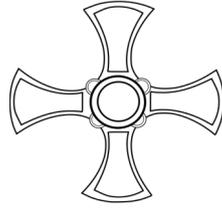


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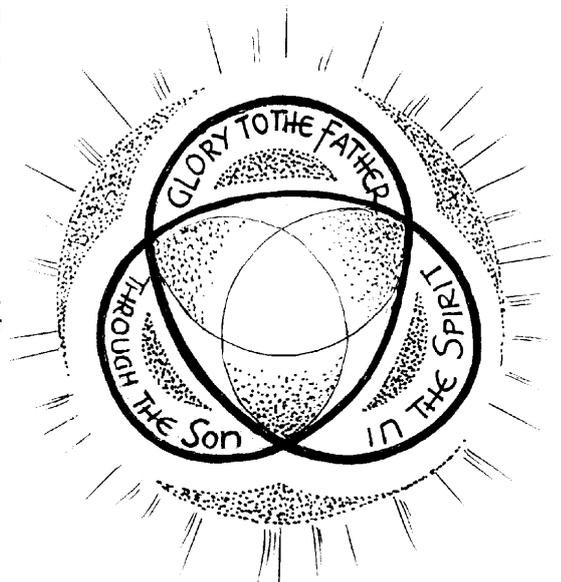
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## **Sunday 12th June 2022 - Trinity Sunday**

As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older we stop wondering what God is like and think about who God is. We might think that the Trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think. We already know a lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time.

All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding. In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much new information at a time.

The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too. We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians. God is a sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.



**Please take this Newsletter home with you so that you know what's happening in your parish this week**



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 those we know who are unwell, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospital; for those still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic; for all who have died recently, including Father Michael Keogh, retired: and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Offertory Collection 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> June

St Bede's Church - **£223.70** / St Robert's Church - **£550.83**  
The Standing Orders / BACS during May at St Bede's Church was **£1,171.00** and **£3,647.92** at St Robert's Church

### Parish Standing Order Mandates

If you wish to donate via a monthly Standing Order directly from your bank account to our bank account, rather than putting into the collection each week at church, copies of the Parish Standing Order Mandate are available at the back of Church.

### Lay Training Fund

We were supposed to take the Lay Training Fund last weekend. Apologies, but it was overlooked. As this Fund remains open until 3<sup>rd</sup> July if you have a collection envelope in your box and you wish to make a donation, please bring it any time over the next three weeks.

### Day For Life Collection

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June is the Day for Life and a collection will be taken. The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. "We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations." [Rt Revd John Sherrington, Bishop for Life Issues] The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the [Anscombe Bioethics Centre](http://www.anscombe-bioethics-centre.org) and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

### Wedding Congratulations

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Matthew Bliss and Natasha Junker who were married at St Robert of Newminster Church on Friday afternoon, 10<sup>th</sup> June. We offer them all our prayers in their married life together.



### Bonus Ball



Many thanks to everyone playing in the Bonus Ball. Week 2 winner was Annie Marshall with number 24, winning £25.00, congratulations.

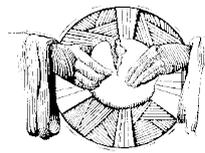
### Teas and Coffees

Teas and Coffees are now available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church and also after the 9am Mass at St Robert's. All Welcome. We have a rota of volunteers but if anyone else would like to sign up to take a turn in future they would be most welcome. If anyone would be willing to begin making / serving tea and coffee after the 11am Mass please contact Fr Peter.



### First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at St Robert's Church at 10am and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at St Bede's Church. Please pray for all the families involved. Please note that if there are any queries about these celebrations, please speak to Fr Peter



### Corpus Christi Procession

There will be a Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm at Ushaw College. Woodland Rd, Durham DH7 9RH. (For Sat Nav, please use DH7 7DW), from 3pm – 4.30 pm. Free entry into Ushaw from 2.30pm. There is no charge for this event. Donations to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are welcome. Booking is required via this link: <https://bit.ly/3FCZ6TF>.

### No Confessions at St Robert's Church

Please note that there are No Confessions at St Robert's for the next three Saturdays, due to the celebrations of First Holy Communion on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June and an Ordination to the Diaconate at Hartlepool on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Confessions on a Saturday evening at St Bede's Church remain unchanged.

### Three Cs

The next meeting of the three Cs will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm—4pm in the Parish Hall at St Robert's. All welcome for a **Cup of Tea** (or Coffee), a **chat** with others and a little **conversation with God**.

### Do you play the Organ or any other Instrument

If you play the organ or any other instrument and would be willing to help out voluntarily at St Bede's to support our Vigil Mass, your help would be greatly appreciated. Likewise at St Robert's, we're always on the lookout for more people to be involved, but no one ever comes forward. If interested and willing to play, let us know.



### Have you seen ..... ? No, I haven't seen them for ages!

Is there someone who was regularly at Church, but who no longer seems to be around? Is there someone you sat next to who isn't here at Church any longer? Or someone you were friendly with who is no longer at Mass? Have you tried to find out where they are? Sometimes people just stop coming and we do not seem to know why. Is it possible you have neglected to keep in touch with that person or family? At one time, the priest was always told if someone wasn't able to come to church, but this happens very rarely these days. Sometimes family also forget to let Fr Peter know why their relative or friend is missing from Church. Perhaps that extended family have no connection any longer with church and don't know who to speak to? Let us try and find out who is missing and why, and if possible let us try to keep in touch with them. Let us try to work together and show the good side of our parish community.

### Do you know who you are sitting next to?

When you come to Mass do you acknowledge the person close to you, the person in front, beside or behind you? Do you say "Hello" when you get to your seat? Do you know who they are? We have some new people attending Mass now we are fully reopen who have moved here from other parts of the country. Have you had the opportunity to welcome them? We have people coming back to Mass who have been missing because of covid. Have you spoken to them? Please try to acknowledge each other at Mass... No one should be a stranger here ....

### Could you be an Altar Server?

If any young people are willing to become Altar Servers at either St Bede's or St Robert's Churches, please contact Fr Peter. Many Thanks to those who have already responded



### Bishop Seamus Cunningham



Bishop Robert Byrne would like to invite you to a Mass to mark the 80th birthday of Bishop Seamus Cunningham. This will be celebrated on Thursday 30th June 2022 at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All are most welcome to attend.

### Parish Catechists for First Holy Communion

If there are any parishioners willing to prepare children for the Sacraments who are not at our catholic schools, or who perhaps are a little older than normal, please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible.



### Parish Finance Committees

Do you have any background in finance or accounting that would be a great asset to our Finance Committee at St Bede's Church? Please speak to Fr Peter if you feel you could offer your help.

### Preparing for Baptism

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will not be held until July. Parents requesting Baptism for a child are asked to contact us to make arrangements to attend this Meeting. Please telephone the Presbytery to speak about Baptisms, it is so more personal than an email. **Better still, speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen after Sunday Mass.**

### Rainbows Bereavement Support

Do you work in a school? This may be of interest to you! The last two years have been difficult and some children will have lost close family and friends. Some teachers and schools might be wondering what to do to help children in these situations. Could Rainbows Bereavement Support help your school? Rainbows offers training in bereavement and loss, guidance to ensure appropriate bereavement policies and procedures are in place, aimed to help grieving children and young people from 4 - 19 years of age. Email [rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com](mailto:rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com) for more information or check out [rainbows.gb.org](http://rainbows.gb.org)

### New Parishioner and Updated Information

Are you new to the Parish? Have you completed the "Keeping in Touch" form with your details? Are you a regular parishioner who has moved house and need to update your details? Please complete one of the forms available at Church and send back to us. If you want this form emailed to you, please let us know and then you can complete it on your own computer and email it back to us.

### Can you Help?

Help is needed to restore the beautiful St Mary's Church garden and Grotto at St Mary's at Whittingham. If you would like to help, please meet at 1pm every Sunday. Please bring gardening tools, wellies (stream), shovels, hand saws and chainsaws etc. Scones and moral support also welcome. Please contact Dan before coming [d.jashton@yahoo.com](mailto:d.jashton@yahoo.com) 07855 826 228

### Diocesan Synod Submission

Bishop Robert has written to inform us that the Diocesan Submission for the Synod 2021-2023 is now available and we have a link on the front page of St Robert's Parish Website. [Unfortunately, St Bede's website is not working and we are waiting for it to be repaired].



### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

It is more than five years since our Ministers of Holy Communion were originally commissioned or re-commissioned. In previous years we have only ever renewed their Commitment. So next weekend, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will celebrate the Rite of Recommissioning of all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses.

### Head of Safeguarding

Meriel Anderson has been appointed to the role of Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator/Head of Safeguarding. Meriel will start in post immediately. The Diocese is now advertising for a new Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor to replace Meriel. See the [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) for full details of the advert.

### New Volunteer at St Robert's Church

Grateful thanks are extended to Raymond Simpson who has offered to be a keyholder for St Robert's Church. This means that we can now keep our church open throughout the day and that Raymond will close Church between 4.30pm and 5pm each day. We began this week, so St Robert's Church is now open from Adoration until closing. It is only because of Raymond's volunteering that we are able to do this. Many thanks.

### Donations for Food Banks and Refugees

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Group need donations to support refugees and asylum seekers. If you can help with any of the following items, please leave in the box in the Church porch. Tinned Tomatoes; Chickpeas; Tinned Fish (e.g. tuna); Biscuits, Rice, Sugar, Toilet Roll, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, and Toothbrushes. Local Foodbanks also need some support. We now have an extra box [with a red lid] at the entrance of St Robert's Church for the Wansbeck Valley Foodbank and the food bin for the Matthew Project is at the entrance of St Bede's Church. Donations of all non-perishable food items are welcome to be placed into the bins for those less fortunate than ourselves.

### Thanksgiving Mass for NHS

Bishop Robert Byrne invites you to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for NHS Staff, Chaplains and Care Workers at 7.00pm on 14<sup>th</sup> July, the Feast of St Camillus, at St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Clayton Street West, Newcastle. This Mass will be the opportunity to express the gratitude of the Diocese to medical, nursing and healthcare staff and chaplains as we continue to emerge from the COVID Pandemic. All welcome.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In this Year of the Eucharist it is very good that we have the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the moment Adoration is held Monday - Friday 9.25am - 9.55am between our two churches. A wonderful time of SILENCE in church for quiet prayer



### Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

Are you currently involved in Church ministry but wish you knew more about your faith? Do you sometimes lack confidence and feel you could benefit from further training and formation? Do you want to grow in your faith and ministry and perhaps find new ways to share your gifts with others? The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is an online, two-year learning experience created with the busy person in mind. It will take you on a journey of discovery about key aspects of the Catholic faith while helping you to reflect upon your own ministry and the ministry of others. To find out more join online for one of the information evenings: Tuesday 14th June 2022 or Wednesday 22nd June 2022 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. To register your interest for one of the information evenings, or for further information please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

# Masses and Intentions this week

	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth	St Bede's Church Bedlington
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Fr Joe Park (PB)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>9am Mass:</b> Tom House <b>11am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	12.30pm Baptism: Caoimhe Macy O'Connor	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am Mass:</b> Jim Craik
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am Mass:</b> Jerome Thompson	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am Mass:</b> <i>No Intention</i>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am Mass:</b> Peter Shepherd 7pm Divine Mercy Devotions	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am Mass:</b> <i>No Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>10am Mass:</b> First Holy Communion Mass	5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9am Mass:</b> Jerome Thompson <b>11am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	



## The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for June 2022

Families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives



### Livestreaming Mass from St Robert of Newminster Church

Masses at St Robert of Newminster Church can now be viewed on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/StRobert> Masses are streamed live at 9am on Sunday, 10am on Tuesday and 10am Thursday, or available as a recording on the above Parish YOUTUBE site anytime. Are you able to assist with the tablet control and laptop for the Livestream of Masses. **If you are able to help at the 9am Mass on a Sunday or at the 10am Mass on a Tuesday or Thursday, please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible.**



### Welcome! Or Welcome Back!

The invitation to return to Sunday Mass in person is now back in place, so if you are returning you are most welcome back to our church. Although there are no covid restrictions, we continue to provide hand sanitiser and we encourage you to use it on entry to Church and to use the bottles in the benches whenever you feel necessary, but especially when coming forward for Holy Communion. We encourage anyone who is feeling unwell not to attend. If you are new to the parish you are very welcome and we hope that the 'locals' will help you feel welcome in our church and encourage you to be part of what happens in our church and in our parish.



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### A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. **Amen**



### Newsletter Items

If you have any notices to go into this Newsletter can they please be sent to the parish email address (see front page of this Newsletter) by 7pm on a Thursday evening for inclusion in the newsletter.

### We need your help

We are actively looking to recruit volunteers for all areas within Parish Ministry. We need Catechists, Altar Servers, Readers, Musicians, Tea/Coffee Makers, Livestreaming Operatives! (St Robert's) and general helpers around the parish. If you have a specific talent you can share with the parish community, have a word with Fr Peter. Your help would be much appreciated!

### CAFOD 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It is sixty years since the Bishop's Conference of England Wales officially founded CAFOD and over those sixty years CAFOD has worked to help alleviate the suffering of so many people around the world. CAFOD is the official charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and we can confidently say that it supports and fully follows the ethos of the Catholic Church, and works with those support charities that do the same. Thank you if you have been involved, or if you have donated to CAFOD during these years. You have contributed to so much good work in the name of the Church. You can find more about CAFOD's work on their website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) where there is lots of information on their work

