

Parish Finances: Many Thanks

Offertory 13/01/18	£221.75
White Flower Appeal: 13/01/18	£59.82
CAFOD (Christmas cards):	£181.55
Advent Alms [St Cuthbert's Care]	£31.07

Racial Justice Collection

A collection will be taken next weekend to support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. Please use the envelopes from your planned giving box. Next Sunday will be a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice.

Parish Finance Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Monday 22nd January at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery.

Partnership Development Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Partnership Development Group on Wednesday 24th January at 7.00 pm at St Bede's, Bedlington

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.*



Praying the Rosary

We pray the Rosary at 5.00 pm each Saturday evening before our Vigil Mass. Please come along and join in.



Knitters Needed

Churches Together in Bedlingtonshire (CTIB) are involved with a charity sending knitted blankets and garments to people in need overseas. Currently donation are being sent to refugees in Easter European countries. If you are able to



donation your knitting skills please see the notice board in the Narthex for further details. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pastoral Letter

This weekend we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus Cunningham on "The Ministry and Role of the Deacon"



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.



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.



Pilgrimage to Poland

There are several places still available on the Pilgrimage to Poland from April 23rd-30th 2018 visiting Krakow, Czestochowa and Auschwitz. Direct flights from Newcastle to Krakow have been booked, guided tours are included, centrally located hotels with half board en-suite accommodation, a full spiritual programme is organised visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, St Faustina's Shrine and Divine Mercy Basilica, and Pope St John Paul's Shrine in Krakow. Booking forms are available from Fr. Peter. Closing date for Bookings is early February.



Partnership Mass of Affirmation

A Mass of Affirmation was publicised in the Advent Partnership Newsletter to be celebrated on 9th February at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church, Amble. Unfortunately this has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course. Further details will follow.

Partnership Youth Coordinator

We have now advertised once again the role of Youth Coordinator for our Partnership and the advert is available on the diocesan website <http://www/rcdhn.uk/papers/diovac.php>. Please pass on this information to anyone you think may be interested. It is important for us to try and appoint someone to this role so that we can support our young people in the development of their faith in Jesus Christ, so please pray for a successful appointment.

"God Calls" App

The Catholic Church has launched a new app to help let God lead people "on a journey of spiritual adventure and discovery". God Calls, a free app developed for the vocations office of the bishops of England and Wales, promises to "help you explore your ultimate purpose, and discover your unique path to heaven". It is in effect a spiritual tool-kit with snapshots of the lives of the saints, a journal to track spiritual growth and listings of Catholic retreats, study days and other events across the UK. Special resources include prayers for dawn, noon, and night and daily questions to help understand the Gospel. Read more on www.godcalls.co.uk

The Hope That is Within You

Sr Gemma Simmonds a theologian broadcaster and sister of the "Congregation of Jesus" will give a talk entitled "The Hope That is Within You" and will look at her profound belief that "We find our heart's desire by giving it away, by letting go". The Galilee Talks will take place at St Mary's Catholic Church, Hexham in the Parish Centre on Saturday 27th January at 11am. Please refer to St Mary's Parish website, www.stmaryshexham.org.uk for further information.

Low cost retreat on Holy Island

Is there someone in our parish or partnership who would benefit from a retreat but who cannot make one because cost? The Retreat Association has partnered up with Marygate Retreat Centre to offer a retreat on Lindisfarne – Holy Island from 12th -18th February 2018 for those on low or restricted income. The retreat will be led by the Bishop of Salford, Bishop John Arnold, who was Bishop of Lindisfarne 2006-2014. There are up to 17 places available. Bishop John will be leading the retreat which gives an introduction to retreats and prayer and draws on the history and heritage of the North East. The normal cost of this retreat would be £315 per person but places will be offered with up to 50% discount on an application basis. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying for a place please contact the Retreats Associations (email@retreats.org.uk) for an application form. Please note that the maximum income level quoted on the form has now been set aside – the RA realised they had set it too low!) Help with transport from Berwick station would usually be available. Applications close 24 January 2018.

RC Chaplain Post at HMP Durham

A Chaplaincy job has arisen at Durham Prison to provide pastoral and faith specific care to prisoners and staff. Salary £25,920-£29,176. Closing date for application is 30th January 2018. Further details can be found at: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/15634-15634-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Priest-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

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.

Mass and Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 20th January	5.30pm Vigil Mass	John Bradley	3rd Sunday Year B
Monday 22nd January	10.00am Mass	Betty Nicholson	Weekday
Tuesday 23rd January	10.00am Service	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	Weekday
Wednesday 24th January	10.00am Mass	Mary Phillips	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Thursday 25th January	10.00am Service	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i>
Friday 26th January	10.00am Mass	Mary & Robert Keddy	<i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>
Saturday 27th January	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Patrick Ruddy	4th Sunday Year 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, Fr Jim Doherty and Fr Ian Hoskins
- all who have died, especially **Margaret Fitzgerald** whose Requiem Mass was celebrated on Friday; **John Cresham** of Augustus Drive, whose Funeral Service will be celebrated here on Monday 5th February at 12.15pm.
- Patrick Ruddy and all whose anniversaries occur at this time

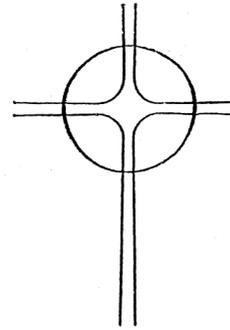


Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2018

For Religious Minorities in Asia: that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Baptism Preparation Meetings

The next meeting for Baptism Preparation will be held on Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm at St Robert's. Any parents wishing to organise a Baptism should make an appointment to discuss this with Fr. Peter or Deacon Stephen. 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. These meetings alternate between Morpeth and Bedlington. Parents should meet with Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen to complete the paperwork. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. PLEASE NOTE: dates are not usually given before the Baptism Preparation meeting.



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"Wanted:- Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers of men."

Can you see job applicants queuing round the block? Would we respond to Jesus' call with the same immediacy as those first disciples? Probably not! Chances are we'd hesitate long and hard. A hundred and one questions would hold us back.

What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we've got lots else to do! Would candidates be permitted to serve two masters, giving up one's own agenda is surely too much to ask!



There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. But the one important message for us today is that discipleship usually means a major shift in direction; a change that involves leaving behind things that get in the way of our relationship with God.

It is left to each of us to decide what our particular mode of discipleship might be, and what stands in the path of our new direction. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a change of heart.

Third Sunday of the Year - 22nd January 2018