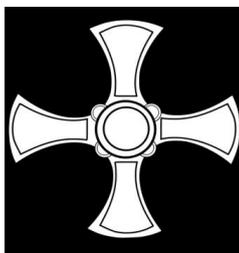


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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Eighth Sunday Year C**

**Fr Peter is unwell.**

**Deacon Stephen will provide one Service at Morpeth on Ash Wednesday.**

**Deacon Stephen will provide some Services of Word and Communion at Bedlington, as below.**

**We wish Fr Peter a speedy recovery.**

**Masses, Services and Intentions this week**

|  | <b>St Robert of Newminster Church<br/>Morpeth</b>                   | <b>St Bede's Church<br/>Bedlington</b>  |
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| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                         | 9.40am Rosary<br>10am Service of Word and Communion                 | 5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions<br><b>5.30pm Mass: Joseph Sweeney</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 8<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sunday of the Year</b> | 9am Mass: People of the Parish<br>11am Mass: Paul Morton            |   |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                           |   |   |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b><br><i>St David</i>                             |   | 9.25am Adoration of the Blessed<br>Sacrament<br>10am Service of Word and<br>Communion                         |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br><i>Ash Wednesday</i>                      | 12:30pm Service of Word and Communion<br>with Distribution of Ashes | 9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>10am Service of Word and Communion<br>with Distribution of Ashes |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                             |   | 9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>10am Service of Word and Communion                               |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                               |   | 9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br>10am Service of Word and Communion                               |
| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                             |   | 5.00pm Confessions<br><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup></b><br><b>Sunday of Lent</b>         | 9am Mass: Brian Fanning (AB)<br>11am Mass: People of the Parish     |   |

**The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for February 2022**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage;  
may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who Care for them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who work to comfort them; The Unemployed: Please pray for those we know who are unwell, especially Fr Peter, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; pray for many people who have COVID-19 at the moment; for all who have died recently, including **Brian Fanning** (Morpeth), for **Alma Robson** and **Father Malcolm Cairns**, Parish Priest of The Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Parish at Amble; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. Services of Word and Communion with Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 10am at St Bede's Church, and 12.30pm at St Robert's Church.

### Latest COVID Guidelines and Coming to Mass

- **Hand sanitiser** - please use on entry to Church, before coming forward for Holy Communion and also at any time you move around Church, e.g. after checking the Lectionary or lighting candles and returning to your bench
- **Face coverings** - all those attending church, including Baptisms and Funerals, are encouraged to wear a face covering, not only for your own benefit but to protect those near you in Church.
- **NHS Test and Trace** - The Government is still encouraging certain venues, including places of worship, to keep a record of those attending to support the NHS Test and Trace programme. In our churches you can check in by scanning the NHS QR code poster via their NHS COVID-19 app.

### If you have COVID or symptoms of it

You are invited back to Mass but obviously you have to have commonsense about the spread of the virus. If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, or someone very close to you has, you should not attend church until your period of isolation has ended and you have two negative lateral flow tests. In this way we can continue to keep church a safe place for all those who do attend.

### Diocesan Rite of Election

Bishop Robert will celebrate the Diocesan Rite of Election on Sunday 6th March at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle upon Tyne, for all those across the diocese who are joining the Church at Easter; and we will celebrate a 'Sending Forth Ceremony' at St Bede's Church at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church on Saturday 5th March for Dawn Allen who is to be received into the Church at our Easter Vigil.

### Confirmation Programme

Congratulations to all who have celebrated a Rite of Election for our young people who are asking to be confirmed. We are so pleased that these young people are putting themselves forward and this will be our opportunity to pray for them and show our support for them. The Meetings for preparation will then be held on:-

- ◇ 28th February, 6.30pm, Session 1 Baptism
- ◇ 7th March, 6.30pm, Session 2 Church
- ◇ 4th March, 6.30pm, Session 3 Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit
- ◇ 21st March, 6.30pm, Session 4 Witness
- ◇ 28th March, 6.30pm, Session 5 The Ceremony/Rite and its symbols

On Friday 1st April 2022, at 7pm, Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at St Bede's Church.

### Lenten lunch

Lenten lunch will be served in St Robert's Church Hall on Friday 11th March from 11.45 - 1pm. All donations go to Cafod and Mary's Meals.

### The Wednesday Word

"Wednesday Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings, for both adults and children can be accessed at [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) It is a wonderful resource for both parishes and for Schools to help focus on the forthcoming Sunday readings.

### Northern Catholic Calendar

Copies of the 2022 Northern Catholic Calendar are now on sale. This Handbook for the Diocese contains information for all parishes and Mass Times. Price £3.00 per copy.

### Preparing for Baptism

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Thursday March 10th at 7.30pm at St Robert's Church Hall. Parents requesting Baptism for a child are asked to contact us to make arrangements to attend this Meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE: Please telephone the office to speak about Baptisms, please do not send in an email.** Better still speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen when you come to Mass. Once parents have attended this preparation meeting, they are asked to meet with Fr Peter (or Deacon Stephen if for St Bede's Church) to make arrangements and set a date for the Baptism. **Please note that one parent must be a baptised catholic for Baptism in the Catholic Church and it is also hoped that the catholic parent or even the whole family has been to Mass recently**, especially as at the Baptism the parents will be promising to bring their child up "in the practice of the faith".



### Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared with the theme "I know the plans I have for you". A service will be held to celebrate this on 4th March at 2pm at St James' Church, Morpeth. Refreshments will be available after the Service.

### The Northern Cross

Copies of The Northern Cross for February are now available at the back of Church. If you prefer, you can subscribe online at <https://northerncross.org.uk/subscriptions/>

### Wansbeck Valley Food Bank AGM

The Trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank invite you to attend their Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th March 2022 in St George's United Reform Church, Bridge Street Morpeth, NE61 1PD at 7pm. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about how the organisation operates, its progress over the last year and its plans for the future. In addition, there will be the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any issues arising. If you wish to attend please ring 07841908477 or Email [Wansbeckvalleyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:Wansbeckvalleyfoodbank@gmail.com).

### Synod 2023

The Youth Ministry Team have managed to secure some time with Sister Natalie Becquart to discuss 'The Synod and a listening Church'. Sr. Natalie is the under-secretary appointed by Pope Francis, to the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. She is currently organising the synod process and empowering the Church across the world to journey towards the international Synod. She will be the guest speaker at a webinar on the 5th March 11am-12.30pm for people across the diocese, in what is described as "a time to listen, discuss and question her on the church and the way forward". If you wish to be part of this webinar and to listen to what Sr. Natalie has to please, you are asked to register by contacting YMT by email [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) requesting 'webinar registration.'

