St Bede Parish, Bedlington
and
St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Sunday 15th November 2026

The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.



Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents … there are those who are great musicians, sur-geons, sports people and scientists. The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it … stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing noth-ing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity. The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed.

Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

Masses, Intentions and Services this Week

	St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth	St Bede, Bedlington
Saturday 14th November Weekday	9.40am Rosary **10am Mass:** Ann Tunmore 10.30am – 11am Confessions and Adoration	5pm The Rosary 5pm – 5.20pm Confessions **5.30pm Vigil Mass:** Andrew Wright
Sunday 15th November **33rd Sunday of the Year**	**9am Mass:** Jacob and Elphin Conroy **11am Mass:** People of the Parish 3pm Rosary St Mary's Cemetery	3pm Rosary Bedlington Cemetery
Monday 16th November Weekday		9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **10am Mass:** People of the Parish
Tuesday 17th November St Hilda of Whitby	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **10am Mass:** Pat Horrax	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 18th November SS Peter and Paul Basilicas, Rome	**10am Requiem Mass:** Annette McDougall	
Thursday 19th November Weekday	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **10am Mass:** Bridget and John Fox	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Friday 20th November Weekday / St Edmund	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **10am Mass**: Owen McDonnell & Katie Keerigan
Saturday 21st November Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.40am Rosary **10am Mass:** Special Intention (JS) 10.30am – 11am Confessions and Adoration	5pm The Rosary 5pm – 5.20pm Confessions **5.30pm Vigil Mass:** People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November **Our Lord Jesus Christ King**	**9am Mass:** James McKee **11am Mass:** People of the Parish	

The Holy Father Pope Leo's Intentions for November 2026
For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



We are asked to pray for: Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families. 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 and for all undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and for all who are facing challenging situations. We pray for those who have died recently, including **Annette McDougall**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Wednesday 18th November; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sunday Offertory Collections:
7th / 8th November: St Bede's Church: **£234.65**;
St Robert of Newminster Church: **£309.51. Thank You!**

Clergy Training Fund
Thank you for all donations for the Clergy Training Fund. If you have any further donations they can still be handed in to the Fund to pay for the preparation and training of our new priests and deacons. The Fund remains open until 15th November.

Card Donations or Mobile Donations
We have a card reader at St Robert's Church that enables you to make a donation simply with the tap of your card or your mobile phone. It's at the back of church near the west door. Simple to use – follow instructions on the machine - but ask for help if needed. You can also use this QR Code to make the same payments; just scan with your mobile phone. This form of payment is only available for funds directly to our current account, and is not for special collections or to other diocesan accounts.

Standing Orders or Payments by BACS
Many thanks to all who contribute to the weekly collections by Standing Order. This probably remains the easiest way to make a contribution to the Church. If you need our bank details to set this up, please see the information below, or contact us for a Bank Mandate. If you do not wish to set up a Standing Order, but do want the availability / flexibility of contributing directly from your bank account via BACS when you want to, you can set us up as a payee in your banking app on your mobile phone. Our bank details are…

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Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 32010755
Name of Account "DHN Morpeth St Robert of Newminster"

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Bedlington
Sort Code 40-34-18
Account Number 81163620
Name of Account "DHN Bedlington St Bede"

Gift Aid Donations
Do you give a regular Donation to your Parish? Do you pay tax? If 'yes', you could 'Gift Aid' your donation and at no extra cost to you, the parish could receive an extra 25% from the HMRC from the Gift Aid Scheme. Just ask for a form and we will help you to set this up if you wish to do this.

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Youth Sunday Collection
Sunday 22nd November is Youth Sunday. There will be a Retiring Collection that day for the Diocesan Youth Services.
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Praying the Rosary for those who have died
We will gather at our cemeteries once again this month to pray for all those who have died, in the last year especially.



Please meet TODAY (Sunday 15th November) at 3pm St Mary's Cemetery, Morpeth or Bedlington Cemetery. Everyone Welcome.

Magnifica Humanitas
If you would like to discuss Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, you are invited to come along to a series of evening discussions on a Monday evening at 7pm at St Robert's Presbytery, Morpeth. They will be held on **Monday 23rd** (Chapter Two) **and 30th November** (Chapter Three), **Monday 14th December** (Chapter Four) and the final one on **Monday 4th January**. It would help to have read the chapters beforehand so you will need access to the encyclical which is online on the Vatican website.

St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council
The next Meeting of St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 16th November at 7.15pm in St Robert's Parish Hall. All Welcome. If there are any items for the Agenda, please email them through to the Parish Office by 5pm on Friday 13th November.

St Bede's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
The next Meeting of St Bede's Parsh Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 7th December at 7pm in St Bede's Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along to the meeting. If there are any items people wish to be discussed, please email them to the parish email address by 26th November.

Parish Pastoral Councils
Both St Bede's Parish and St Robert of Newminster Parish have Parish Pastoral Council meetings in coming weeks, St Roberts on 16th November and St Bede's on 7th December. We need more people to attend these meetings. If you feel that you have something to offer the Pastoral Council, if you feel there is something you can add to the life of the Pastoral Council, if you are interested in what goes on in the parish, you will be very welcome to come along to the meetings and I hope you will accept this invitation to join in the formal side of encouraging our parish community to come together and look to the future.

Health and Safety Representative: St Robert's
If you feel you could take on the voluntary role of Health and Safety Rep, if you have an awareness of legislation, a willingness to do this and some time to attend meetings in the diocese, please feel free to speak to Fr Peter. This advert will remain live until the role is filled.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: St Robert's
St Robert's Parish is looking for a new Safeguarding Representative, someone able to be a lead and a link with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, able to work with Mary Beaton and Fr Peter on Safeguarding in the Parish and with a bit of time to devote to this role. Every parish is expected to have a rep for this role, so this advert will remain live until someone volunteers. If you wish to ask for information and what the role involves, please do not hesitate to ask Mary Beaton or Fr Peter.

Refugees and Foodbank Supplies
Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate for either the Local Foodbanks or the Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Please continue your donations which are greatly appreciated

New to the Parish: If you are new to the Parish, then we welcome you to St Bede's or to St Robert's. Or if you have moved house or have new contact details, it would be very helpful if you could scan this QR Code and complete the information requested.

St Robert's Christmas Piety
There will be another Piety Sale on 29th November. If you are looking for Christmas Cards, Gifts, Advent Calendars, 2027 Diaries, then come along on the above dates for a Coffee and have a browse.

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Any Parents wishing to have a child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen to book onto this meeting as soon as they are able to. One parent MUST be a Baptised Catholic, and we do ask both parents to make every effort to turn up to this meeting. Please note that a date for Baptism will not be given until the Baptism meeting has been attended. The next course will be in January, and will be announced in coming weeks

November, the Month of the Holy Souls
During November, we will pray for all the Faithful Departed. Envelopes for the Holy Souls Masses are now available. Put a donation for a Mass into the envelope and then throughout the year we will celebrate these Holy Souls Masses. We also have a container on the Altar for your intentions for those who have died.

Journey in Faith 2026/7
This week's meeting will be looking at The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism Reconciliation and The Eucharist. Please pray for those taking part, because this is such a life changing event in people's lives.

LiveSimply Bitesize: Close windows, curtains and doors to keep heat in.

Live Simply Action Plan
As part of our Live Simply action plan we agreed to work towards becoming a Fair Trade parish. We have now achieved this status and can proudly display our certificate. We continue to serve fair trade tea and coffee in our hall and encourage everyone to support fair trade items in their weekly shopping.

First Holy Communion Preparation
Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers please. The children are currently preparing to celebrate their First Confession in December.

Email Newsletter
Each week we email the newsletter to over 60 people. Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email as well? Send in your email address and we'll add you to the mailing list.

Sacrament of Confirmation
We are urgently seeking some people who will be able to deliver the Confirmation Programme for 2027. This will happen after Easter next year. Do you have an awareness of the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, a love of your faith and the desire to pass it on to our young people. The Partnership Priests hope that there would be someone to lead the whole catechetical Preparation, as well as others who would assist and lead. Please speak to your priest as soon as possible if you would be willing to help because we need to get adults together to prepare what to do.

Missio Red Boxes


If anyone has a Missio Red Box and it has not been emptied this year, would you please bring them to St Robert's and hand them to Elizabeth Dixon or to Mary at the Parish office. Alternatively, please ring ☎ 01670 516584 for the box to be collected. Many thanks for your continuing support of the missions.

St Robert's SVP
The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held on Wednesday 25th November at 5pm in the upper room of the church hall. All new members are very welcome to attend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Our Partnership Parishes have arranged a one-hour period of Adoration for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday 29th November at 3pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. This has the opportunity of being a very powerful witness, a great time for prayers and a wonderful chance to give thanks to God for this incredible and important ministry in our Church.

Remembrance Mass – Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
A Remembrance Mass has been organised by the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for Friday 20th November at 7.00pm at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to Lourdes. There are special candles that can be purchased to be burned at the Mass in memory of loved ones. These are £3 each and available by contacting the Lourdes office – lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk For more information please see the poster at the back of Church.

Partnership Service of Reconciliation
There will be a Partnership Service of Reconciliation at St Bede's Church on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. Several priests from the Partnership will be available to hear Confessions. All Welcome

Mini Christmas Fair


The members of the CWL will be holding a Mini Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November. There will be all the usual selection of Stalls, so please come along and support the CWL.

Bonus Ball
Week 6 winners were Elizabeth Boiston and Ann McAllister with number 40. Congratulations to both of them and Good Luck to everyone for Week 7.

Climate and Nature Crisis
Everyone is invited to attend a Coffee Morning with a showing of the People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Nr Consett DH8 9RT. Saturday 28th November from 10.00am to 11.45am. The film is suitable for ages 16 and over and everyone is welcome. It is free although donations will be welcome on the day to help cover the cost of room hire and refreshments. Please book your place here: https://buytickets.at/minnie/2500540

Young Couples Retreat
Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries are organising a one day retreat **"Reinvigorating I Do's for Married Couples"** between 1- 10 years on 21st November from 10 am 4pm at St Mary's Church, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, NE12 7AB. If you have children who are in the age range of 5 - 12, we will arrange a separate session for them while their parents attend the retreat. Booking is essential as we need numbers for catering purposes. A collection will be taken to meet the expenses. Please email the number of children and couples attending the retreat to … afcmnewcastle@gmail.com. For any further enquiries please ring Deacon Alison Rebello on 07931 136243

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Toy Sale
There will be a Christian Aid coffee morning and pre-loved toy sale on Saturday 21st November 10am to 12 noon in St George's URC Church. A great opportunity to buy toys for Christmas! In the meantime we are looking for good quality used toys for the sale. A good time to have a pre-Christmas turn out! Please ring Gerry or Eileen on 517829 no later than Tuesday if you have any toys to donate. Thank you.

Mustard Tree Trust AGM
Invitation to our AGM. The Mustard Tree Trust is holding it's AGM on Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm at St Aidan's Church, Shields Road, Morpeth, NE61 2SA. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

St Robert's Advent Service
On Sunday 13th December, we will be celebrating an Advent Service at St Robert's Church. Singers and/or musicians are invited to join choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7.15pm, to help prepare for this service. All are welcome! If interested, either turn up, or contact Richard Copeland on 07579 805949

Quiz Night


We are holding a quiz night at St Bede's on Friday 4th December in the parish hall at St. Bede's, 7pm—9.30pm. The cost is £2.50 per individual adult - (children free) payable on the night. Teams of up to 4/5/? people. If you are on your own but wish to come, please do so – we can always find a spot for you. Please arrive early to register teams. Please contact 07837 060347 (text) or thomas.rooke@hotmail.co.uk if you are attending, with the number of people with you (just to help with planning) ……. Or simply tell me (Tom Rooke). Tea and coffee and snacks and nibbles will be available, but for something more or any alcoholic drink, then please bring your own. Thanks.