

Welcome

This evening we welcome Fr Nigel Homes from St Aidan's who will celebrate our parish vigil Mass,

Finances

Offertory: £255.10. Many thanks for your continued contributions.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

We will celebrate Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction every Sunday afternoon during Lent at St Bede's Bedlington at 4.00pm. Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated at St Robert's every Thursday evening at 7.00pm and Saturday morning at 10.30am.



Partnership Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, there will be Partnership Stations of the Cross to which we invite you to participate and move around the partnership churches. These will be held on:

- Friday 16th February at 6.00pm at St. Aidan, Ashington
- Monday 19th February at 7.00pm at St. Bede, Bedlington
- Friday 2nd March at 7.00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley
- Wednesday 7th March at 7.00pm at The Sacred Heart & St. Cuthbert, Amble
- Thursday 22nd March at 7.00pm at St. Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

A cup of tea will be served after the Partnership Stations. All are welcome.

Meditation on the Passion of Christ

There will be a special evening Service 'No Greater Love Than this' a meditation in song and picture on the Passion of Jesus Christ, to be held at St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Wednesday 14th March at 7.00pm.



World Day of Prayer

There will be a service at Stakeford Methodist church on 2nd March at 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome. There will be no evening service in Bedlington



Family Fast Day & Day of Special Prayer

Next Friday, 24th February, is a Day of Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Family Fast Day). Contributions to CAFOD can be made using the envelopes available in the Narthex.

Churches Together Lenten Lunches.

These will be served each Thursday at 12 noon at **Trinity Church**. Please come along and support us. Soup and a bun will be provided by churches as follows;

- 22nd February St Cuthbert's
- 1st March The Salvation Army
- 8th March Bedlington Christian Fellowship
- 15th March Trinity
- 22nd March Trinity

Lenten Lunches—St Robert's.

These will be served each Friday during the Season of Lent at St Robert's Church at 12 noon. Offers of help, soup, cakes etc would be gratefully accepted. Funds raised will go to CAFOD and Mary's Meals.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Friday morning before Mass and it is a wonderful time for quiet prayer. Please come along if you are able to. *It is important when coming into the Narthex on a Friday morning not to talk too loudly as your voices are easily heard in Church.*

Shortage of Hymn books

It has been pointed out that we are very short of hymn books even on an ordinary Saturday night when there are only about 100 people present at Mass. Do you have a hymn book at home? If so we would be most grateful if it could be returned to church.

Liturgy Rotas

The new liturgy rota takes effect this weekend. If you are involved with different ministries, please take a rota from the Narthex. There are copies available for all involved.



Children's Liturgy

We have Children's Liturgy faithfully every week, but very few children. I am very grateful to the parishioners who lead this regularly, putting in much time and effort. Let us continue to encourage our parents and families to come to Mass and so encourage their children to attend the children's liturgy group.

Marriage Preparation Course

A Marriage Preparation Course is being held at St Robert's on Saturday 17th March. Those getting married this year are asked to confirm their attendance at this meeting. Further details of times will be given in coming weeks.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Booking forms for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available from the Parish Office. The Pilgrimage is from 27th July to 3rd August, with a direct flight from Newcastle Airport. 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Lourdes to St Bernadette. See Fr Peter for further details of for a Booking Form.



The pilgrimage has a Youth Section for all 15 to 25 year olds. The pilgrimage also runs a special section for those who need care and assistance... Please speak to Fr Peter for further details.

Life Teen Group Volunteers

Fr Peter would like to organise a "core group of adult volunteers" who would be willing to help run a Life Teen Group with St Robert's Church and if we appoint a Youth Co-ordinator to work with that Youth Coordinator on Life Teen, so that we can support our young people in their faith. A meeting will be held soon. In the meantime, if you are interested please speak to Fr Peter.



Partnership YMT Coordinators

Our Partnership has a "YMT Youth Co-workers Group" that helps support and promote the work of the Youth Ministry Team in the Partnership. The rep for St Bede's Parish is Joe Gallagher. If anyone wishes to speak to Joe about the work this



group does, please feel free to do so. If anyone wishes to join this group, speak to Joe or Fr Peter.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

The J & P Project in Newcastle is helping many asylum seekers and refugees and is seeking support in terms of food items and men's clothing. Food items needed are: tinned corned beef, fish, tinned tomatoes, chick peas, rice, cooking oil, sugar, biscuits. Men's clothing, trainers, boots, jackets, sweaters. Please leave donations in the bin labelled 'Justice and Peace donations' in the Narthex. Many thanks.

New Ministers of Holy Communion

A course to train new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion commences at St Joseph's Gateshead NE8 1LX on Monday 19th and 26th February, 7.00 to 9.00 pm and Saturday 3rd March, 10.30am to 4.00 pm with the Commissioning Mass at 3.00pm. We always need more Ministers to help with Holy Communion at Mass and also the sick and housebound, so if anyone is interested, please speak to Fr Peter. You MUST be able to attend all the dates given here to be commissioned.



Holy Week and Easter

This year we have no visiting priest to assist with Holy Week and Easter and so Fr Peter, with Deacon Stephen's help will have to travel between Bedlington and Morpeth and share the Masses and Services, so there will inevitably be changes. St Robert's Morpeth are holding a Liturgy meeting later in February to discuss liturgy and music for Easter, so if any parishioners from St Bede's wish to attend, because we will hopefully be moving between churches for Services, you will be very welcome.

Mass and Other Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 17th February	5.30 pm Mass	Tom, Elizabeth & John Coates	1st Sunday of Lent 'B'
Sunday 18th February	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction.	
Monday 19th February	10.00am Mass 10.45am	Michael Williamson Funeral Service - Carol Price	Weekday of Lent
Tuesday 20th February	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion	Weekday of Lent
Wednesday 21st February	10.00am Mass	Brenda McPake	Weekday of Lent
Thursday 22nd February	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion	The Chair of St Peter
Friday 23rd February	10.00am Mass	Molly Ruddy	Weekday
Saturday 24th February	5.30 pm Mass	In Thanksgiving	2nd Sunday of Lent 'B'

Devotions this week

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday	9.20am - 9.50am	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday	5.00pm - 5.15pm	
The Rosary	Saturday	5.00pm	

Please pray for:

- all who are sick, especially the housebound and those in hospital,
- Carol Price and all who have died,
- Elizabeth Coates and all whose anniversaries occur at this time

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February 2018

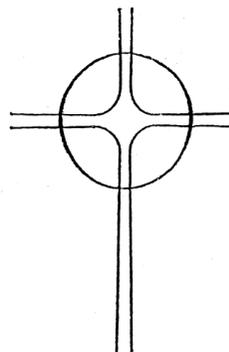
Say "NO to corruption" That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

Planned Giving boxes

The next planned giving boxes are in the process of being prepared for the start of the new financial year in April. If you do not have a box of envelopes, or a standing order with the parish, and would like one please give your contact details to Fr Peter, Pat Bateman, or one of the welcomers in the Narthex. For those who are in Gift Aid if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please let us know. Thank you for your continued support.

Knitters needed

A big thank you to all those people for their generous contribution of both garments and their time. - the response has been tremendous. Please place any further donations in the carrier (labelled 'Knitting!') in the narthex. If you wish to knit squares for blankets could you please ensure that they are sewn together before donating as there is



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First Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2018