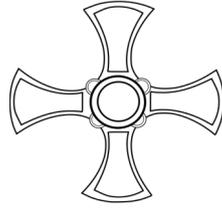


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Sunday 5th June 2022 - Pentecost Sunday

The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self-defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.



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; for **Alice Wallace** [Appleby Bookshop, Morpeth] whose Funeral Service will be held at the West Road Chapel and Cemetery on Monday 6th June at 1.15pm; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection 28th / 29th May

St Bede's Church - **£227.00** / St Robert's Church - **£330.07**

World Communications Collection

Many thanks for last weeks retiring collection for the Media Office of the England and Welsh Bishops, which raised **£93.55** at St Bede's Church and **£230.12** 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.

Platinum Jubilee Prayers

Today as part of the Jubilee Celebrations for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, there will special prayers at Mass. These are available today on a separate sheet.

Congratulation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Queen Elizabeth II on the wonderful occasion of her Platinum Jubilee and to reassure her of our prayers at this time. Pope Francis also issued a message of Congratulations to the Queen saying "On this joyful occasion of your Majesty's birthday, and as you celebrate this Platinum Jubilee year, I send cordial greetings and good wishes, together with the renewed assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will bestow upon you, the members of the Royal Family and all the people of the nation blessings of unity, prosperity and peace".



Ecumenical Pentecost Service



Today, to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Churches in Morpeth will be celebrating a joint Service for Pentecost at the New Life Centre in Dacre Street, Morpeth at 6pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Feast of St Robert of Newminster

Tuesday 7th June is the Feast Day of St Robert of Newminster. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and we invite you to come along and celebrate with us on that day. St Robert's School are joining us for Mass on that day as well.



Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Thursday 9th June, at 10:30am, in St Robert's Church Hall.

Bonus Ball



Many thanks to everyone playing in the Bonus Ball. Week 1 winners were Christine Foster and Maura Illingworth with number 20, both winning £25.00, congratulations.

Wedding Service

On Friday 10th June at 3pm we will celebrate the Wedding Service of Matthew Bliss and Natasha Junker at St Robert of Newminster Church.



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.

Sunday Obligation to Return

The Obligation for Sunday and Holyday Mass is reinstated today, 5th June. Obviously, those who are sick or housebound or vulnerable in any way should do what they always did, even before the covid pandemic hit us, and stay at home. All other Catholics are subject to the precept to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Live streaming of Masses has been a great benefit to many during the pandemic, and will continue to be for those genuinely unable to attend Mass. The Bishops remind us, however, that watching a live streamed Mass does not fulfil the obligation.

First Holy Communion Masses

First Holy Communion Masses will be held on Saturday 18th June at St Robert's Church at 10am and Saturday 25th 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

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 just friends we have not yet met?

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

There are now only 16 people [+ Fr Peter] travelling on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October. As this is a very low number (*the pilgrimage was originally priced on 45 people travelling!*) the Tour Operator is trying to get another pilgrimage to travel with us - this other group had their own Holy Land Pilgrimage cancelled last week when BA cancelled their flight. There is still space for anyone else who might like to travel with us. Please contact Tangney Tours on ☎ 01732 886666 for further details or to book seats. If we are unable to increase numbers within three weeks, a discussion will be had about the viability of the pilgrimage and it may be cancelled.

No Confessions at St Robert's Church

Please note that there are No Confessions at St Robert's for the next four Saturdays, due to the celebrations of First Holy Communion and an Ordination on those Saturday mornings. Confessions on a Saturday evening at St Bede's remain unchanged.

Corpus Christi Procession

There will be a Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 19th 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> and booking must be made by 8th June.



Could you be an Altar Server?

If any young people, those who have made their 1st Holy Communion, or those preparing to, 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



St Robert's Hymnbook Amnesty

Do you have one of our green hymnbooks at home? You may have accidentally removed a hymn book from the church ... we've all done it! If you have one (or more!) hymn book(s) at home, do please return to the church. Hymn books are expensive and we prefer not to have to buy more. Thank you.



Bishop Seamus Cunningham

Bishop Robert 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 12.05 pm 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.

The Relics of St Bernadette

The Relics of St Bernadette will be brought to the United Kingdom later this year from Lourdes. There will be a National Pilgrimage to various sites in the UK and these relics of Saint Bernadette will be brought to St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne on 1st - 2nd October. More details will follow later.



Parish Finance Committees

Do you have any background in finance or accounting that would be a great asset to our Finance Committee at St Robert's? Please speak to Fr Peter if you feel you could offer your help. Likewise, if there is anyone with similar financial experience or background at St Bede's Parish, and you would be willing to get involved in your parish at Bedlington, please speak to Fr Peter.

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 for more information or check out rainbowsgb.org



When you can't fulfil your rota

Please note that it is not fair on the other members of your team - Cleaning, Counting, Welcoming or Reading - when you are unable to fulfil your duty and when you do not find your own replacement. It is your responsibility to find a replacement for you if you cannot come along. Please do not think that the others on the team can just fill in! This is particularly important for the Counting Teams who should always have at least two members present at all times, according to diocesan guidance, which states, "a single person must not do the count on their own and ideally there should be a rotation of teams. The reason for this is two-fold. Firstly it distributes the work amongst more people and means that we are not relying on just one or two people to give up their time each week. It also ensures we have cover if someone has to drop out unexpectedly. Secondly by having at least two people doing the count each week it helps to protect the counters from any unfounded accusations from other parishioners."

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 07855 826 228

Morpeth Fair Day - 12th June

We (a parishioner) received the following information from organisers ... "To ensure the Health and Safety of those attending certain precautions must be taken, this includes the full escorting to and from the later (11am) service (Mass), with a reduced escort facility required for the earlier service due to the lesser footfall envisaged at that time. To facilitate a safe and speedy movement to and from the church it would be necessary for all reasonable steps to be taken to lessen the number of vehicles requiring access."



Masses and Intentions this week

	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth	St Bede's Church Bedlington
Saturday 4th June <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	9.40am The Rosary 10am Mass: Thomas Foster Beattie 10.30am—11am Adoration and Confessions	5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5th June Pentecost Sunday	9am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 6th June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Alice Wallace
Tuesday 7th June <i>St Robert of Newminster</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Tom and Helen (Wedding)	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 8th June <i>St William of York</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: John Carter
Thursday 9th June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Peter Shepherd 7pm Divine Mercy Devotions	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Friday 10th June <i>Weekday</i>	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion 3.00pm Wedding Service of Matthew Bliss and Natasha Junker	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Sick Person (AM)
Saturday 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i>	No Mass / No Confessions	5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fr Joe Park (PB)
Sunday 12th June The Most Holy Trinity	9am Mass: Tom House 11am Mass: People of the Parish	



The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for May 2022

Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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.**



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.

Prayer Vigil at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre

A monthly interfaith prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August. During the last few weeks, women have been moved into the Centre which is now England's main IRC for women and will eventually detain 80 women who are seeking asylum. The prayer vigils will continue. Please participate in the prayer vigil if you can. The next vigil is planned for Sunday 5th June at 3.00pm. The postcode for the centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. To avoid disruption to local residents, park away from the site if you can. For more information, contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

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**

