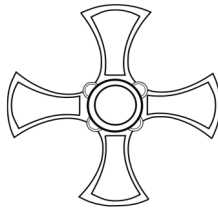


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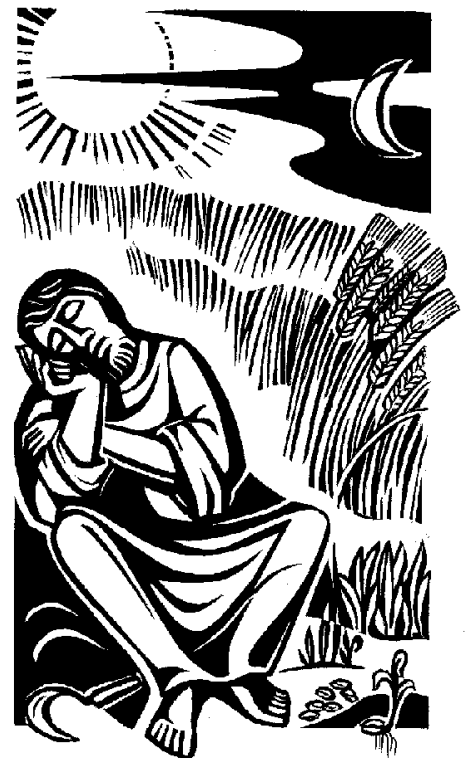
## **Sunday 13th June 2021 - Eleventh Sunday, Yr B**

The story is told of the cockerel who convinced himself that he was important, because every time he crowed at dawn, the sun rose! It's a tale told to poke fun at people who think that everything revolves around them and everything depends upon their efforts. When Jesus tells the parables of the kingdom, he uses a similar analogy. He describes how it is that we must work for the kingdom, and yet at the same time the kingdom does not simply depend upon our efforts.

The man who threw seed on the land waited for the crop. Yet the crop kept growing even when the man had forgotten about it. In fact, we are led to believe that it grew just as much when the man was asleep as when he was watching over it. It needed the man to prepare the ground and sow the seed, but there was something else at work, let's call it nature, which had the final say. Jesus says of the man, "how the seed is sprouting and growing, he does not know."

There's no shortage of cockerel Christians. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that the spread of the kingdom of God is brought about by our efforts. Nothing could be further from the truth. We can and must co-operate with God, but only the Holy Spirit can cause the kingdom to grow. We may put up the sails, but it's God who provides the wind. Similarly there are those who mix up the Church with the kingdom of God. But they are not the same. We cannot look at the growth or decline of the Church and equate it with the kingdom. The kingdom is more mysterious than the visible display which the Church gives. The kingdom of God is to be found wherever the Spirit of God is at work, wherever there is growth, harmony, reconciliation and peace. And we know that this happens in many places outside the Church. So the Church is caught up in the kingdom, - is even the bride of Christ the King, but it does not exhaust the boundaries of the kingdom.

All the efforts of the Church to bring Christ to the world are good and laudable. But there is something even greater at work. The kingdom, which is being built here on earth but will come to completion only in heaven, cannot be summoned up at our command. It is God's own kingdom, and it is God alone "who withers green trees and makes the withered green."



**NEWSLETTERS AND MISALLETTES:** If you are holding this Newsletter, or a Mass Sheet, as a paper copy in Church on Sunday, please remember that you **MUST** take it away with you. COVID-19 guidelines state that because you have handled it, you cannot just put it back on the table at the back of Church. It's handy to have a Newsletter at home and good to reflect on today's readings in the Missalette! If you do not wish to keep it, please leave it in your bench and it will be immediately destroyed by those who will tidy and clean the Church after Mass.



At this time of the Church's Year, we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of Pandemic we pray for all suffering from COVID-19; please remember all who have died recently, including **Tom Routledge** [formerly Bedlington] whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 16th June at St Bede's Church; for **Paul Kelly**, husband of Julie, who died on Wednesday and whose Funeral Service will be at St Robert's on 24th June; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### Collections

St Bede's Church – May:	Loose Plate Collection	£415.95
	Standing Orders	£1,059.00
St Robert's Church – May:	Loose Plate Collection	£1,540.50
	Standing Orders	£3,540.92

#### Day of Prayer - "Day for Life" - 20th June

"Day for Life" is the day in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Your support of this vital work is important. There will be a special collection for this next week.

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word



While we are unable to hold Children's Liturgy in Church, St Robert's Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word via Zoom is held on a Sunday morning at 10am. The new link for the Zoom Children's Liturgy is <https://zoom.us/j/99442437827?pwd=Q0FIMm8wVG9NY055NmdJRzhDbGIUUT09>. If you have the "Zoom App" or downloaded the software, the Meeting ID is: 994 4243 7827 and the Passcode is: 017486. Grateful thanks to our Children's Liturgy team for coordinating this.

#### Newsletter by Email

If you would like to go onto our mailing list for the Newsletter please send your email address to Fr Peter at St Robert's and you will be added and it will be emailed each weekend. Please feel free to print off copies for yourself and if possible pass them on to others.



#### First Holy Communion Preparation

We will be trying to celebrate the First Holy Communion Mass as soon as possible in the coming weeks. If the Government roadmap progresses as planned there will not be any issue of seating and availability. If the roadmap is extended, the Masses could go ahead under current restrictions, with places for families limited to the "rule of 6" and with social distancing in Church. Alternatively, there is the option that the Masses could be delayed until such a time that we are clear of all restrictions in September, or the children celebrate the First Communion in groups of 2 or 3 during Saturday or Sunday Mass with "rule of 6" restrictions. More information will be given in the next couple of weeks. First Confessions must also be arranged in coming weeks before the Masses can be celebrated.



#### COVID-19 restrictions

Please note that until the UK Government releases all restrictions according to its Roadmap out of the pandemic, we continue to follow the covid-safe restrictions for Mass. These restrictions apply also to the use of our Church Halls.

#### Booking for Mass

We are still bound by our limited availability (36 at St Robert's / 35 at St Bede's; more, if families/households sit together), so we ask that you book for the Vigil / Sunday Mass, so that we know how many will be attending.

To book your place at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church  
Please call St Bede's Presbytery ☎ 01670 823 258  
Monday - Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

To book your place at Sunday Mass at St Robert's Church  
Please call St Robert's Presbytery ☎ 01670 513 410  
Monday - Friday, 11.00am - 6pm

**We do ask that everyone uses the same system to book. It is preferred for you to ring to book your place. Please use the above numbers.** If you book a place at Mass, but then find that you are unable to attend, we ask that you please call us or send an email, as soon as you know you are unable to attend, so that where possible we may be able to offer that place to someone who is waiting to come to Mass. By booking and not turning up you are actually preventing other people from attending.

#### Weekday Masses

If you are unable to book a place at Sunday Mass, we do have space at our weekday Mass at either St Bede's or St Robert's Churches. There is space, it is safe. Booking is not necessary for weekday Masses, but we ask that you give your details to the steward on arrival so that we know how many people are in church.

#### Contact Tracing App

Please remember that you can check in for the Track and Trace system using the QR code that we have available in both Churches. When you come to Church, open the app on your phone and scan the code to record your presence. Please remember that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend Church.

#### St Robert's Parish "You Tube" Channel

If you are unable to get to Mass, it is possible to watch Mass from St Robert's Church on YouTube, which can be accessed on the internet, using a computer, tablet or your smartphone. Masses at St Robert of Newminster Church can now be viewed either LIVE - <http://bit.ly/StRobert> ...

- 9am Sunday only (we are not streaming Mass at 11am)
- 10am Tuesday
- 10am Thursday

or as a recording on the above Parish YOUTUBE site anytime. Links to this are also on our website and Facebook page.

#### A Message from Ellen and Eddie Nixon

"Eddie and Ellen Nixon would like to thank everyone who has helped them in this last year. Thank you to Fr Peter Stott, Fr Chris Hughes and Fr Neliuss O'Connor and all our wonderful friends from St Bede's and St Robert's Parishes, for the many prayers, Mass cards, flowers, text messages and meals that we have received. Both our parishes have been a great support to us in our darkest days. Thank you and may God bless you all."

### Confessions

Confessions will begin once again at St Bede's Church on a Saturday evening from 5pm - 5.20pm. There is no decision yet as to when Confessions will resume at St Robert's Church.

### Young Peoples Prayer Group

Father Peter is beginning a Prayer Group for Young People, aged 16 years - 25+ years, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and Benediction as well as some quiet time for private prayer, and even an opportunity for Confession, on the First Monday of each month and invites young people to come along and join him in prayer at 7.30pm in St Robert's Church on the following dates ...

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December

### Going into Hospital

If you know you are going into one of the Northumbria NHS Trust Hospitals - Cramlington, Wansbeck or Rake Lane Hospitals - it may be worth contacting the Catholic Chaplains, Fr Paul Jenkins at St Paul's, Cramlington or Deacon Stephen Boulter at St Bede's, Bedlington in advance to let them know you will be there. If you are admitted as an emergency, it is always possible to ask the staff to let them know, or email the Hospital Chaplaincy... chaplaincy@northumbria.nhs.uk

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals regularly asks us to support them with funds for their work, and all that we donate helps them tremendously. However, they also know that they can't do without our prayers and they are aware that many people support their mission through prayer. They would like to invite you to receive their monthly prayer email 'Loaves and Fishes', which focuses on the different ways we can reflect on and pray for their work. To sign up to their mailing list, visit - [marysmeals.org.uk/prayer](http://marysmeals.org.uk/prayer) - and sign up to receive the email



### The Wednesday Word

"Wednesday Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings, for both adults and children can be accessed at [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org). This is a wonderful resource to help focus on our Sunday Readings. Edited by Dom Henry Wansborough OSB of Ampleforth Abbey it is a wonderful resource for both parishes and for Schools to help focus on the forthcoming Sunday readings.



### Organ Fund

Many thanks for recent donations of **£660.00** to the Organ Fund. It is greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a donation towards the costs of the refurbishment of the Organ at St Robert's Church, please use the bank details in this newsletter. Any contribution towards this will be greatly received. If handing into the Presbytery, or making a BACS donation, please indicate your name and "Organ" somewhere, so that it can be identified. Bank Details are ...



#### Morpeth St Robert of Newminster

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### Feast of St Anthony 13th June

13th June is normally the Feast of St Anthony but the Sunday takes precedence today, but it may be worthwhile to remember this little reflection based on the letters of the name of St Anthony ....

**A New Transformed Heart Offered Now to You**



### Preparing for Baptism

The July Baptism meeting is now full. The next meeting takes place in September at St Bede's Church and the next meeting at St Robert's Church will be in October. Parents requesting Baptism for a child are asked to contact us to make arrangements for these Baptism Preparation Meetings.

### Food Donations

As you are unable to leave donations in Church, due to the Diocesan Health and Safety restrictions, there is still a great need for this food. The most useful items are: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned chickpeas, biscuits, rice, sugars and toilet rolls. Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste are also very useful. Please do not donate tinned meat or baked beans. All donations can be left with Donald Marr at 3 Cottingvale, Morpeth. Please phone ☎ 01670 505573 before, to arrange a drop off time, and leave a message if there is no reply. Alternatively, you could leave donations with Gerry and Eileen Harber, 22, Dacre Street, Morpeth. Please phone ☎ 01670 517829. Thankyou.



### COVID-19 India - CAFOD Appeal

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus and large areas of India are also suffering because of recent terrible weather that has hit the country. Cyclone Tauktae had its landfall recently on the western region of India, Cyclone Yaas has hit the Eastern Coast and a tornado has hit West Bengal. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases of Covid-19 and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under reporting. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. Our Catholic aid agencies will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. You can help by donating online at [www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/India-coronavirus-response)



### Continuing the Journey - Beyond RCIA

Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA? For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, the diocese Faith and Mission Vicariate is offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June and July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning on June 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Each session will last for one hour and 15 minutes. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK> or contact the Faith & Mission Vicariate by email at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).



### Christian and Muslim Prayer for Peace


The annual Christian and Muslim Prayer for Peace for women and children, which takes place annually in the historic Lady Chapel in Jesmond Dene, Newcastle will for 2021 be an online event only. This will be available for viewing, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June by following a link on the Diocesan webpage [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

### Northumberland Listening Service

If there is something troubling you, if you feel affected by the difficulties around us with coronavirus, or trying to "get back to normal" or if there is any other issue troubling you that you need to talk to someone about, the number is Northumberland Listening Service ☎ 07732 980740.


# Masses and Intentions this week

<b>Saturday 12th June</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	<b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Marie Davis & Alan Nixon	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Sunday 13th June</b> <b>11th Sunday Yr B</b>	<b>9.00am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>11.00am Mass:</b> Private Intentions of the Cole Family	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Monday 14th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Jerome Thompson	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Tuesday 15th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Thomas Foster Beattie (CW)	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Wednesday 16th June</b> <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	<b>10.00am REQUIEM MASS:</b> Tom Routledge	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Thursday 17th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Thomas & Anne Reape	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Friday 18th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Jim Craik	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Saturday 19th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Arkle & Craik Families	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Sunday 20th June</b> <b>12th Sunday Year B</b>	<b>9.00am Mass:</b> Jean & William White <b>11.00am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>




**The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for June 2021**

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



## The Year of St Joseph




Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Right to Life UK**

Right to Life UK is an organisation that works to support all pro-life choices, and their website states, "We protect and defend the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death through our work across education, politics, the media and through a large network of people in constituencies across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland". Full information is available on their website and you are invited to have a look at what they do, and where they are actively involved ... [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk)



**Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion**

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

**A Message from SPUC**

Please meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021](http://www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021)

**EU Settled Status for European citizens**

Are you a European Union, European Economic Area or Swiss citizen? You and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. Please check <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility> The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can [apply now](#) if you meet the criteria. The deadline for applying is 30th June 2021. Only two weeks to go. Check this out now before you find that it is too late to join.

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there