

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 8th February <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Crik & Hughes Fams.	<i>No Mass / No Confessions here today</i>
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday of the Year		9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
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Friday 14th February <i>St Cyril and St Methodius</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Arkell & McAlroy Families	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 15th February <i>Memoria of Our Lady</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Tom, Elizabeth and John Coates	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: For Vocations (Catenians) 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
Sunday 16th February 6th Sunday of the Year		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Nkiru Onono



The Pope's Intentions February 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Vacancy at Pauline Books and Media

There is a vacancy for a Part-time Assistant at Pauline Books and Media at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, to start as soon as possible. Competent computer skills, flexibility, initiative, good communication skills as well as the ability to relate well with people are essential qualities for this position. An involvement and interest in the Christian faith and in particular the vision and ministry of the Catholic Church would make this position interesting and fulfilling. As this job is in a Christian book centre you will need to demonstrate a level of understanding of Christian faiths and their practices so that you can assist customers and promote Christian values. Please indicate in your application how you will be able to do this. A driving licence and use of a car would be necessary to allow attendance at Diocesan events. For an application form and further information please email: newcastle@pauline-uk.org or write to: Mrs Helen Newton, Pauline Books & Media, Clayton St West, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5HH



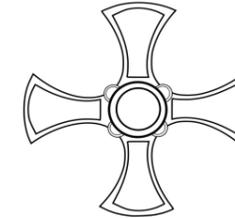
Catholic Miracle Rally

Cor et Lumen Christi Community have organised a Catholic Miracle Rally on Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th March at All Hallows Catholic School in Preston. More information on their website www.coretlumenchristi.org, or on flyers available at the back of church.

Pray as you go

'Pray as you Go' is a daily prayer session, to access via your devices, to help you pray whenever you find time. A new prayer session, lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, is produced every day of the week and one for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', sermon or bible study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Written by a number of Jesuits, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. You can find it in the App Store or via pray-asyou-go.org where you will find further resources and prayer tools. We hope that you might find it a useful and supportive App and website.

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Sunday 9th February 2020 - Fifth Sunday of the Year

Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith we, his disciples, will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thing something just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues such as racism or poverty. It's far easier to side with the gossip and turn a blind eye to petty pilfering in the workplace. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief.



Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.



Please pray for: Peace on Earth, Racial Justice Day, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently including **Robert Stephenson** [Bedlington] whose funeral will take place at Cowpen Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Weekly Collection - 1st / 2nd February
St Bede's: £253.80 / St Robert's: £744.84

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's and after both the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday at St Robert's Church Hall and everyone is welcome. Donation at St Bede's between now and Lent will go towards 'Mary's Meals'.

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 Mini – Vinnies

Please remember to save your postage stamps as Mini Vinnies are still collecting stamps for local charities — tub available in the church porch.

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 5th February at 7.30 p.m. in the upper church hall. We would be delighted to welcome any prospective new members - why not come along and give it a try?

Saturday Morning changes

Please note that there is No Mass and No Confessions at St Robert's Church on Saturday 8th February.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on February 13th at 7.00pm at St Robert's. Any parents who are looking to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen about filling in the Baptism paperwork and attending the Baptism preparation Meeting. **Reminder:** For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised catholic. Mass on a Sunday (or Sat. vigil) is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising catholic. Attendance at the Baptism Meeting must be completed. Dates for Baptism are not usually given out before the Baptism Meeting is completed. People living outside the Parish will need their own Parish Priests permission to have their child baptised here.



3C's Club

The meetings will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, with the next meeting on Wednesday 12th February from 2pm. All are welcome!

Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held at St Roberts Presbytery on Thursday 13th February at 7pm, looking at The Mass / The Eucharist.

St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social

The St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social will be held on Saturday 15th February 2020, from 3 pm till 6 pm. for all those eligible (over 70 or thereabouts). If you would like to come please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of church or in the hall, indicating whether you need transport. Those who have come in previous years should by now have received an invitation but if you have not or you are newly eligible please do not be shy to add your name. Also, we still need donations of prizes for the raffle - please leave them in the presbytery. Offers of help with transport to and from the Social would be welcome - please ring Gerry Harber on ☎ 517829. Thank you.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick,. There will be a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on that day at 7pm to mark this special occasion. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Information is now available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 31st July—7th August 2020. The pilgrimage website has almost all the information necessary, including links to all the Booking Forms, a link to Tangney Tours website for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Brochure, www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk. or contact Fr Peter for further information. Places available in the Youth Section for anyone aged 16-25 by express coach to Lourdes, places available for those who can't travel or stay on their own in Lourdes, and those who need Nursing Care, for those who need to travel by Jumbulance, especially if unable to fly.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Irish Centre can organise pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady from April - October 2020 with a 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book your own flights - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call for further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com, Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Northern Catholic Calendar 2020

Copies of the 2020 Northern Catholic Calendar are now available in the porch priced £3. Please put money in the slot in the wall.

Fatima Mass at Ashington

A Mass to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Saint Jacinta Marto, visionary of Fatima, will held at St Aidan's Ashington on Thursday 20th February. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.45pm and Mass will be celebrated at 7pm, followed by Veneration of the relic of St Jacinta. All Welcome.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 26th February. There will be a 10am Mass at St Bede's Church, Bedlington and a 7pm Mass at St Robert's Church. There is also a list of all the other Masses being celebrated throughout our Partnership on the noticeboard.



New Parishioners

It is noticeable that we have new parishioners attending Mass at St Robert's on a Sunday morning. We are delighted to be able to welcome all those who have recently moved into the area and have also become members of our parish community. Please introduce yourself to Fr Peter if you haven't already done so. It would also be very helpful if you give your details, address, email, etc, to Fr Peter or Bernadette in the parish office. You are very welcome, we hope you feel happy amongst us. If we don't live up to our words of welcome, please let us know. We want everyone to feel part of our parish and welcome here amongst us.

Parishioners contact details

The details we currently have for parishioners dates back to more than 6 / 7 years ago and some details will now be out of date. If you think you need to update your details, please let us know as soon as possible.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020

This year the Service for Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe, taking as their theme 'Rise, take up your mat and walk'. The Service will be hosted by the Baptist Church, in the Methodist Church, Howard Road, Morpeth on Friday 6th March 2020 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served after the Service. Anyone who would like to join the band or the Choir, please come along to rehearsals on Fridays 21st and 28th February at 11am and on 6th March at 10am. All Welcome.

Don't get a fine!

Beware the eagle-eyes of the traffic enforcement officers on Oldgate Morpeth, who now wear cameras to take pictures of those they think are offending. Even dropping off a member of the family or a friend at the gates of the church driveway may mean you get a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). It's better to pull off the street, into the Church Car Park, even if just dropping off, to avoid a fine!

Liturgy and Worship Meeting

A meeting to discuss music for Holy Week and Easter will be held on Sunday 16th February at 12.30pm at St Robert's.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 10th February, at 7:00pm, in St Robert's Church hall. This will be a business meeting which we will start with praying the rosary.

SVP National Raffle

Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be available after Mass at St Robert's next Sunday and for the following few weeks, price £1 per ticket. Prizes of £3000, £2000, £1000 and 20 other cash prizes. The money raised goes towards supporting the SVP Special Works such as Blackfriars House, resettlement of offenders etc. See poster in the Church porch.



SPUC Event: Building a Culture of Life

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is having a one-day conference on Saturday 7th March from 930am—4pm at Tyneside Irish Centre, Newcastle. The conference is to help people learn more about the threat of decriminalisation abortion and assisted suicide, how to take effective pro-life action locally and how to lobby to make a difference. Book a place on the conference by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091 or email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk The days costs £30 including lunch and refreshments.

Partnership Spirituality Network

The next Meeting of the Spirituality Network for Brinkburn Partnership will be held at St Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington on Monday 17th February at 10.30am.

A message from St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy

"In July, a group of St Benet Biscop Students are travelling to Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world, with a volunteer organisation called 'Camps international.' The four-week expedition will involve building facilities such as kitchens, toilets and schools, installing water systems, re-forestation and community education. The work of Camps International supports less fortunate communities (33% of the population live on less than \$1 a day) by providing essentials that we take for granted. The students have made fantastic individual efforts to raise the funds they need for their trip and one last push will ensure that we can support every student on their adventure of a lifetime where they will not only challenge themselves but support local communities and the environment." St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy are therefore proud to present a very special fundraising event at 7.30pm on Friday 28th February at Whitley Bay Playhouse. The evening will feature extreme cameraman Keith Partridge who will give a 'behind the scenes' presentation, with stories of filming in some of the most challenging places on earth. The event will be presented by the BBC's Chris Jackson, who will host a question and answer session with Keith after his presentation. In addition, we will also be raising money for Macmillan and Cancer Research UK, two charities very close to our hearts. Thank you so much for your support! Tickets: £15 www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk Box Office: 08442481588"



Christian Aid Spring Evening

The Christian Aid Spring Evening will be held on Saturday 14th March at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. The theme this year is Kenya and there will be a Kenyan style meal followed by a talk about how Christian Aid is helping people in that country survive the ever more frequent droughts they are experiencing due to climate change. The speaker is Helen Cunningham from Newcastle Christian Aid office and tickets cost £7.50, available from Gerry or Eileen Harber (tel 517829).

Thinking about a career in politics and public affairs?

Faith in Politics is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme which began in 2003. The scheme uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. Interns commit to a varied year working in Parliament or in the public affairs teams of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Catholic Education Service, and CAFOD. They explore the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events, including a visit to Rome on pilgrimage, to learn how the Vatican works, and how the UK relates to the Holy See. Interns undertake the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Importantly their journey begins and ends with a retreat, and spiritual guidance is an integral part of the year. The group lives at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year they join a network of over 100 alumni. Faith in Politics is named on the Vatican's website Laity Involved as an example of best practice formation of the lay faithful. More information and online application at <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk>