

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
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
Monday 17th February	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Margaret & Ronnie Faulder	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 18th February <i>Weekday</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 Mass: Maureen Garbutt
Wednesday 19th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Patrick & Sally Tucker	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 20th February <i>Weekday</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 Mass: Dorothy Devitt & Decd. of Devitt & Doherty Families
Friday 21st February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Margaret & Ronnie Faulder	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 22nd February <i>The Chair of St Peter</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: Peter Marshall 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11am—12noon Confessions
Sunday 23rd February 7th Sunday of the Year		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Tony Syron 12.30pm Baptism: Florence Shaw

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.

Journey in Faith

The next Journey Faith meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

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

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Vacancies

Head of Communications: The Diocese is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for shaping and delivering its Communication Strategy. The appointed person will lead on Diocesan communications activity and be passionate about the positive impact the Church can make. Full-time. 12 month contract with the potential for the role to become permanent.

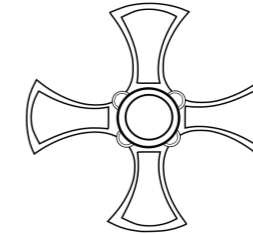
Finance Assistant – St Joseph's, Sunderland (based at St Anne's, Sunderland), 3 hours per week. Closing date: 21 February 2020

Parish Secretary – St Matthew's, Jarrow, 10 hours per week. Closing date for applications 18 February 2020

Parish Secretary – Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, Berwick, 6 hours per week. Closing date for applications 17 February 2020

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

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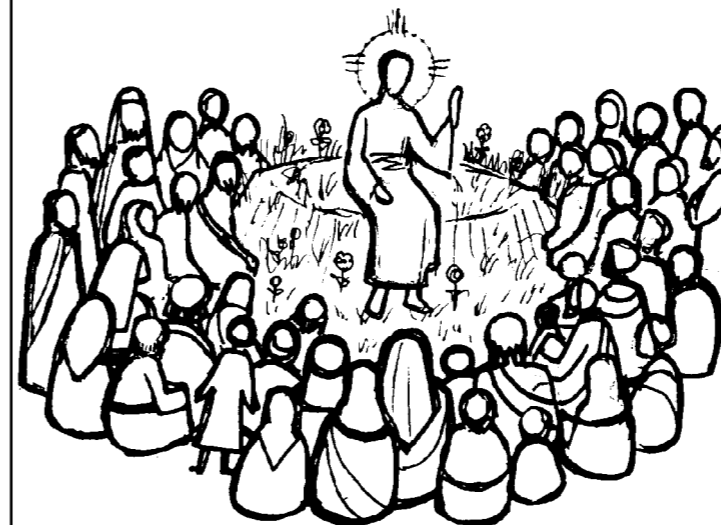
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Sunday 16th February 2020 - Sixth Sunday of the Year

It's a sad truth that those who walk free from court aren't necessarily innocent. Sometimes the man or woman who walks free from court simply has the better solicitor. Lawyers do a good and valuable job, but it has to be said that some lawyers take more pride in finding legal loopholes than the truth.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our heart tells us what to do. The written law should be no different.



Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions. As a newly qualified driver mentally rehearses his or her first solo drive, so we must follow where our hearts go first.



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 Joyce Gonsalves, mother of Veronica Shearer, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Aidan's Church, Ashington on Tuesday 18th February at 10.30am; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Weekly Collection - 8th / 9th February

St Bede's: £264.20 / St Robert's £511.47.
St Robert's Standing Orders for January: £2, 673.92

Racial Justice Collection

Many thanks to those who supported the Racial Justice Collection last weekend. We collected **£105.50** at St Bede's Church and **£84.44** at St Robert's Church.

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.

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!

Coronavirus Worries

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidelines for the Church concerning the Coronavirus. Advice for Parishes states, "there is no need, as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn, or the sign of peace suspended, as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic'. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and the time of writing, this is unlikely". All other advice in the document is as given by UK health authorities. Because of the changing nature of this virus, information may be changed at short notice. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/guidance-to-catholics-on-coronavirus/>

Thanks for Prayers

We have some very good news! Betty Lewins is now out of hospital, and would like to thank everyone on behalf of her family for their prayers, support, cards and good wishes.

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.

Fatima Mass at Ashington

A Mass to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Saint Jacinta Marto, visionary of Fatima, will be 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.



Partnership Station Masses

During Lent we will be celebrating Partnership Masses on Wednesday evenings, using a different Partnership Church each week and we hope that people will be able to travel around the different churches for Mass and refreshments afterwards. More details next week.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross at St Robert's on a Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion

The next Divine Mercy meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm in St Robert's Church, after Stations of the Cross.

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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 among 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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on March 12th at 6.30pm at St Bede'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.



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 Friday 21st and 28th February at 11am and on 6th March at 10am. All Welcome.

St Patrick's Day - 17th March

We now have a selection of St Patrick's Day cards on sale on the stand at the back of Church.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in June. We have a nice selection of small First Holy Communion gifts, bookmarks, rosary beads, pewter standing crosses, Communion Mass books, sterling silver necklets, pins, brooches, cards, etc at St Robert's. There will be a sale of these items after Easter, however if you need them before, please call into St Robert's office.

SVP National Raffle

Tickets for the SVP National Raffle are now from the SVP at St Robert's today and at Mass at St Bede's Church next weekend (22nd February) Tickets are priced at £1 per ticket, with 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.



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!

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).

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. Visit 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.

Rededication of England to Mary

On Sunday 29th March, every parish is being asked to celebrate the Rededication of England to Our Blessed Lady. We are asked to mark this at 12 noon. A full list of churches taking part is available on the 'BEHOLD2020' website that has been set up for this. The first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey in 1381, as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday 29th March, the Re-dedication will take place throughout our country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady for her guidance, so we, too, seek Mary's protection and prayers, giving ourselves through this act of dedication. We respond to this invitation on the day of the Re-dedication, in two ways: A Personal Promise By praying The Angelus Promise, a prayer in which we say "yes" in union with Our Lady through the words of the Annunciation; and in a Communal Entrustment, as the people, we will, once again, renew the vows of dedication made to Mary by King Richard II, praying together the Act of Entrustment.



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.

Vocations Weekend for young women

This weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companies of Jesus (FCJ), 28th February-1st March 2020 in Liverpool. There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

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>

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

Matthew Project Bedlington Update

Many thanks to St Bede's parishioners who regularly donate to the Matthew Project. In particular, the church's response to the Christmas Appeal was phenomenal. Throughout 2019 the project received 583 requests for help from Bedlington residents. This led to 1459 adults and children receiving support. December was particularly challenging with over 100 requests for support. As these figures show, there is an ever-increasing need for donations. Please, if you can, show your support the project by donating food and household goods via the bins in the Narthex. If you know of anyone who would benefit from support from the Matthew Project, please contact Russ Wallace at russ.wallace@btinternet.com or 07941 128493. Thank you.