

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 16th Nov.</b>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Bridget &amp; Jim Kiernan</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Yvonne Simey</b> 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 17th Nov. 33rd Sunday Year C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Michael McHugh</b> <i>Baptism During 11am Mass: Florence Anne Cecilia Swales</i>
<b>Monday 18th Nov.</b> Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Kathleen Cox</b>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 19th Nov.</b> Weekday	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Robert and Elizabeth Watson and Dcd Mbrs of Almond &amp; Watson Fams.</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th Nov.</b> St Edmund	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: No Intention</b> <b>11.15am Funeral Service: Eileen McIntyre</b>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 21st Nov.</b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Ints of Peggy Bullen (AB)</b>
<b>Friday 22nd Nov.</b> St Cecilia	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: No Intention</b>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 23rd Nov.</b> St Clement St Columban	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Sheila Brown</b> 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00am -12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 24th November Solemnity: Christ, the King of the Universe</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Babs Quillinan</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Special Intention (GD)</b>

## The Pope's Intention November 2019

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

### Altar Servers Appeal

Once again, we are making an appeal for some new Altar Servers at both St Bede's and St Robert's Churches. As our number of servers gets smaller, the current ones are busier. We really do need some more young people to volunteer for this special role serving Mass. Parents and Grandparents, please try to encourage our young ones to consider this ministry in our parishes.

### Safe Families for Children

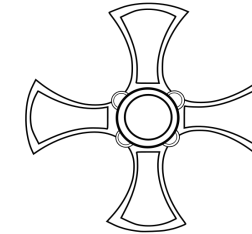
We have received a message from Safe Families for Children thanking us for our support, "At St. Robert of Newminster Morpeth and St. Bede's Bedlington we want to celebrate that you have 5 volunteers with Safe Families and have supported 10 families and 19 children." If you want to know more about their work or get involved, please visit their website - [safefamiliesforchildren.com](http://safefamiliesforchildren.com)

### Film about St Faustina



A film called "Love and Mercy" the story of St Faustina Kawalska will be shown at the Odeon Cinemas at Silverlink or Metrocentre at 8:45pm. On Monday 18th of November. There is only one showing at selected cinemas and seats must be booked via the Odeon Website [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)

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## Sunday 17th November — 33rd Sunday Year C



St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as St Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.





Please pray for: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the World; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently, including and **Eileen McIntyre** of Guidepost whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11.15am at St Bede's Church; for Kathleen Smith of Glebe Farm, Bedlington who died during the week and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Wednesday 27th November at St Bede's Church; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### Weekly Collection - 9th / 10th November

St Bede's: £254.38 & October Standing Orders: £831  
St Robert's: £665.41

#### Clergy Training Fund

Many thanks for a further **£106.50** at St Robert's for the Clergy Training Fund. The Fund remains open until 24th November for individual, group or family donations. Cheques can be made payable to "Clergy Training Fund". If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope, which are available at the back of church

#### Youth Sunday Collection

Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Robert and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

#### Tea and Coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's, and after both the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday at St Robert's Church Hall and everyone is welcome.

#### Newsletter Items

Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter by 7pm on Wednesday to the parish office email address at St Robert's.

#### Sssshhhhhh ..... !!! Let us be quiet!

There have been several comments recently about the noise and chatter in church before weekend Mass. It is important to try to respect the quietness in Church at that time for those who wish to pray quietly before Mass begins. It is not a time to natter to friends ..... It's a time to recollect ourselves before Mass and turn to the Lord in prayer.

#### New Diocesan Appointment

Earlier this week, Deacon Stephen was successfully interviewed for the role of part time Hospital Chaplain in the Northumbria Healthcare Trust and to be based at Cramlington Hospital (NSECH), but to work also throughout the Trust at North Tyneside General Hospital and Wansbeck General Hospital alongside Fr Stephen Watson. This will begin in the coming weeks. Stephen will continue to be Parish Deacon fulfilling responsibilities in our parishes, as well as taking up this new role as a Catholic Hospital Chaplain.

It was announced on Friday that Marian Bell, from St Robert's Parish, has been appointed by Bishop Robert as the new Diocesan Bishop's Healthcare Advisor and Co-ordinator of hospital chaplains in the diocese. Marian will do this work in addition to her normal Chaplaincy duties with 'Cumbria, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear NHS Trust.' We congratulate Marian on this appointment.



Hospital Chaplains



#### Torchlight Procession at Hexham

The cost for the coach to Hexham (6th December) is £15 per person. Payment can be given to Elizabeth Dixon at Morpeth and Pat Gales at Bedlington.

#### Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, Cleaners

If you are an Extraordinary Minister, Reader, Welcomer, Cleaner or Altar Server and you are not going to be available to fulfil your ministry because you are away, please remember that it is your responsibility to find a replacement for that occasion.

#### St Robert's Bonus Ball

Week 6 winners were Bernadette Rich and Peg Allsopp with No. 31. Congratulations to them and good luck for week 7.

#### Catholic Women's League Christmas Mini Fair

The CWL will be having their Christmas Mini Fair on Saturday 23rd November, from 10am - 12pm in St Robert's Church Hall. There will be a Raffle, Lucky Dip, Cakes, Gifts/Crafts and Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

#### Catholic Women's League Meeting

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Robert's church hall. This will be a business meeting which will start with prayers. Would members please bring any contributions for the CWL Christmas Mini Fair Lucky Dip, Raffle, and Gifts/Crafts, to the meeting. Thank you.

#### 3C's Club

The 3C Club goes from strength to strength is enjoyed by many people on a Wednesday afternoon. The dates for the next few meetings before Christmas will be from 2pm until 4pm in the Church Hall on 20th November; 4th December and 18th December. The meetings will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in 2020. All are welcome!

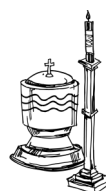
#### Music for Christmas



The Liturgy and Worship Group will meet to discuss Music for our Christmas Masses on Monday 25th November at 7pm. St Bede's does not have a music or Liturgy group but if anyone feels they have a contribution to make to the choices for the Vigil Mass, please come along.

#### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held at St Robert's on Thursday November 21st. Any parents requesting Baptism for their child are asked to contact Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen as soon as possible to make arrangements to attend this meeting.



#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



There are still at least four places available on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for November 2020. Please contact Fr Peter if interested and for further information.

#### Journey in Faith Meetings

Our 'Journey in Faith' will continue on Thursday 28th November at 7pm looking at "The Person of Jesus".

#### St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the SVP Conference at St Robert's will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30 p.m. in the upper meeting room of the church hall.

#### Christmas Piety Stall

The final opportunity this year to buy a wide selection of quality religious cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas at both St Bede's and St Robert's churches will be next weekend (23rd & 24th November). Don't leave it until it's too late.

#### Partnership Spirituality Meeting

The next Meeting of the Partnership Spirituality Group will be held on Monday 25th November at St Bede's, Bedlington at 10.30am.

#### Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St Robert's will be held on Wednesday 27th November. Any items for the Agenda should be handed in as soon as possible please.

#### Church Cleaning Rota

St Robert's Church Cleaning rota for 2020 is now available in the church porch. Please take a copy. Many thanks to all who volunteer for this important role, but we do ask everyone to help keep the church tidy.

#### SVP Annual Mass of Healing at St Bede's Church



We will be celebrating a Mass for the Sick and Housebound at St Bede's Church on Friday 29th November at 1.00pm. This provides an excellent opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Those attending are asked to let members of St Bede's SVP know.

#### Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

The team would be very grateful if you felt able to collect items throughout November. Examples of suitable items include: Tins of: garden peas, potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding or meat (eg. Mince, stew, chicken, steak). Packets of potato mash, tea bags (packs of 40 or 80), long life milk, packets of custard, biscuits, jam, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and small bars of chocolate would be gratefully received.



#### The Matthew Project

Many thanks for the regular, generous contributions to the project. Donations are taken to the project food bank based at Bedlington Christian Fellowship, before being distributed to local families in need. These numbers are increasing on a monthly basis with the most recent monthly figure showing the Project having responded to over 100 requests for help. During November the Matthew Project is running a Christmas Food Appeal. The food bank is asking for donations of Christmas treats such as mince pies, selection boxes, Heroes/Roses and Christmas puddings. More suggestions can be seen on the Christmas Food Appeal poster in the narthex alongside an extra bin for Christmas donations. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from support from the project please contact Russ Wallace on 07941 128493. Thank you again for your support.

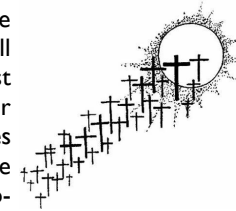
#### St Roberts PTFA Fundraiser

The Parent Teacher Friends Association at St Roberts First School have organised their first big Fundraiser on Friday 22nd November at Morpeth Riverside Lodge at 8pm, featuring local cover band 'Far Cry'. Tickets are £5 and available from school.



#### "November Dead List"

During November we will pray for the souls of all the Faithful Departed. We will once again have the November Dead List envelopes for Names and Offerings for Holy Souls Masses. Place these envelopes in the basket and they will be placed on the sanctuary during Masses throughout November.



#### St Robert's Parish Christmas Fayre

Only 2 weeks to go! Saturday 30th November! Please continue to support Raffle, Bottle Stall and Tombola but please now also bring items for all other stalls: Book, Toy, Piety, Bric-a-brac and craft. Food items for refreshments and cake stall can be brought on Friday 29th from about 5.30pm when we will be setting up the Fayre or on the morning of the fayre. Any help with setting up on Friday night would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



#### St. Robert's Christmas Fayre Raffle Prizes

Thanks to the generosity of St. Robert's parishioners and local businesses we always have a fantastic raffle at the Christmas Fayre. Are you able to support us by donating raffle prizes for the event. If you can help please give them to or speak to Anne Beattie (517273) or Christine Watson (503398).

#### St Robert's Grand Christmas Draw

Tickets are now available at the back of St Robert's church. Please take them and return the counterfoils and money by 23rd November so that they can be folded and put into the Draw on the 30th November at the Parish Christmas Fayre. (Counterfoils and money can be handed into the Parish Office or to Anne Beattie or Elizabeth Dixon).

#### St Robert's Christmas Fayre Bottle Stall

The bottle stall are appealing for bottles - alcoholic or non-alcoholic - which can be left at the parish office, any member of the Catenians or Neil McCole.

#### Posters for Christmas Fayre

We have some A4 size posters advertising St Robert's Christmas Fayre. If you have a shop/business/or visit a local shop that would be willing to put one up please could you take one from the back of Church.

#### The Year of the Word: "The God Who Speaks"

The Year of the Word will launch on Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. This 'Year of the Word' is devoted to raising the profile of Scripture amongst Catholics in England and Wales. For information about what has been planned so far please visit the special page on the diocesan Website. The year begins in our diocese with a celebration of Vespers on Sunday 1st December. Five venues have been chosen and Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 4.30pm in each place so that there is a real sense of praying together as a diocese. The five places are:

- St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
- St Ninians, Wooler
- St Mary's, Hexham
- Ushaw College, Durham
- English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Stockton



#### St Benet Biscop Christmas Party

"It is a long held tradition at St Benet Biscop that we host an annual Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens of our community and this year we would like to, once again, extend the invite to members of our local parishes. Our guests are treated to an afternoon of festivities including sherry on arrival, a student cabaret performance, afternoon tea, tombola and raffle, before bringing the afternoon to a close with Christmas carols. The party will begin at 1.45pm on Wednesday 11th December and will finish at approx. 3.45pm. If you would like to attend the event, or make arrangements to attend on someone else's behalf, could you please contact Marie Howett at the school on (01670) 822795 or via email at admin@st-benetbiscop.org.uk. Please note we are unable to provide transport, however the event is otherwise completely free of charge."