

Mass and Service Times and Intentions

Saturday	27 th August	6.30pm	Vigil Mass: Michael Goonan
Monday	29 th August	10.00am	John and Sarah Sutherland
Friday	2 nd Sept.	9.20am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		10.00am	John and Sarah Sutherland
Saturday	3 rd Sept.	5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Billy and Christopher Wilkes

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9.20am to 9.50 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.15 pm

Please pray for:

- all who are sick; all who have died recently including John Watson who died during the week and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 9th September, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe: Human Life; Seafarers

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for August

Universal: Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: Living the Gospel: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

"Day of the Disappeared"

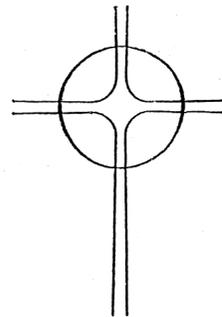
A special Service to commemorate the "Day of the Disappeared", will be held on Tuesday 30th August at 4pm in the Peace Garden at St Robert's Church, organised by the Red Cross and supported by Morpeth Town Council, as an international gesture to recognise the numbers of people throughout the world missing through conflict, disaster and migration, and to remember their families. Everyone is welcome, and there will be light refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

New Liturgy Courses in the Diocese

The Diocesan Department for Liturgy have arranged Courses for new Extraordinary Ministers, new Lay Leaders for Celebrations in the absence of a Priest, a Sacristans course and a Day of Reflection for Ministers. Information is available at www.rcdhn.org.uk/liturgical_formation/liturgical_formation.php and Fr Peter has booking forms.

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 is also expected to be a practising Catholic. We ask parents also to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. Any parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Preparation, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. **The next Preparation Meeting will be held at St Robert's Church on 22nd September at 7.30pm**



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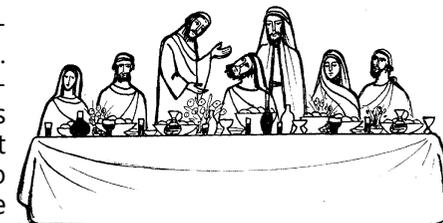
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How do we define 'humility'? What is our perception of a humble person? Perhaps our idea of a humble person is someone self-effacing, someone who never pushes themselves forward or blows their own trumpet, somebody who is overly modest. In a society where we need to push ourselves forward to succeed, 'humility isn't a quality we value. In fact, we often consider the 'humble person' as a bit of a doormat. Fortunately this isn't Jesus' perception of humility and he certainly isn't asking us to behave like doormats?

Today Jesus uses an invitation to a dinner party to give a lesson in humility. Jesus notices that the guests at the dinner party seat themselves in positions of honour at the table. It's clear that some of Jesus' fellow guests are so puffed up with pride that they assume the top places at the table. Jesus tells them that things will be just the opposite in God's Kingdom. "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.



Despite our preconceptions humility isn't about being a doormat. True humility isn't about thinking less of ourselves but thinking of others more. True humility is about serving others without expecting anything in return. True humility is not about seeking to rub shoulders with the rich and influential, but rubbing shoulders with everyone whether they are a king or a pauper. Humility is about sharing time and money unconditionally without expecting repayment, admiration, accolades or long letters of thanks. When we approach God's table, we must remember to be first to put others first.

**22nd Sunday Year C
Saturday 27th August 2016**

Collection: Saturday 21st August: £_____ . Thank You.

Tea and Coffee ... is served after Mass every Saturday evening in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. There is usually some wonderful cake as well!!

New Vigil Mass Time

Please remember that as from next weekend, our Vigil Mass here at St Bede's will be celebrated at 5.30pm and Confessions from 5pm—5.15pm

Parish Gift Aid

Letters from the Diocese thanking all members of the Parish Gift Aid scheme for the amount they contributed during the 2015-16 tax year have been received and are now available on the tables in the Narthex. Please read the letter carefully and if there are any changes to your address or tax status or other reason why you are no longer eligible for Gift Aid please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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Forward Together in Hope

Several weeks ago we distributed the latest Forward Together in Hope leaflet, and you were invited to complete and return the tear off section on the leaflet. So far we have received no more than five returns. Please think about completing this questionnaire as we must hold a Parish Meeting sometime to discuss "the future" and how our parishes work together and celebrate Mass and the Sacraments with fewer priests!



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.



Open House 6th Anniversary

On Tuesday 13th September, Ashington Male Voice Choir will lead a Musical Concert in St Bede's Church. That date marks six years since Open House first began. The Choir will begin at 6.30pm in the Church and refreshments will be served in the Hall. Admission to this event is FREE but donations towards the refreshments would be appreciated. All local Churches have been informed and everyone is welcome to come along.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday morning before the 10am Mass, from 9.20am. It is a wonderful opportunity for half an hour of quiet prayer. Why not come along and experience the quietness of God's presence.

Morpeth Prayer Walk

The Catholic Women's League Branch at St Robert's are holding their annual Prayer Walk on Saturday 3rd September in Morpeth. The short walk will begin at 2:00pm from the Church Hall, to the Elliott Bridge and then back along the riverside to the Oldgate Bridges. Finishing with a shared table in the Church Hall. Members of the CWL, parishioners and friends are very welcome to take part, there will be a collection for "The Medaille Trust", an organisation supporting victims of human trafficking in the UK. Everyone welcome.



Service of Word and Communion

Services of Word and Holy Communion will resume in the first week of September on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. Many thanks to those who have agreed to lead these services once again

Course for Catechists

The Diocesan Course for Catechists, 'Catechesis in the Mission of the Church' begins in September. Its purpose is to support those already involved in catechesis to further develop their own faith and understanding and also to offer a structured programme for those interested in becoming a catechist. Each of the modules offers a time of prayer, teaching, reflection and also a time for questions. As well as the 18 modules spread over three terms, there will also be offered sessions of preparation for the specific areas of catechesis i.e. Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist and a Day of Recollection. A booklet with full information and Booking Forms are available from the Parish Office and is also on the diocesan website

Sacrament of Confirmation



Bishop Seamus will be visiting St Robert's on Monday 5th December to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and we invite those in Year 9 from this parish to be part of this preparation. **We will begin preparation on Sunday 11th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall at St Robert's.** The preparation will be led by our Life Teen co-ordinator, Cody, and we invite other Catechists to be involved. Young People in Year 9 and above in September who wish to be confirmed should collect a form from Fr. Peter.

Praying for Vocations

It is important for us to pray for vocations and also to encourage our young men to consider life as a priest. Priests are not just plucked from the sky or even from another country!! They need to be prayed for and nurtured from our own families and parish communities. Is there anyone in your family you could encourage to become a priest? We all want Priests but are we willing to encourage our own sons or grandsons to consider their vocation as a priest?

Vocation Discernment

For those thinking about Priesthood (aged 16 and over), the diocese has arranged some Evenings of Prayer and Reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. These will be held on Wednesday 21 September, 19 October 2016, 23 November, 21 December 2016, 25 January, 22 February, 22 March, 3 May, 24 May and 21 June 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. A meal will follow these evenings of prayer and reflection. Further details are available from the Diocesan Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith 0191 2676063 | stjohnvianneywestden-ton@gmail.com



Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers

A Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at Minsteracres Retreat House on Saturday 8th October 2016, and will be led by Deacon Rob Wareing. This Day is for the Parishes in the Northumberland Deaneries and is an ideal opportunity for our two deaneries to start working together more closely. Coffee and tea will be served from 10:00am, with the day itself starting at 10.30am. Those who wish to go are asked to contact the Parish Secretary, Judith Chaffey at St Mary's Hexham 01434 603119 or e-mail email@stmaryshexham.plus.com

