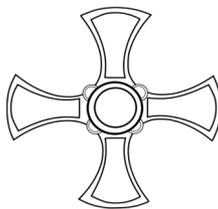


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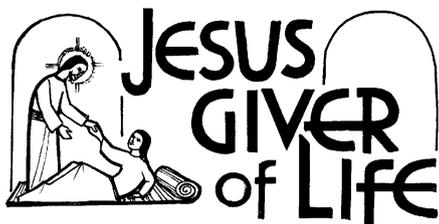
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Sunday 27th June 2021 - Thirteenth Sunday, Yr B

Most of us struggle to make the most of our lives and often not as successfully as we would like. We worry about finding the right partner, we worry about our children, we worry about illness and we worry about money. We have learned from an early age that it isn't life itself that is important but how we fill our lives. But even having realised this every important fact, we still strive to live longer lives rather than better lives.



When we read how Jesus cured and even brought people back from the dead, we notice one very important similarity, Jesus doesn't just add years to people's lives he changes lives. He doesn't change their lives in the way winning the lottery might change one's life. He doesn't grant a fairy tale happy ending with the wave of a magic wand, rather he makes his subjects

whole and complete and ready to live life with a new outlook. Both the woman and the family in today's story must have felt that life had slipped through their fingers. The woman who had suffered haemorrhaging for twelve years had reached the depths of despair. Jesus was her last and only hope. The young girl seemed beyond any help, she had already been declared dead. Jesus gave them both their lives back. Is it likely that they would have gone on living exactly as before? Probably not! There's nothing like a second chance, especially at death's door to make us re-evaluate.

The gospel call to change our lives is part and parcel of the call to faith, a faith in a God who saves lives and changes lives. Whether it be the very public faith shown today by Jairus the synagogue leader, or the very private display of faith shown by the destitute woman who touched Jesus' cloak, faith and how we make the best of life goes hand in hand. Today Jesus tells us not to fear, but only to believe.



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 **Rosina Appleby** [Morpeth] whose Funeral Service will be held on Monday 28th June; for **Kitty Theobalds** of Holmside Care Home, Bedlington Station, who died recently; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Booking for a Sunday Mass

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

If you book a place at Mass, but then find that you are unable to attend, we ask that you please call us 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.

Weekday Masses



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. The classic signs of coronavirus reported since the start of the pandemic have been loss of smell or taste, a new persistent cough, and a fever. A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now also thought to be symptoms of the virus, instead of a cough and loss of smell or taste - though a fever is still common.



Confessions

Confessions have resumed at St Bede's Church on a Saturday evening from 5pm - 5.20pm. Once we have completed all our First Holy Communion Masses, and all restrictions are lifted on 19th July (??), we hope to resume Confessions at St Robert's Church.

Lord Jesus
have mercy
on me
a sinner

Attendance at Funerals

Unless we advertise that there is space at a Requiem Mass or a Funeral Service, it is presumed that it is private funeral unless you are asked by the family of the deceased to attend, as we still have to follow the limits of those who are able to come into the Church.

First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated in July. These Masses are classed as "life-cycle events" and so we are limited to 30 people present at each Mass. Each child will be able to have a very limited number of guests under the current restrictions. Masses will be celebrated at ...



- 10am and 11.15am on Saturday 3rd July at St Bede's Church
 - 10am and 11.15am on Saturday 10th July at St Robert's Church
 - 10am and 11.15am on Saturday 17th July at St Robert's Church
- Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers at this important time in their lives.

Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul



Tuesday is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. It is normally a holyday of obligation, but the Bishops of England Wales have currently removed the Obligation for the duration of the covid pandemic. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10am at St Bede's Church, Bedlington and at 12.30pm at St Robert's Church. Please note there is no evening Mass.

New Priest for the Diocese

Please pray for Deacon Luke Wilkinson who is to be ordained priest for our diocese on Tuesday 29th June at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Owing to current circumstances, attendance at the Mass will be limited to ticket holders only. The Mass will be livestreamed to the Cathedral's website and YouTube channel at 6pm.

Young Peoples Prayer Group

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



Monday 5 th July	Monday 2 nd August
Monday 6 th September	Monday 4 th October
Monday 1 st November	Monday 6 th December

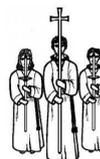
We ask that you pray for the success of this prayer group and pray for all our young people in these changing and challenging times.

Children's Liturgy Zoom

Very many thanks to everyone who has arranged and supported the Children's Liturgy via zoom, which began some months ago. The zoom meetings are now ended, but we hope very soon, once restrictions are ended, that we will be able to gather once again as a face to face group, even perhaps outdoors, weather permitting, to support our young children in their understanding of Jesus, his ministry and our faith.

New Altar Servers

We are always looking for and encouraging new young people to join our team of altar servers in both parishes. If anyone is willing to join our team at St Bede's or at St Robert's, please contact Fr Peter.



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.

The Wednesday Word

"Wednesday Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings, for both adults and children can be accessed at 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

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 below. 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 ...



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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. Once parents have attended a preparation meeting, they are asked to meet with Fr Peter to make arrangements and set a date for the Baptism.



"Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village are hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.

Going into Hospital

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

Farewell and Best Wishes

On Tuesday 29th June, David Dewar will be relocating north of the border to Scotland. It has been a pleasure for many people in St Robert's Parish to know both David and Margo over many years. Very sadly we celebrated Margo's Requiem Mass in November. Now that Margo is no longer here with us, David has decided to move from Mitford back to Scotland to be closer to members of his family. We wish David well and offer him all our prayers and best wishes as he makes this important move.

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 - and sign up to receive the email



Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting for St Robert of Newminster Parish will be held on Thursday 8th July at 7pm via Zoom. If anyone has any items for the Agenda or would like to join in the online discussions via Zoom, please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible.

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 505 573 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 517 829. Thankyou.



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 diocesan '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 30th, followed by July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. 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.



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

Saturday 26th June <i>Weekday</i>	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Father Wilf Elkin [NBF]	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Sunday 27th June 13th Sunday Yr B	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Linda Mary Gosling	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Monday 28th June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	10.00am Mass: Fr Ronnie Richmond [NBF Mass] 12.30pm Funeral Service: Rosina Appleby	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Tuesday 29th June <i>St Peter and St Paul</i>	10.00am Mass: Fr David Milburn [NBF Mass] 12.30pm Mass: Fr Jim Doherty and Deceased of the Doherty & Devitt Families	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Wednesday 30th June <i>First Martyrs of Rome</i>	10.00am Mass: Pauline Price (RS)	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Thursday 1st July <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: Alan Nixon (AB)	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Friday 2nd July <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: Fr David Milburn [NBF Mass]	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Saturday 3rd July <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	<i>10.00am Mass for First Holy Communion Children</i> <i>11.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Children</i> 5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Marie Davis	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Sunday 4th July 14th Sunday Year B	9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish 12.30pm Baptism: Aoife Steinbeck	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <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.

Livestreaming from St Robert's

Masses at St Robert of Newminster Church can now be viewed on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/StRobert> Live Masses at 9am Sunday, 10am on Tuesday and 10am Thursday. or as a recording on the above Parish YOUTUBE site anytime.



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. Check this out now before you find that it is too late to sign up.

A Message from Bedlington Library

'Bedlington Library is now open and waiting to welcome everyone back. Our opening times are slightly different, so please check before visiting. Books can be returned and there are no fines being charged for long overdue books!! ☎ 01670 622 202 if you need further information. We look forward to welcoming you.'



Catholic Awards for Young People

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle offers our young people the opportunity to witness to their faith in their local and parish Communities by participating in two award schemes. Young people aged 10-18 years old (Year 6 - 13) can take part in the **Faith in Action Award** through their school, parish or organisation. The Faith in Action Award is accessible to, and inclusive of, all young people, regardless of academic ability. The **Pope St John Paul II Award** is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them. Further information from Fr Peter if interested.