

Masses, Services and Devotions		
	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 7th Sept. <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Mirek Tansky	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Michael Lillico 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
Sunday 8th September 23rd Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: Charlie & Eilis Glancey 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 9th Sept. <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Dcd Goonan Family	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 10th Sept. <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Pat Ibbetson (EH)
Wednesday 11th Sept. <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Robert Burke	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 12th Sept. <i>The Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Sylvia Thompson 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 13th Sept. <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: John & Sarah Sutherland	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 14th Sept <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Pat Ibbetson (CWL) 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
Sunday 15th Sept. 24th Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: The Cone family 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

The Pope's Intention September 2019

The Protection of the Oceans: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Dementia Awareness Meeting

Many local communities are aiming to become "Dementia Friendly" areas encouraging everyone to share responsibility for ensuring that people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. We may know people from our own parish community and even our family who have or are suffering with dementia. We are to hold a Dementia Friendly meeting at St Robert's on Monday 23rd September at 7pm, led by Guy Kirk of Home Instead Senior Health Care. This meeting will last 1 hour and is open to people from both St Robert's and St Bede's Parishes, in fact open to everyone! Please do come along and find out a little more from those actively involved in increasing awareness of this illness.

The Herbert Protocol

The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme introduced by the police in partnership with other agencies which encourages carers to record useful information which could be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing. Carers, family members and friends can complete in advance, The Herbert Protocol form recording all vital details, such as medication required, mobile numbers, places previously located, a photograph etc. In the event of your family member or friend going missing, the form can be easily handed to the police to reduce the time taken in gathering this information. This form could make a real difference. It could help reduce the amount of time a vulnerable person is missing, bringing them to safety even quicker. More information can be found at this website. <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/advice-and-info/personal-safety/missing-persons/>

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Sunday 8th September – 23rd Sunday Year C

We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple". Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.



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 Kathleen Richardson, a former teacher at St Robert's

School for many years and will be remembered fondly; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 1st / 2nd September
St Bede's: £264.10 / St Robert's: £757.55

Tea and Coffee after Mass

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

Mission Appeal

Today we are having a Mission Appeal by the Vincentian Fathers (Congregation of the Mission). We welcome **Father John Adikwu**, CM who will make this appeal on behalf of his religious congregation.

Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday of Home Mission Sunday and there will be a retigin collection towards the work of spreading the gospel throughout England and Wales and there will be a retiring collection.

Education Service Collection

As we have a Mission Appeal this weekend, the Education Service Collection for the same weekend will be deferred until 22nd September.



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.

Enrolment into Guild of St Stephen

At this evening's Vigil Mass we will be enrolling Josh Douglas, into the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and presenting him with his medal. If any other young people wish to become Altar Servers, at either St Bede's Church or St Robert's, please speak to Fr Peter and we will make arrangements for you to join our teams.



Becoming a Catholic ... ?

Our Journey in Faith programme for enquirers interested in becoming a Catholic will begin on Thursday 19th September at 7pm, with an Introductory meeting at St Robert's Presbytery and go through to Easter when we will celebrate with Baptism or Receptions into Full Communion. If anyone is considering this, please contact Fr Peter to make an appointment for a quick chat to see what needs to be done. We are always delighted when people want to join us in the church, and we will do all we can to help you in your journey of faith as adults. The first thing that most enquirers need to do is to begin getting into the routine of attending a Sunday Mass.



Thank You

Pat Ibbetson's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, lovely cards and support that has been given to the family during the last week, it has been much appreciated.

Catholic Women's League

There will be a CWL committee meeting, on Monday 9th September at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September in St Robert's Church Hall at 7.30pm. At the moment we do not have anyone attending. Any parents wishing to make enquires about Baptism should speak to either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen over the coming weeks about attendance at this meeting. Parents should also be trying to attend Mass each weekend.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Parents of children who will be beginning Year 4 in school this week, and who are eligible to be celebrate their First Confession and Holy Communion are invited to complete a preparation form so that we can know sooner, rather than later, the children's Baptism details. Forms are now available from Fr Peter. The programme starts within the next few weeks. There will be Parents Meeting at St Bede's Church on Monday 23rd September at 4pm. St Robert's Meeting is yet to be confirmed.



Heritage Open Days, Morpeth

We will be taking part in the Heritage Open Days once again in September. We will open Collingwood House and St Robert's Church for visitors on the afternoons of Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September from 12pm - 4pm and we will need some volunteers to help please ... to help set up on the morning of 19th September, people to be available throughout the afternoons to welcome visitors to both church and House, and then to clear away on the Friday afternoon. If you are able to help would you please contact Bernadette in the Parish Office indicating what days you can be available.



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Partnership Spirituality Network

The next meeting of the Partnership Spirituality Network will be held on Monday 16th September at 10.30am at St Bede's Church.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting at St Robert's will be held on Wednesday 18th September. If anyone has any matters that they would like discussing at the meeting, please hand to Fr Peter before the weekend of 14th / 15th September

St Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held on Wednesday 11th September.

175th Anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral

On Monday 30th September, at 12noon, Bishop Robert will be celebrating a Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral in Newcastle, to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Opening of St Mary's Cathedral. This should be a wonderful celebration of a remarkable building that stands as the "Mother Church" of our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, in the heart of the city of Newcastle.

On Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Cathedral, Eliot Smith Dance presents an evening of bold and exciting contemporary works to captivate audiences, presented in partnership with Newcastle's Cathedral Church of Saint Mary as part of their 175th Anniversary. Portraits of Courage is a powerful and historical informative dance work choreographed by Eliot Smith, which is inspired by the genius and courage of William Armstrong, Emily Wilding Davison and George Stephenson.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020

Booking forms are now available for those who wish to travel on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 2020. [£100 initial deposit and then a further £200 when flight prices are available]. If you have taken a booking form and intend to travel please send it to Tangney Tours as soon as possible. Further details from Fr Peter



Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman



On Sunday 13th October, the Holy Father Pope Francis will canonise a new English saint. It is a great moment for the Catholic Church in England that Cardinal John Henry Newman is to be canonised. Many people from England will be travelling to Rome for this special ceremony but it will also be broadcast live by Vatican TV (YouTube) and EWTN on SKY Ch.588. This is a reason for all Catholics to rejoice and celebrate on that day

Supporting Asylum Seekers in Newcastle

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project based in Newcastle is running short of food supplies as the number of asylum seekers increases. Over the past two years the number has increased to between 50-60 (and occasionally up to 90) per week. Could you help? Could you donate one item from your weekly shopping items every week? There is a list at the back of St Robert's Church for suitable items. Thank you.

Christian Aid Street Collection

The Christian Aid street collection in Morpeth town centre takes places on Saturday 22nd September from 9am to 3pm. We need 6 volunteers to each collect for one hour on this day. If you are able to help please enter your name and phone number on the list in St Robert's church porch. Thank you.

Christian Aid Ceilidh

The annual Christian Aid Ceilidh take place Saturday 28th September in St George's Church Hall. Dancing as usual to St George's URC Band with bar, raffle etc. Great fun guaranteed for all participants! Admission £5 for adults - accompanied children free. Tickets available after 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Diaconate Information Evening

There are to be several information evenings around the diocese on the Permanent Diaconate. The closest one to us will be on Thursday 3rd October - St. Bede's, Catholic Row, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6HS. If interested please speak to Fr Peter and for further information contact Deacon Stephen or see the website <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocdeacon/vocdeaconnewsevents.php>

Bonus Ball Lottery

We will be running another Bonus Ball Lottery beginning in October. Bonus Ball numbers will be available from next weekend. The cost is £10 for 10 weeks, with weekly prize of £25.

St Benet Biscop Open Evening

St Benet Biscop Academy are holding a meeting for Prospective students and parents/carers for Year 7 who are warmly invited to the Open Evening on Wednesday, 25th September 2019 at 6.45 pm in the main hall. The evening will commence with an address by the new Headteacher, Mr Kevin Shepherd. Visitors will then be able to tour the Academy. Staff and current students will be available throughout the evening. If you are unable to attend for this evening and would like to arrange a visit to see the Academy at work, please contact the school on 01670 822795 or email marriott-lodgej@pax-christi.co.uk. For more information about the Academy please go to www.st-benetbiscop.org.uk They look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into their community.

Wednesday Masses at Bedlington

Mr Shepherd, the new Headteacher at St Benet Biscop Academy has asked if some of the classes from school could attend the Wednesday morning Mass at St Bede's. Naturally we would be delighted to welcome classes along to our Mass. In the coming weeks we look forward to sharing our Wednesday Mass with some of the staff and students from St Benet Biscop School.



ST BENET BISCOP
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

New School Chaplain

As the new academic year begins, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bridgid Duffy and I have been recently appointed as chaplain at St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy. My faith has always been a fundamental part of my life, which developed through spending two years volunteering with the diocesan Youth Ministry team, and two years working in the field of Sports Ministry. This is something that I am very keen to introduce in my work at St Benet Biscop, as sports ministry is an exciting and innovative way of sharing the joy of the Gospel. In conjunction with my ministry experience, I have also worked with CAFOD on their campaigns team and was given the opportunity to travel to Ethiopia. During my visit I witnessed the phenomenal work that CAFOD are doing to improve the lives of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, or suffering due to the adverse impacts of climate change. Therefore, through my experience and in holding a degree in Psychology, I am positive that I have gained enough knowledge to help me walk alongside the young people of St Benet Biscop in their faith journey. I am also excited at the prospect of strengthening the link between the parishes. In time, I hope we can create a strong and supportive community that can work together to enable the faith of our young people to grow and flourish."

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2019-2020

If anyone would like further information, on the CCRS please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocesan Department for Education on (0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

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Marys Meals World Porridge Day

To help Marys Meals celebrate World Porridge Day, on 10 October 2019, you can host a "Porridge Party". Anytime in October, host a Porridge Party with your friends, family, classmates or colleagues and send a real message of hope and love to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. Contact Mary's Meals to receive your Porridge Party pack. You can share your #PorridgeSmiles ... simply post a photo of yourself on 10 October smiling with your porridge bowl on social media using #PorridgeSmiles. Follow this link www.marysmeals.org.uk/world-porridge-day-2019/ perfect-porridge-recipes to be inspired by Perfect Porridge recipes from some of our favourite chefs and celebrities including Gary Maclean, Joanna Lumley and Tom Kitchin. You could serve some of these delicious dishes at your Porridge Party.



Care Assistants Required



The Little Sisters of the Poor on Westmorland Road in Newcastle run St Joseph's Home which is a large residential care home for the elderly. They currently have some vacancies for Care Assistants, both Full and Part-Time Hours available ... Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm. For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley via email on lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk or telephone on (0191 273 1279.