



St Bede's Parish, Bedlington And St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth

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18th Sunday of the Year - Sunday 2nd 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 including **Frances McParlin** (Morpeth) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Robert of Newminster Church at 10am on Thursday 6th August; for **Andrew Dane** (Morpeth) who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be held at St Robert of Newminster Church on Wednesday 12th August at 12noon; for **Jacob Cole** (age 28 years, East Hartford) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Bede's Church on Wednesday 19th August at 11am; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sunday Offertory Collections

St Bede's: £170.10; St Robert of Newminster: £390.00



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.



Email Newsletter

If you would like the Newsletter via email each week, please email the parish office to join the mailing list. This is a good way to save the environment by enabling us to print fewer copies.

CAFOD Emergency appeal Venezuela

CAFOD have an Emergency Appeal for Venezuela following the recent earthquakes there. Please go check out their website for information on how CAFOD and its partners are helping people in Venezuela. 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.

First Holy Communions 2027 Applications Online

St Robert's First School and St Bede's Primary School both sent out notices before the end of term about registering children for First Confession and First Holy Communion and included this link to the online registration (https://form.jotform.com/Fr_Peter/first-confession-and-holy-communion) There may be other children not in our schools who may now be at the correct age to receive these two sacraments. Please let their parents know about this link. This QR Code is also a link to the Online Registration. Open until Monday 31st August.



Baptism Preparation

We run a regular Baptism Preparation Course and all parents seeking Baptism for their children are asked to attend. 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 please. There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be Thursday 10th September at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth. We do ask parents to make every effort to turn up to these meetings. Because of some no-shows recently, dates for Baptism will not be given until the Baptism meeting has been attended. Our parishioners who lead these meetings are making every effort to prepare and present these meetings. We hope parents can do the same by attending.

Journey in Faith 2026/7

The Journey in Faith is the series of meetings through which we instruct our potential converts to Catholicism. This normally runs from the end of September through to Easter. If there is anyone considering converting this, or anyone you know who may be interested, let them know that they should contact Fr Peter to have a chat about their situation, and their story so far. Fr Peter needs to know if there's a need. So please contact and speak to Fr Peter asap.



St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP conference will be on Wednesday 12th August at 5pm in the upper room of the Church Hall. All new members are welcome to come along - if interested please contact Paula 07882591322. We are desperately in need of household goods (pots pans kitchen utensils cutlery crockery) to help Refugees in our area who have very little, please leave in the back of church or contact Gerry Harber 01670 517829 for collection. SVP summer raffle tickets will be on sale outside of church after 9am and 11 am masses. With your weekly voluntary contributions we were recently able to support a young family in need - thank you so much for your continued support.



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.

Masses, Intentions and Services This Week

	St Robert of Newminster Church, Morpeth	St Bede's Church, Bedlington
Saturday 1st August St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri	9.40am The Rosary 10am Mass: Rita Onono 10.30am Adoration and Confession 12.30pm Baptism Oscar James Younger	5pm The Rosary 5pm - 5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Alex and Linda Gregory
Sunday 2nd August (Yr A) 18th Sunday of the Year	9am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 3rd August Yr 2 Wks 8 St Oswald		9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 4th August St John Mary Vianney	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Deceased Members of Swift Family	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 5th August Dedication St Mary Major Basilica	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Edward Gales
Thursday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	10am REQUIEM MASS: Frances McParlin	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion
Friday 7th August Weekday	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Service of Word and Communion	9.25am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass: Deacon Ted Patulan and Family
Saturday 8th August St Dominic	9.40am The Rosary 10am Mass: Billy McDougal 10.30am Adoration and Confessions	5pm The Rosary 5pm - 5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Frank Dobie
Sunday 9th August 19th Sunday of the Year	9am Mass: People of the Parish 11am Mass: Deceased Members of Cole and Onono Families	

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.

Book Club

The St Robert's Book Club will meet next Tuesday 4th August after 10am Mass in St Robert's Church Hall

Social Evening at St Bede's Church Hall

There will be a Social Evening in St Bede's Church Hall on Friday 21st August from 7.30pm–9.30pm, "Geordie sings the Oldies", Tickets cost £5 and are available from Julie McPake and David Ward.

St Robert's Sewing Bee

The Sewing Bee ladies are commencing their next recycling project in August. Please donate any 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.

St Bede's Parish Anniversary Mass

Bishop Stephen will be with us on Friday 18th September at St Bede's Church to celebrate 7pm Mass for the 150th Anniversary of the Opening of the Parish and the celebration of the First Mass in the Parish. Put the date in your diary so you can be present. Thanks to those who have offered to help with different things for the Jubilee re the Buffet afterwards. We will also be having a couple of hymn practices after the vigil Mass to practice the music for the Jubilee Mass, but most of it will be familiar.

Assisted Dying Bill

Promoters of the Assisted Suicide Bill will be working hard to promote their Bill for a vote in September. Even though the Bill was defeated earlier this year, they are presenting the same Bill, without change on September 11th. Please do all you can to oppose and encourage others to oppose this Bill. Speak about it with friends and family up and down the country. Our two local MPs are both against it, but we still need to contact them and others to vote against it.

Morpeth Christian Aid Committee

Morpeth Christian Aid Committee are seeking a new Treasurer. They need someone to work with representatives of the other churches in Morpeth. Is that something you could do? The committee are also looking for someone to act as 'publicity officer' to get the Christian Aid events featured in local publications such as Inside Morpeth. Do you have expertise / contacts to enable you to fulfil that role? If you could do either please contact Gerry Harber on ☎ 07933299233.

Marys Meals

It costs just £19.15 to feed a child in some of the world's poorest countries with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Give now on their website www.marysmeals.org.uk



Morpeth Town Service for Creation

Many churches mark Creation Sunday in September with prayers of thanksgiving for the natural world, readings that highlight God as Creator, and a renewed commitment to live gently and responsibly. Creation Sunday marks the beginning of the Season of Creation. It is fairly new to us as Catholics as a celebration, even though we have acknowledged God as creator since time began. It offers a timely opportunity to give thanks, to pay attention, and to rediscover our shared responsibility for the world God has made. To this end we are planning an ecumenical creation themed service on Sunday 6th September, a short simple service at 6pm. Please keep the date in your diary. Sunday 6th September, at 6pm at Carlisle Park (behind the Paddling Pool and beside the bowling Green). *In the event of inclement weather, this will be held in St Robert of Newminster Church.*



Welcome ...



To all visitors, to those here for the first time, to those visiting us again and to all regular parishioners for coming back!

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 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk