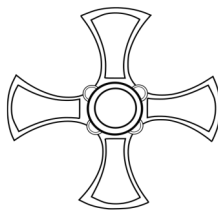


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# **Sunday 6th June 2021 - Corpus Christi**

What if we forgot the sacrifices people have made for us? What if we forgot all about the martyrs who died so that we could have religious freedom? What if we forgot all about the soldiers who fought and died so that we could enjoy political freedom? What if we forgot the grandparents and parents who have sacrificed their own comforts to make our lives better? The answer is obvious. If we forgot the sacrifices others have made for us we would have little or no appreciation of what is important in our world. We would have no understanding of what has made us who we are.

At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. We must break bread and drink wine in his name. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin, his promise to feed us, and his ultimate sacrifice. But it is not just bread and wine. It becomes for us his body and his blood. He becomes really and truly present for us. Jesus Christ is really and truly present with us in the celebration and in the sacrifice of the Mass.

When we remember the soldiers who have died for our freedom we remember how important it is to fight against oppression and injustice. When we remember the sacrifices our parents have made for us we remember to do them credit in everything we achieve. When we come together to share in Holy Communion, we remember that we are offered the sustenance to step out of church and live Christ's memory in everything we do.



**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; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Collections



Thank you to all who are regularly contributing to our collections now that Mass has resumed. If you are not attending Mass yet, you can drop your Offering or Offertory Envelopes at the Presbytery or make an online BACS donation or

set up a Standing Order for a regular payment. Also many thanks to those who continue their regular Standing Orders. Further information on **HSBC** any of the above is available from Fr Peter.

### 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 [https://zoom.us/j/99442437827?](https://zoom.us/j/99442437827?pwd=Q0FIMm8wVG9NY055NmdJRzhDbGIUUT09)

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 however, the roadmap is extended, the Masses will probably have to go ahead under current restrictions with places limited to the "rule of 6" and with social distancing in Church. 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.

### 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.

### Booking for Mass

At the moment, and until 21st June at least (Step 4 of the Roadmap), 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.



### CHANGE FOR THE BOOKING SYSTEM THIS WEEK

To book your place at

the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church  
or the 9am or 11am Sunday Mass at St Robert's Church

**Please call St Robert's Presbytery ☎ 01670 513 410**  
**Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June, 11am - 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 number. 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



There is still no obligation to attend Sunday Mass, and it is also difficult to attend on a Sunday based on our restricted number. But 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

**YouTube** 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.

### Consent for the Live streaming

Please note: we have to make everyone aware that Livestreaming is taking place at St Robert's Church. As some people may appear on screen during Mass we have to inform you that if you are a Reader, an Altar Server, or even a Minister of Holy Communion, and you appear on screen you must be informed that that is happening in St Robert's Church because "If a person is potentially identifiable from their image being captured on a recording / stream at Mass, this is possibly personal data and Data Protection regulations apply".



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are now possible, in a socially distanced manner, but we haven't fixed a set time yet for Confessions. If anyone needs confession, please speak to Fr Peter. If anyone needs to speak to a priest about anything that is urgent or bothering, please ring and have a chat and speak to Fr Peter and we will see what we can do to help those in spiritual need. At all times, Fr Peter is available for those who need to talk! Hopefully we can resume as normal in several weeks time,

### Mary's Meals

Marys 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



### Sacrament of Confirmation



We have to begin thinking about the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people in our Partnership. We will be aiming to reach all the young people in Year 9 and above at the time of Confirmation. Please begin the conversations at home with your son or daughter as we start to think of how we will prepare for this.

### Preparing for Baptism

We are very grateful to our Baptism catechists who have agreed to lead some preparation meetings for those parents preparing for Baptism. If the Government roadmap progresses as planned, there will be a Baptism Preparation Meeting in July at St Robert's and one in September at St Bede's Church. Parents are asked to contact us to make arrangements.

### 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, we are 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/July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm 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 Faith & Mission by email at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).



### Northumberland Listening Service

The Northumberland Listening Service has been running for several years, set up by the local catholic parishes in Northumberland. 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.

### 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)

### 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 June by following a link on the Diocesan webpage [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)



### Estate of Mr Bill Darby


We have been informed by the Executors of the Will of Mr Bill Darby that St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth will receive a further **£3,880.86.** from his estate. We are most grateful to the executors of Bill Darby's Will for sorting this out. Please remember, that if you are putting your Will together, perhaps you could consider either St Robert's or St Bede's Parish as recipients. Legacies and Estate are important for us because they supplement our normal income.




# Masses and Intentions this week

<b>Saturday 5th June</b> <i>St Boniface</i>	<b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Deceased Members of the Monaghan Family	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Sunday 6th June</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00am Mass:</b> Helen & Douglas Cone <b>11.00am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Monday 7th June</b> <i>St Robert of Newminster</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Canon Michael McCoy (NBF)	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Tuesday 8th June</b> <i>St William of York</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Thomas Foster Beattie (D&VS)	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Wednesday 9th June</b> <i>St Columba</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Fr Stephen Johnson (NBF)	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Thursday 10th June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> John, Mary & Siobhan Turner	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
<b>Friday 11th June</b> <i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Tom House	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Saturday 12th June</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	<b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Marie Davis & Alan Nixon	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
<b>Sunday 13th June</b> <b>11th Sunday Year 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>


**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.

**Organ Fund**

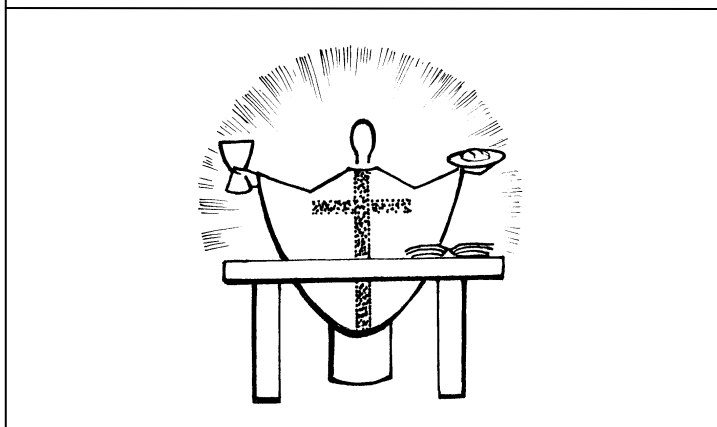
If you wish to make a donation towards the costs of the refurbishment of the Organ at St Robert's Church, please use the bank details in this newsletter. Any contribution towards this will be greatly received. If handing into the Presbytery, or making a BACS donation, please indicate your name and "Organ"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



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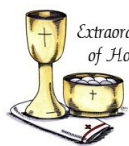


## Corpus Christi



**Extraordinary Ministers' Rite of Renewal**

The Rite of Renewal for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion has been postponed because of Covid. Bishop Robert stated this week, "With emergence from lockdown still only partial, it seems sensible to postpone this until the Autumn when things will be clearer. It will also allow for our parishes to offer invitations for a re-commitment to the other liturgical ministries as part of a renewal programme. More details will follow later in June as the national picture becomes clearer.



*Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion*