's Anglican Church in Gateshead town centre. All welcome to attend and take part in the walk.

### 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](mailto:info@minsteracres.org)).



### Minsteracres Book Day

A special event hosting book stalls, allocated reading spaces and children's story telling sessions. All welcome to come along and sample a wide variety of book genres as well as their café. Saturday 24th August 11.30am - 3.30pm

### 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](http://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](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

### 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](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or telephone ( 016973 45623).

### Safe Families for Children

St Robert's has supported Safe Families for Children for some years. Having churches working alongside Safe Families for Children by supporting families is a huge blessing to the work they do. On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, they were doing Coast to Coast trek as a fundraising effort. There is a just giving link if you would like to help <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/safefamiliesteam>

### Newman Association

The next talk of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is on Wednesday 31st July at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary's Cullercoats. Bernard Robinson will discuss "The Last Supper - the first Mass?" He will ask whether the Last Supper was a regular Passover meal, or an improvised lamb-less one? Is its relationship with the Eucharist more complex than is often supposed? All welcome.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. More details nearer the time.

### SVP - St Roberts

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 28 August.