



St Bede's Parish, Bedlington
And
St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth
Parishes of the St Benet Biscop Partnership, Northumberland
In the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle



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21st Sunday of the Year - Sunday 23rd August 2026



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; 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 and for all undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and for all who are facing challenging situations. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sunday Offertory Collections: 15th / 16th August 2026

St Bede's Church: **£181.20**; St Robert of Newminster Church: **£421.02**

Tea and Coffee

Don't forget that we have tea and coffee and biscuits available on a Saturday evening after Mass in the Church Hall at St Bede's and also in St Robert's Church Hall after 9am Mass. Please come and join us, and say hello to fellow parishioners. Be sociable. All welcome.

CAFOD Emergency Appeals

CAFOD are responding to the earthquake disasters in Venezuela, Colombia and Indonesia. Please go check out the CAFOD website for information on how they and their partners are helping people www.cafod.org.uk **CAFOD Emergency envelopes are now available at the back of Church.** If you wish to use one, please take away and return to us as soon as possible so that we can forward all donations to CAFOD. CAFOD are also supporting people in Gaza, where the situation on the ground is still unimaginably difficult. In Democratic Republic of Congo, our trusted local Church partners are responding to the Ebola outbreak and helping communities fight the spread of the disease. The situation in Lebanon is severe. The recent escalation in violence has displaced families, damaged homes and pushed already vulnerable communities into deeper need. CAFOD's local experts have been working in Ukraine since the Russian invasion. And as the war in Sudan enters its fourth year, families are still fleeing violence. Our local experts are giving our neighbours who are struggling for survival vital support. Your gift today can provide safe water, food, cash support and healthcare to families who urgently need help through this crisis.

First Holy Communions 2027 Applications Online

Children who are going into Year 4 at School (or those above that class if they have previously missed this) are invited to come forward for preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion. If your child is Baptised Catholic and you wish them to celebrate these two important Sacraments, register them now using this link https://form.jotform.com/Fr_Peter/first-confession-and-holy-communion. This QR Code is also a link to the Online Registration. Open until Monday 31st August. There will be a Parents and Catechists Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 16th September at St Robert's Church Hall and at 6pm on Thursday 17th September at St Bede's Church Hall and enrolment will be celebrated at Mass on the weekend of Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September



St Robert's Sewing Bee

The Sewing Bee ladies at St Robert's are commencing their next recycling project using unwanted denim jeans or jackets to be recycled and refashioned into bags, children's toys and soft furnishings. There will be a box in the church porch or hand in to any "Sewing Bee" member.

Baptism Preparation

We run a regular Baptism Preparation Course. Anyone with a child to be baptised needs to speak to Deacon Stephen or Fr Peter to book onto this course as soon as possible. We do ask parents to make every effort to turn up to these meetings. Dates for Baptism will not be given until the Baptism meeting has been attended. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th September at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth.

Journey in Faith 2026/7

The Journey in Faith is the series of meetings through which we instruct new members to the Catholic Church or for those who are already Catholic but who seek to be Confirmed as an adult, having missed it when younger! We currently have seven people who have expressed an interest in this course, which is terrific, and we look forward to guiding them through this introduction to the Catholic Church and faith! If there is anyone else considering this, or anyone you know who may be interested, let them know that they should contact Fr Peter to have a discussion about their own situation. This course will begin on Thursday 24th September at 7pm and then meet every Thursday evening.

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP conference will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 5pm in the upper room of St Robert's Church Hall. All new members are welcome to come along and find out about the work we do in the parish and wider community - please contact Paula on 07882591322

Safeguarding Changes

From 1st September 2026, the law about regulated activity with children is changing. The Disclosure and Barring Service is making changes to the DBS requirements for people undertaking regulated activity with children, which will become effective from the 1st September 2026. **All persons** carrying out regulated activity with children will require an enhanced DBS check with child barred list information from the 1st September 2026. Also any Altar Servers over 16 must have a DBS. Please speak to Flora Webley or Mary Beaton at St Robert's, Mary Underwood at St Bede's or Fr Peter, if you are unsure.

Children's Liturgy Groups

Our Children's Liturgy Groups will resume on Saturday 29th August at St Bede's Church and Sunday 30th August at 9am Mass at St Robert's Church.

Christian Aid Street Collection

The Christian Aid Street Collection will be held on Saturday 5th September from 9am till 2pm. Five volunteers are requested, to represent St Robert's Church, collecting for 1 hour each. If you are able to do this please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of church, or ring Gerry Harber on ☎ 07933 299233. Thank you.

Masses, Intentions and Services This Week

	St Robert of Newminster Church, Morpeth	St Bede's Church, Bedlington
Saturday 22nd August Queenship of Mary	9.40am The Rosary 10am Mass: Kevin O'Malley 10.30am Adoration and Confessions 12noon Wedding Service: Elizabeth Agnew and Thomas David Boulby	5pm The Rosary 5pm - 5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: John and Catherine McGinn
Sunday 23rd August (Yr A) 21st Sunday of Year	9am Mass: Jacob and Elphin Conroy 11am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 24th August Yr 2 Wk21 St Bartholomew		9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 25th August Weekday	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Rita Onono	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 27th August St Monica	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Sarah and Paddy O'Connell	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Friday 28th August St Augustine of Hippo	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist	9.40am The Rosary 10am Mass: Paul Mc Cole 10.30am Adoration and Confessions	5pm The Rosary 5pm - 5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday of Year	9am Mass: Molly Mc Kee 11am Mass: People of the Parish	



Pope's Intentions for August 2026: For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Assisted Dying Bill

On 11th September, the House of Commons will vote on the resurrected Leadbeater Bill. Contact Your MP, encourage others to contact their MP to oppose this Bill.

St Robert's 3Cs

The 3Cs group will resume meetings on the 31st August (Bank Holiday Monday) at 2pm in St Robert's Church Hall and every two weeks after that. We are looking forward to welcoming friends for an afternoon of Chat, Coffee and Tea and Conversation with God.

Heritage Open Day

St Robert of Newminster Church will be open for Heritage Open Day on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September. We will need some volunteers please for these open days ... some who can assemble the stands and displays on the Wednesday lunchtime and those who can be available from 12noon until 4pm Thursday, Friday or Saturday in Church, to offer a welcome to visitors. Please sign the list if you can assist.

150th Anniversary Mas

Bishop Stephen will be with us at St Bede's Church, to celebrate Mass to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Opening of St Bede's Parish, the Building of the previous Church and the first Mass at St Bede's.

St Bede's Pastoral Parish Council

Change of Date: The date for the next Parish Pastoral Council is now changed to Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Hall at St Bede's. We hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience. If anyone has any items for the Agenda, please email them in to the Parish Email Address by Friday 11th September.

St Robert's Pastoral Parish Council

The next meeting of St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 21st September at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be emailed to the Parish Email Address by Friday 18th Sept.

Partnership Council Meeting

The next Partnership Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm at St Bede's Church. Parish Reps are Rev Stephen and Sandra Boulter and Michael Quincey and Chris Smith.

"LiveSimply Bitesize" Turn off your electrical devices when not in use.

Season of Creation: Morpeth Town Service: Sunday 6th September, 6pm in Carlisle Park. If raining, in St Robert's Church.

Ecumenical Prayer Walk

An ecumenical Prayer Walk for the Season of Creation will be on Saturday 19th September meeting in St Robert's Church car park for a 10.45am start. It is a 1.3mile walk, mainly flat. but a bit uneven in places, walking along the river stopping at various places to say Season of Creation prayers. All welcome. Please invite your friends from other Churches.

Season of Creation Organ Recital

Jen Swales, is doing an organ recital on Sunday 4th October in St Robert's Church, as a finale for the Season of Creation celebrations. She is include a couple of choral pieces and so needs a few willing singers to boost the usual choir. No auditions, just enthusiasm required - **the emphasis is on enjoyment over perfection**. If you enjoy singing and are willing to offer your time and talent please come along to choir practice on Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm.

Bedlington and Morpeth Foodbank Donations

Donations of non-perishable food can be left in the boxes at our Churches for the Bedlington and Wansbeck Valley Foodbanks. Please note that "out of date" food cannot be accepted.

Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Thank You to those who support the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project with donations of food and other items for the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project. The five regular items needed most are Toilet rolls, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Individual packet of biscuits and Chickpeas. Other Standard items are Rice (*standard size packet*), Sugar (*standard size packet*), Cooking oil, spices/dried herbs, Table Salt, Sweetcorn, Flour, Corned Beef, Cooking Sauces, Condiments, Cereals, Coffee, Long-life Milk, Cordials and Juices. Hygiene and cleaning products needed include, Deodorant, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Shampoo, Washing up liquid / surface & toilet cleaners and Detergents.

On Tuesday 25th August, indulge yourself with a banana split, a delicious ice cream-based dessert, with bananas, whipped cream, chocolate sauce, cherries and nuts, as the National Banana Split Day is celebrated on this date.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Details of our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be found on the notice board in the porch and the Parish Centre, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on ☎ 0191 243 3305 or at ✉ safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk