

# ST BEDE'S BEDLINGTON

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

6th March 2016

### Mass and Service Times and Intentions

6.30 pm **Vigil** Jim & Mary Tait

**Sunday** 6th March 4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 10.00 am *Requiem* - Brian Healey

Tuesday 10.00 am *Eucharistic Service*

Wednesday 10.00 am Rory O'Callaghan

Thursday 10.00 am *Eucharistic Service*

Friday 10.00 am John & Elizabeth Cox

6.30 pm **Vigil** Margaret Gibbons

**Sunday** 13th March 4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9.20 pm to 9.50 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.45 pm to 6.15 pm

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### *Please pray for:*

- all who are sick,
- all who died recently,
- all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

**Universal:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

### Refugee/Asylum Seekers

There will be a collection today for tins of food (not pork) for refugee and asylum seekers. Please leave in Narthex.

### Contacting Fr Peter

If anyone ever needs to contact Fr Peter, he is available at St Robert's, Morpeth on Tel 01670 513410 or you can email him on

email: [morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk)

## LENT

- Mass: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00 am
- Eucharistic Service: Tuesday and Thursday. at 10.00 am
- Stations of the Cross: Sunday at 4.00 pm
- Lenten Lunch of a soup and a bun, Thursday at 12 noon.
- During Lent we traditionally support St Cuthbert's Care with our Lenten Alms. Please try to be generous (safe at the back of Church for any donations)

**Service of Reconciliation:** There will be a Service of Reconciliation at St Bede's Church, Bedlington, at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. There will be several priests present with the opportunity for individual confessions.

**First Holy Communion:** Our children will celebrate a short liturgy "Offering Ourselves" at tonight's Mass. Please keep them in Prayer.

**Parish Groups:** could you please let Fr Peter have written details, activities, future events etc of your group and a contact name for inclusion on our website.

**Planned Giving:** Planned Giving boxes for the new financial year are available in the Narthex today. They are in alphabetical order. Please DO NOT use before 1st April.

If you are not in the planned giving scheme and would like to support the parish through the scheme please give your name and contact number to Fr Peter. More people, however, are choosing to make their donations by standing order. If you wish to alter your method of payment please see Pat Bateman, gift aid organiser. If anyone's details have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please let us know.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Easter Cards:** In this Year of Mercy, please consider sending cards to one or more of the persecuted Christians listed on our website under the heading Justice & Peace.

**Parish Catechesis:** The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. It is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. For those who may be interested, a Parish Catechesis module will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY**. Booking for modules is essential. For further information and to book, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or at [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in this Year of Mercy, takes place from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August flying direct from Newcastle Airport. Posters, Booking Forms and all information is available on the Diocesan webpage and the pilgrimage webpage [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk) The pilgrimage has places available for sick pilgrims who require Nursing Care, a Jumbulance is available for overland travel for those unable to fly; there is a youth section for all aged 16 – 25 (special price of £499) and there are booking forms for all the hotel pilgrims who wish to travel. Booking Forms and further information also available from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Pilgrimage Director Fr Peter Stott 01670 513 410.

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**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. In the near future these meetings will alternate between St Bede's Church and St Robert's Church. Any parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. PLEASE NOTE, that dates are not usually given out before the Baptism Course is completed.

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**Soup Lunch at St Cuthbert's Church - CTiB:** The Lent meetings start at 12 noon for a simple soup and roll lunch provided by a different church each week. There will be a short 15 minute service or lead prayers from 12.45 to 1.00 pm. All are welcome.

**SVP** national raffle tickets are on sale this weekend.

**Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting:** All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm – 5.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from

2.15pm). 'Forward Together in Hope' asked us to reflect on how we can encourage the presence and witness of young people in our communities. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**World Youth Day:** Pope Francis has invited young people from across the world to join him in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. It is a great opportunity for those aged 18-30 to travel with Bishop Seamus and other young people from the diocese for 8 days of pilgrimage. Along with the World Youth Day programme there will be an opportunity to experience the local area around Krakow including a visit to Auschwitz. The estimated cost of the Pilgrimage is £999. More information and a downloadable registration form can be found at [www.ymt.org/wyd16.html](http://www.ymt.org/wyd16.html)

**Ongoing help for refugees:** A local nurse from Morpeth is making regular visits to refugee camps in France and urgently needed are: Paracetamol, Calpol, antiseptic cream, aqueous cream, Vicks cough syrup, tubigrip for sprains, and chilblain cream. Please put new and unopened items into box in the Narthex

**Thanks from the Russian Orthodox Sisters:** We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sisters. A possibility to visit was truly a blessing because it enabled us to continue our work. We have raised £1,408.00 at St Bede's, Bedlington and St Robert's, Morpeth on our recent visit. We are very grateful to you and your parishioners for your great kindness, generosity, support and hospitality! Let us assure you that you are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth Convent. With deep gratitude and love in Christ, Sister Helen, Olga, Nina and Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent

**Vocations:** We regularly ask our men to think about a Vocation to the Priesthood, but we need also to promote prayers and some thinking about the Vocation to becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese. It is a ministry into which more men are being ordained. Have you ever thought about how you might be a Deacon for your parish community or local area? If anyone thinks they might be called to being a Deacon, please don't hesitate to contact Fr Peter to talk through the possibilities.