

Mass and Service Times and Intentions			
Sat. 19 th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Nancy and Brian Watson	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Mon. 21 st November	10.00am Mass	Gerald Allison	Presentation of BVM
Tues. 22 nd November	10.00am Word and Communion Service		St Cecilia
Wed. 23 rd November	No Mass or Service		Weekday
Thurs. 24 th November	10.00am Word and Communion Service		St Andrew Dung Lac
Friday 25 th November	10.00am Mass	Brian Gregory	Weekday
Sat. 26 th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Frank Hogg	1 st Sunday of Advent Year A

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.

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.

'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 Dioc-



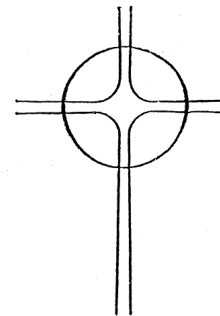
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St Benet Biscop School Mass

Fr Peter will be celebrating a voluntary lunchtime Mass at St Benet Biscop Academy at 12.30pm on Friday 25th November. It would be nice to see a few familiar faces there from school!!

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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Our lives are filled with such horrible instances of the abuse of power, that royal imagery seems out of place when talking about Jesus. But the reign of Jesus from the cross is based on a different vision of power altogether. Jesus' authority is nothing about oppression and everything about mercy. His is a power that never seeks to rule or dominate, but rather seeks to serve and lead by example. His is a power that never seeks to rule by causing conflict or division but a power that seeks to unify the world by promoting understanding, tolerance, justice, sharing and peace. His is a kingdom in which we will all be valued and loved.



This week sees the close of Pope Francis's 'Year of Mercy'. It's apt that the year closes in a week where we consider Christ as a king not of power but of compassion and mercy. What must we learn from the year of mercy, and from the path Jesus chose? It's simple! We might see others as guilty or sinful. Jesus sees those same people as needy and vulnerable. If we have learnt anything this year it should be that there is worth in everyone we meet.

The vision of God's kingdom is a vision we can start living here on earth. We can begin realising it by challenging our own values, in how we treat others and how we respond to the world around us.

In today's gospel, we see a crown of thorns instead of a crown of jewels and a cross instead of a throne. It might seem a bit of a mystery to the non-believers who are governed by self-interest but to those who understand values such as self-sacrifice, love and forgiveness, this is where discipleship begins.

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King
Saturday 19th November 2016**

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

Collection

13th November - **£244.17** Thank You.

Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund remains open for another week for further donations. This Fund is used for the training of Priests and Deacons in the Diocese. Thank you to those who have contributed so far.

Youth Ministry Trust Collection

Today on Youth Sunday, we celebrate the gift of young people in our Church and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people in our parish and throughout the diocese and for those who work with them and please give generously to today's collection for the Youth Ministry Team, our diocesan youth service. Envelopes are available for anyone who may wish to Gift Aid their donation.



Praying the Rosary

We are beginning to pray the Rosary at 5pm each Saturday evening before our Vigil Mass. Please join in



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.

Children's Liturgy Group

We will be starting Children's Liturgy at Mass TONIGHT. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help.



Pope's Appeal for Ukraine

Bishop Seamus has written to say that he has received a letter from Apostolic Nuncio in London, acknowledging and thanking the people of the Diocese for £26,416.70 raised for 'Pope's Appeal for Ukraine' held earlier this year.

SVP Mass of Healing

A special Mass of Healing for the Sick and Housebound is to be celebrated at 1pm on Friday 2nd December, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Hall. We look forward to welcoming all those who have attended in previous years, but we also hope that some of our parishioners who are unable to get to Mass every Sunday are also given the opportunity to come along. Do you have a relative or friend who is housebound who hasn't been to Mass for a long time? Could you get them here? Please let the SVP know of anyone who may be coming or anyone who might have difficulty getting here. We will also be welcoming the "Minnie Vinnies" from school for this celebration

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

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.

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 appreci-

ated.

Close of the Year of Mercy

The Lay Carmelite Association are holding an afternoon of Reflection for the conclusion of The Year of Mercy TOMORROW [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.



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.

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.

Torchlight Procession

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

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 Alms

Throughout Advent, which begins next Sunday 27th November, we collect for Advent Alms. In our diocese, Advent Alms always goes to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care, our diocesan charity which runs Nursing



Homes and Day Care Centres around the diocese.

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



Advent Reflection "Towards the Dawn"

St Robert's, Morpeth are having two opportunities to meet prayerfully during Advent reflecting on our Journey towards Christmas. They will be held on Thursday December 1st and Thursday December 15th, from 7pm-8pm in the presbytery. Everyone welcome.

Ushaw Lecture

The Ushaw Lecture will take place on Tuesday 22nd November, beginning at 5.30pm