

Mass and Service Times and Intentions			
Sat. 12 th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Dominic Devine	33 rd Sunday C
Mon. 14 th November	10.00am Mass	Walter Cox	<i>Weekday</i>
Tues. 15 th November	10.00am Word and Communion Service		<i>St Albert the Great</i>
Wed. 16 th November	NO Mass		<i>St Edmund and St Margaret of Scotland</i>
Thurs. 17 th November	10.00am Word and Communion Service		<i>St Hilda</i>
Friday 18 th November	10.00am Mass	John and Elizabeth Hogg	<i>Ded. of Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul</i>
Sat. 19 th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Brian Watson	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Devotions this week		
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday	9.20am - 9.50 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday	5.00pm - 5.15 pm

Please pray for:

- all who are sick, including Charlie Monaghan; and all who have died recently.
- Students and Teachers; the spread of the Gospel; 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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for November

General Intentions: Countries Receiving Refugees - That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Missionary Intention: Collaboration of Priests and Laity - That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Ushaw Lecture

The Ushaw Lecture will take place on Tuesday 22nd November, beginning at 5.30pm with a Drinks Reception followed by the lecture in Exhibition Hall at Ushaw College. The talk is to be given by Professor Anne Thayer (Lancaster Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania) and the subject is 'A Monk's Books: Windows on Religious Life in Early 16th-Century England'. All are welcome; registration is required. To book a place, please email Dr Hannah Thomas at hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk.

Torchlight Procession

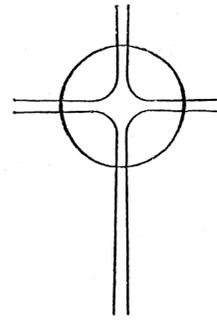
Hexham Beaumont Park, 7pm, Friday 9th December. Rosary, Procession, Benediction, refreshments afterwards. Wrap up well if attending. It can be cold!!

'Amoris Laetitia' Talks

Talks on Amoris Laetitia, exploring and engaging with Pope Francis' Exhortation on Marriage and Family Life, will be given by Rev Fr Sean Hall on Wednesday 7th December at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Hartlepool and on Wednesday 14th December at St Charles' Parish, Gosforth from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. To book please contact the Diocesan Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation at: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk | 0191 2433313

Advance Notice -Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil Mass at St Bede's will be celebrated at the usual time of 5.30pm. At St Robert's Church in Morpeth Mass will be celebrated at Midnight, and 9am and 11am on Christmas morning.



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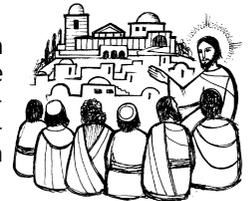
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St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.



If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

33rd Sunday Year C
Saturday 12th November 2016

Tea and Coffee is served after Mass every Saturday evening in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Collection

6th November - **£280.30** Thank You.

Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund remains open for two weeks for further donations. So far we have collected **£225.29**.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The children tonight are present to renew their Baptism Promises. Please pray for them as they will soon be celebrating their First Confessions.

Youth Sunday Collection

Next week there will be a Collection for the work of the Youth Ministry Trust and their work in the diocese with the Youth Team.

Praying the Rosary

We are going to pray the Rosary on a Saturday before the Vigil Mass, starting at 5.00pm, beginning next Saturday, 19th November? Chris Tait will initially lead this but is very happy to have others lead as well.

Children's Liturgy Group

We would like to start a Children's Liturgy Group at our 5.30pm Vigil Mass, and are very grateful to those who have already indicated their willingness to be involved. So as not to make the commitment too hard work, it would be helpful if there were a few more volunteers. We need to have two adults for every session and all leaders must have a Diocesan DBS Check before beginning. We're still not sure how frequently this will happen, but hope to begin at Mass next weekend.



Year of Mercy Talks—Works of Mercy

A Diocesan interfaith talk for the Year of Mercy on **"Bury the Dead"** will be held here at **St Bede's Church** on Wednesday

16th November at 7pm. Come along and listen to Rabbi Aaron Lipsey and Rev Deacon Rob Wareing give their thoughts.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday morning before Mass and it is a wonderful time for quiet prayer. Please come along if you are able to.

Getting Involved in Parish Life

What can you offer to your parish? Is there something not happening in the parish that you would like to see, or indeed like to lead? Are there ways you might be actively involved in the life of our parish? You might have skills yet unseen in our parish!! Whatever way you think you can be involved, whether in one of the parish ministries or if you think you are able to do something that would benefit the parish, please speak to Fr Peter

Lay Leader of the Eucharist

Kelvin Keddy was Commissioned on Monday evening as a Lay Leader of the Eucharist for our Parish. We are very grateful to Kelvin for his commitment to this by attending meetings every Monday evening over the last five weeks as well as a full Saturday. Kelvin is now officially commissioned by the diocese to lead Services of Word and Holy Communion and he will be meeting with the Ministers of Holy Communion who lead Services of Word and Holy Communion about one or two changes to these services.

World Gifts Catalogues

CAFOD World Gifts are a very different way of giving gifts for Christmas. Are you tired of giving the same gifts every year, or wondering what you can do different this year? If you give a CAFOD WORLD GIFT you can be helping some of the poorest people in the world to rebuild their lives, or make their difficult lives a little bit easier. £7 Trees for Life; £7 Mosquito nets; £20 Chirpy Chickens; £28 the goat that gives; £33 water for a family. See catalogue for more interesting gift ideas.



Advent Service

The Catholic Women's League at St Robert's have organised an Advent Service for Sunday 4th December at 2pm in St Robert's Church. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Fayre

St Bede's Parish Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 26th November from 11am—2pm in the Church Hall. There is an appeal for donations for **raffle prizes**, for **bottles for the bottle stall** and also, nearer the date, for cakes for the Cake Stall. There is a box in the porch for donations. If you can help with **any new gifts** that can be used on the various stalls it would be greatly appreciated.

Pray for Vocations

Vocations come from our ordinary parish communities. Perhaps we have some men in our parishes who have a vocation to the priesthood or some to the permanent diaconate. Pray for them that they might come forward with courage to explore the possibility. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Conclusion

On Saturday 19th November the Jubilee Year of Mercy will end. There will be a Diocesan Mass at 12noon at St Mary's Cathedral, during which the Holy Door will be closed. Bishop Seamus invites everyone to join in celebrating the conclusion of this Holy Year.



Close of the Year of Mercy

The Lay Carmelite Association are holding an afternoon of Reflection for the conclusion of The Year of Mercy on Sunday 20th November at St Aidan's RC Church, Ashington. It begins at 1.00pm with a Shared Table, followed by 'Lectio Divina', A talk on Forgiveness with some discussions, a talk on mercy and ending with Evening Prayer. Everyone Welcome. For Information about the Lay Carmelite Community, Contact: Teresa Kelly 01670 732230.



GIFT AID - Helping the Parish

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Parish can claim back from the Inland Revenue 25p of every £1 you give, at no cost or inconvenience to you. Setting up a Gift Aid arrangement helps St Bede's to increase its income, which is much needed for the upkeep of the church and the parish.

Deanery Evangelisation Workshop

You are invited to a gathering of people from neighbouring parishes in Northumberland to help with a 'Workshop' on Sunday 27th November at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall at St Aidan's, Ashington, [NE63]8AD. The task will be to assemble a large number of small gifts to be distributed at the Christmas Masses in the parishes across our deanery. The afternoon will include a time of prayer and as we reflect on forming new parish partnerships, it's also a chance to meet people from other local parishes. If you can, please also bring something for a shared food table. All are welcome.

Advent Day of Recollection

An Advent Day of Reflection - Hope on the Horizon - will be held on Saturday 10th December between 10am-4pm at The Sacred Heart and St. Cuthbert, Amble, NE65 0LE. The time of prayer will be led by the Diocesan Spirituality Department and it will be '... a place to pray, and space to be ...'

The Art of Dying Well

If you think about death as a journey, not just as a specific moment, it may help you understand what it means to die well. But as with any journey, you need to prepare for it. The Art of Dying Well website was devised and commissioned by the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Launched on All Saints Day, it features real-life stories about the highs and lows of dealing with the final journey. Take a look at www.artofdyingwell.org

Preparing for Baptism

For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Mass on a Saturday Evening or a Sunday is expected; one of the godparents must also be a practising Catholic and we ask parents to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. The next meeting will be held in January and parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter.

Diocesan Website & Media Vacancy

The Diocese is looking to appoint a part-time experienced web and media professional to assist with the development, maintenance and management of media content through the diocesan social media channels and websites. Full details available on diocesan website.