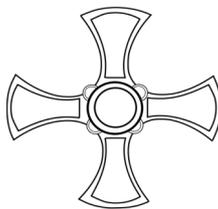


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Sunday 11th July 2021 - Fifteenth Sunday [B]

Travel light so as not to get distracted. Work hardest where your work is appreciated, but don't waste time where your work isn't producing any results. It's not just great advice for evangelising; it's great advice for living your life! In today's gospel, Jesus is giving his disciples a three point strategy for spreading his teaching.

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light, unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?



So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples. How do we continue that witness today?

NEWSLETTERS AND MISALLETTES: If you are holding this Newsletter, or a Mass Sheet, as a paper copy in Church on Sunday, please remember that you **MUST** take it away with you. COVID-19 guidelines state that because you have handled it, you cannot just put it back on the table at the back of Church. It's handy to have a Newsletter at home and good to reflect on today's readings in the Missalette! If you do not wish to keep it, please leave it in your bench and it will be immediately destroyed by those who will tidy and clean the Church after Mass.



At this time of the Church's Year, we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of Pandemic we pray for all suffering from COVID-19; please remember all who have died recently, including **Jack Johnson** of Abbey Meadows, Morpeth, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 19th July at 11.30am at St Robert's Church; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Collections for June 2021

St Bede's Church:	Loose plate:	£320.00
	Standing Orders & BACS:	£1,194.00
St Robert's Church:	June loose plate:	£1,225.80
	Standing orders & BACS:	£3,636.92

Sea Sunday 2021

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's Retiring Collection (*please leave donation in special envelopes and place in basket*) is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/ SeaSunday . This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/ donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.



STELLA MARIS

Updated Coronavirus Advice

Although the Prime Minister, Mr Boris Johnson outlined last Monday, some decisions for the future concerning the easing of legal restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic, he will confirm them in a further announcement on Monday 12th July. As yet, the Government guidance concerning "Places of Worship" has not yet been updated; nor has the Bishop's Conference website - cbcew.org.uk - had any further changes since 14th May, so we await further guidance this week which will affect our situation from Monday 19th July.

First Holy Communion Masses

On Saturday 17th July we have our final group of children celebrating their First Holy Communion. We have had eight children at St Bede's Church and twenty-three children at St Robert's celebrating these sacraments. Many thanks to those in our schools who have prepared them this year and thanks to all parents and family members who have supported them. Thank you also to Lynda Edwards for offering to play the organ at all four First Holy Communion Masses at St Robert's Church. Thank you also to everyone in the parish for keeping these children in your prayers.



The Wednesday Word

"Wednesday Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings, for both adults and children can be accessed at wednesdayword.org This is a wonderful resource to help focus on our Sunday Readings. Edited by Dom Henry Wansborough OSB of Ampleforth Abbey, it is a wonderful resource for both parishes and for Schools to help focus on the forthcoming Sunday readings.



Booking for a Sunday Mass

To book your place at the Vigil Mass on 17th July
Please call St Bede's Presbytery ☎ 01670 823 258
Monday - Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

To book your place at Sunday Mass on 18th July
Please call St Robert's Presbytery ☎ 01670 513 410
Monday - Friday, 11.00am - 6pm

If you book a place at Mass, but then find that you are unable to attend, we ask that you please call us as soon as you know you are unable to attend, so that where possible we may be able to offer that place to someone who is waiting to come to Mass.

Weekday Masses



Booking is not necessary for weekday Masses, but we ask that you give your details to the steward on arrival so that we know how many people are in church and the number of seats available.

Contact Tracing App

Please remember that you can check in for the Track and Trace system using the QR code that we have available in both Churches. When you come to Church, open the app on your phone and scan the code to record your presence. Please remember that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend Church. The classic signs of coronavirus reported since the start of the pandemic have been loss of smell or taste, a new persistent cough, and a fever. A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now also thought to be symptoms of the virus, instead of a cough and loss of smell or taste - though a fever is still common.



Confessions

Confessions are now celebrated at St Bede's Church on a Saturday evening from 5pm - 5.20pm.



Newsletter by Email

If you would like to go onto our mailing list for the Newsletter please send your email address to Fr Peter at St Robert's and you will be added and it will be emailed each weekend. Please feel free to print off copies for yourself and if possible print and pass them on to others.



New Altar Servers

We are always looking for and encouraging new young people to join our team of altar servers in both parishes. If anyone is willing to join our team at St Bede's or at St Robert's, please contact Fr Peter.



A Message from the Kelly Family

"Thank you to friends and parishioners for their messages of condolence, many cards and floral gifts after the death of Paul. Special thanks to Father Peter for his comforting words and an uplifting service, we are very grateful. From Julie and all the Kelly family".

Wedding Congratulations

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Beth Lacy and Paul Richardson who were married in St Bede's Church, Bedlington on Saturday 10th July. We offer them our prayers and our best wishes at the very beginning of their married life for many happy years together.



Preparing for Baptism

The next meeting takes place in September at St Bede's Church and the next meeting at St Robert's Church will be in October. Parents requesting Baptism for a child are asked to contact us to make arrangements for these Baptism Preparation Meetings. Once parents have attended a preparation meeting, they are asked to meet with Fr Peter to make arrangements and set a date for the Baptism. Please note that one parent must be a baptised catholic for Baptism in the Catholic Church and it is also hoped that the catholic parent or even the whole family has been to Mass recently, especially as at the Baptism the parents will be promising to bring their child up "in the practice of the faith".



Rebuilding our Teams of Catechists

One of the important focuses for trying to get back to 'normal', or indeed just rebuilding our parishes, is to re-establish our team of catechists, groups of people who would be willing to help pass on their faith to others and prepare people for the sacraments. We need people for Baptism preparation, First Confession and Holy Communion preparation, (especially if there are children not in Catholic school) Confirmation preparation, Marriage Preparation with Marriage Care, Journey in Faith for Adults. The Diocese is setting up new structures for training of catechists in the coming year and hopefully, those in our parishes should try to join in with any diocesan preparation, both to refresh and renew those currently involved and to assist other parishioners who are eager to get involved. Please contact Father Peter for more information.

Reopening our Kitchen and Church Halls

Our Halls and our Kitchens have not been used for over sixteen months and hopefully we can plan to reopen soon so that we can resume our teas and coffees and parish groups. Advice from the government and from the Church will help us decide when this will happen. They will need to be thoroughly cleaned before we can use them again. We also need to be able to run our water systems, hot water taps and dishwashers to make sure they are working. If anyone is able to coordinate this work, and if you are able to be involved with the cleaning, in both of our parishes, please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible.



Counting Teams

In coming weeks we will be aiming to resume our Counting Teams. Diocesan guidance informs us that there should be 3 to 4 counters every time, for the security, safety and protection of all involved. If you are already a counter and willing to continue, or you are a new person willing to help your parish, please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible.

"Sing along Live Hymns Old and New"

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Village are hosting this event at Allensford on Sunday 15th August. There will be a BBQ, Quiz, sing-along, a day outdoors to reconnect with others. More details to follow soon.



Ashington and Longhorsley Parishes

A message from Fr Shaun Purdy: from the weekend of 4th July, the Mass times have changed at Ashington and Longhorsley. The new Mass times are as follows:

- Ashington, St Aidan: Sunday 9.00am and 5.00pm
- Longhorsley, St Thomas of Canterbury: Sunday 11.15am

Organ Fund

Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation towards the repairs of the organ at St Robert's Church, which was undertaken in January and February of this year. We are very grateful for your generosity. Donations can be handed in any time. For payments via BACS please contact the Parish Office for details.



Catholic Awards for Young People

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle offers our young people the opportunity to witness to their faith in their local and parish Communities by participating in two award schemes. Young people aged 10-18 years old (Year 6 - 13) can take part in the **Faith in Action Award** through their school, parish or organisation. The Faith in Action Award is accessible to, and inclusive of, all young people, regardless of academic ability. The **Pope St John Paul II Award** is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope Saint John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them. Further information from Fr Peter if interested.



Going into Hospital

If you know you are going into Cramlington, Wansbeck or Rake Lane Hospitals it is helpful to our Chaplains to let them know you will be there. If you are admitted as an emergency, it is always possible to ask the staff to let them know, or alternatively email the Hospital Chaplaincy... chaplaincy@northumbria.nhs.uk

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals regularly asks us to support them with funds for their work, and all that we donate helps them tremendously. However, they also know that they can't do without our prayers and they are aware that many people support their mission through prayer. They would like to invite you to receive their monthly prayer email 'Loaves and Fishes', which focuses on the different ways we can reflect on and pray for their work. To sign up to their mailing list, visit - marysmeals.org.uk/prayer - and sign up to receive the email

Food Donations

As you are unable to leave donations in Church, due to the Diocesan Health and Safety restrictions, there is still a great need for this food. The most useful items are: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned chickpeas, biscuits, rice, sugars and toilet rolls. Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste are also very useful. Please do not donate tinned meat or baked beans. All donations can be left with Donald Marr at 3 Cottingvale, Morpeth. Please phone ☎ 01670 505 573 before, to arrange a drop off time, and leave a message if there is no reply. Alternatively, you could leave donations with Gerry and Eileen Harber, 22, Dacre Street, Morpeth Please phone ☎ 01670 517 829. Thankyou.

"CAFOD Hexham and Newcastle" are hiring

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? CAFOD are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Closing date 11 July 2021. More information on CAFOD Careers (changeworknow.co.uk) Martin Brown, Community Participation Manager, North East – CAFOD, ☎ 07796 941 884



Masses and Intentions this week

Saturday 10th July <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Sunday 11th July 15th Sunday, Year B	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Jean & William White	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Monday 12th July <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: George & Ellen Arkle	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Tuesday 13th July <i>Weekday / St Henry</i>	10.00am Mass: Pat & Leo Horrax	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Wednesday 14th July <i>Weekday / St Camillus de Lellis</i>	10.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving for prayers answered	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Thursday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	10.00am Mass: Michael Doyle	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>
Friday 16th July <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	10.00am Mass: Private Intention for a young mum & unborn baby in need of prayers	<i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Saturday 17th July <i>Weekday</i>	<i>10.00am Mass for First Holy Communion Children</i> <i>11.15am Mass for First Holy Communion Children</i> 5.00pm - 5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Deceased Members of Monaghan family	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i> <i>St Bede, Bedlington</i>
Sunday 18th July 16th Sunday Year B	9.00am Mass: Jean & William White 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish	<i>St Robert, Morpeth</i> <i>St Robert, Morpeth</i>



The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for July 2021

Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship



The Year of St Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Livestreaming Mass from St Robert of Newminster Church

Masses at St Robert of Newminster Church can now be viewed on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/StRobert>
Live Masses at 9am Sunday, 10am on Tuesday and 10am Thursday, or as a recording on the above Parish YOUTUBE site anytime.



Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme 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. The CCRS course programme is now available

for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php If anyone would like further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk



Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest political parties in the UK Parliament, led by Fiona Bruce MP, have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. Currently abortion is allowed up to birth for babies with disabilities. All of these conditions can be corrected. Right to Life website - www.righttolife.org.uk/standupandsmile - gives lots of information and advice and how to stop this Bill going through. The website has a link so that you can send a prepared letter to your MP, by simply inputting your postcode and some basic information or alternatively you can write your own letter to your MP.



Diocesan Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of a Diocesan Communications and Marketing Officer, based in Newcastle. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th July 2021. Please see visit the diocesan website at <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/hr/diovac.php>

