

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 1st February	10.00am Partnership Mass 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Fred Devine	<i>No Mass / No Confessions here today</i>
Sunday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Peter Onono
Monday 3rd February <i>St Blaise</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Holy Souls	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 4th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Dcd Mbrs of Sammut, Mazola, Hutchinson & Cassar Families
Wednesday 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Owen Ruddy	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 6th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Holy Souls 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 7th February <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 8th February <i>St Jerome Emiliani / St Josephine Bakhita</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Crik & Hughes Fams.	<i>No Mass / No Confessions here today</i>
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday of the Year		9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

The Pope's Intentions February 2020



Listen to the Migrants' Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Fatima Mass at Ashington

A Mass to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Saint Jacinta Marto, visionary of Fatima, will be held at St Aidan's Ashington on Thursday 20th February. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.45pm and Mass will be celebrated at 7pm, followed by Veneration of the relic of St Jacinta. All Welcome.



Catholic Miracle Rally

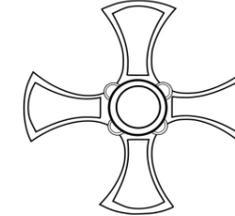
Cor et Lumen Christi Community have organised Catholic Miracle Rally on Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th March at All Hallows Catholic School in Preston. More information on their website www.coretlumenchristi.org, or on flyers available at the back of church.

Pray as you go

'Pray as you Go' is a daily prayer session, to access via your devices, to help you pray whenever you find time. A new prayer session, lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, is produced every day of the week and one for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', sermon or bible study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Written by a number of Jesuits, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. You can find it in the App Store or via pray-asyou-go.org where you will find further resources and prayer tools. We hope that you might find it a useful and supportive App and website.



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Sunday 2nd February 2020 — The Presentation of the Lord



If you were told you were going to die tomorrow, would you be ready to go? Young and old alike, the answer to this question is probably "no"! Being ready to leave this world demands tremendous clarity, and whilst some of us have achieved clarity in our lives, the rest stumble around confused and overly burdened. We go through the motions of living but all too easily we are living out a 'ground-hog-day' existence... running on the spot and repeating the same old mistakes. What we need is someone to tell us where we are going wrong, and gently put us on the right track. In short, what we need is someone to light our way.

In today's gospel reading, Mary and Joseph present the Baby Jesus at the temple as Jewish law required. Here they meet the elderly Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna have been waiting for the promise written in scripture that a Saviour would come to light the world and bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite their great age, Simeon and Anna were living and praying in hope that they would see the fulfilment of God's promise. When Simeon sees the Baby Jesus and recognises him as the Messiah he is ready to die in peace because the fulfilment of scripture was his own personal fulfilment too.

So what are we waiting for in our lives today? Are we able to recognise Jesus and the opportunities he gives us as Simeon did, or are we too busy running round like headless chickens looking for happiness and re-assurances in all the wrong places? How are we waiting? Are we waiting like the proverbial rabbit mesmerised by the fast approaching headlights, or are we waiting in constant preparation?

The time has come to stop flitting from one ambition to another and from one hollow goal to the next. The time has come to look for a genuinely important goal of God's floodlit making.





Please pray for: Peace on Earth, Racial Justice Day, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently including **June Gebhard** (Hepscott) whose Funeral will be celebrated at Cowpen Crematorium on 5th February and **Robert Thompson Stephenson** whose funeral will take place at Cowpen Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Weekly Collection - 18th / 19th January

St Bede's: £518.00 / St Robert's: £790.68

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. Donation at St Bede's between now and Lent will go towards 'Mary's Meals'.

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.

St Robert's Mini - Vinnies

Please remember to save your postage stamps as Mini Vinnies are still collecting stamps for local charities — tub available in the church porch.

Hymnbook Amnesty at St Robert's

We seem to have a number of hymnbooks missing from Church and we run out of hymnbooks for Sunday Mass in recent weeks. If you have borrowed a hymn book and have it at home or elsewhere, can you please return it.

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the St Robert's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30 p.m. in the upper church hall. We would be delighted to welcome any prospective new members - why not come along and give it a try?



Saturday Morning changes

Please note that there is No Mass and No Confessions at St Robert's Church on Saturday 8th February.

Rededication of England to Mary

On Sunday 29th March, every parish is being asked to celebrate the rededication of England to Our Blessed Lady. We are asked to mark this at 12 noon. We will discuss what we will do at the next Liturgy and Worship Group meeting. Everyone welcome.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on February 13th at 7.00pm at St Robert's. Any parents who are looking to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen about filling in the Baptism paperwork and attending the Baptism preparation Meeting. **Reminder:** For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised catholic. Mass on a Sunday (or Sat. vigil) is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising catholic. Attendance at the Baptism Meeting must be completed. Dates for Baptism are not usually given out before the Baptism Meeting is completed. People living outside the Parish will need their own Parish Priests permission to have their child baptised here.



St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social

The St Robert's Senior Parishioners Social will be held on Saturday 15th February 2020, from 3 pm till 6 pm. for all those eligible (over 70 or thereabouts). If you would like to come please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of church or in the hall, indicating whether you need transport. Those who have come in previous years should by now have received an invitation but if you have not or you are newly eligible please do not be shy to add your name. Also, we still need donations of prizes for the raffle - please leave them in the presbytery. Offers of help with transport to and from the Social would be welcome - please ring Gerry Harbor on ☎ 517829. Thank you.

Anna Chaplaincy

In Morpeth, the ecumenical Morpeth Chaplaincy Team has been ministering to the elderly in Care Homes and Sheltered accommodations since 2014. The Chaplaincy team are now to be called the "Anna Chaplaincy". The vision of Anna Chaplaincy is to see in every small and medium sized community in the country, Anna Chaplaincy, so that the "Anna Chaplain" name becomes synonymous with spiritual care for older people. Mrs Veronica Shearer from St Robert's Parish is one of the team members. The Morpeth team is to be commissioned as "The Morpeth Anna Chaplaincy Team" at 4pm on Sunday 2nd February in St James Church, Morpeth. Representatives from all the local churches will be present at this commissioning and it is hoped that the Mayor and some councillors will be present, as well as representatives from the Sheltered Housing Schemes and the Care Homes as the Anna Chaplaincy starts this new chapter in its Ministry to the elderly in Morpeth.



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. There will be a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on that day at 7pm to mark this special occasion. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Information is now available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 31st July—7th August 2020. The pilgrimage website has almost all the information necessary, including links to all the Booking Forms, a link to Tangney Tours website for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Brochure, www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk. or contact Fr Peter for further information. Places available in the Youth Section for anyone aged 16-25 by express coach to Lourdes, places available for those who can't travel or stay on their own in Lourdes, and those who need Nursing Care, for those who need to travel by Jumbulance, especially if unable to fly.

3C's Club

The meetings will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, with the next meeting on Wednesday 5th February from 2pm. All are welcome!

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

Medjugorje Irish Centre can organise pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady from April - October 2020 with a 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book your own flights - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call for further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662

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Northern Catholic Calendar 2020

Copies of the 2020 Northern Catholic Calendar are now available in the porch priced £3. Please put money in the slot in the wall.

A message from St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy

"In July, a group of St Benet Biscop Students are travelling to Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world, with a volunteer organisation called 'Camps international.' The four-week expedition will involve building facilities such as kitchens, toilets and schools, installing water systems, reforestation and community education. The work of Camps International supports less fortunate communities (33% of the population live on less than \$1 a day) by providing essentials that we take for granted. The students have made fantastic individual efforts to raise the funds they need for their trip and one last push will ensure that we can support every student on their adventure of a lifetime where they will not only challenge themselves but support local communities and the environment." St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy are therefore proud to present a very special fundraising event at 7.30pm on Friday 28th February at Whitley Bay Playhouse. The evening will feature extreme cameraman Keith Partridge who will give a 'behind the scenes' presentation, with stories of filming in some of the most challenging places on earth. The event will be presented by the BBC's Chris Jackson, who will host a question and answer session with Keith after his presentation. In addition, we will also be raising money for Macmillan and Cancer Research UK, two charities very close to our hearts. Thank you so much for your support! Tickets: £15 www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk Box Office: 08442481588"



Do you have any surplus rosaries?

Through the Catenian Association, rosaries are sent to missions in Africa, the indigenous people of Australia and to people in prison in the UK. Over the past 2 years, over 11,000 donated rosaries have been sent to overseas missions and nearly 30,000 purchased rosaries have been distributed through prison chaplains in the UK. If you have any rosaries that you don't need they will be very much appreciated by Catholics in these situations. Please leave them in the box on the table in St Robert's church porch. Thank you.

Justice & Peace Project

The Justice & Peace Project in Newcastle is very grateful for St Robert's continuing food contributions. There is a great ongoing need for the staple food items listed in the porch, owing to increasing numbers of destitute asylum-seekers (living on 8 food items and £5 per week). Please continue your kind help.

Thinking about a career in politics and public affairs?

Faith in Politics is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme which began in 2003. The scheme uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. Interns commit to a varied year working in Parliament or in the public affairs teams of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Catholic Education Service, and CAFOD. They explore the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events, including a visit to Rome on pilgrimage, to learn how the Vatican works, and how the UK relates to the Holy See. Interns undertake the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Importantly their journey begins and ends with a retreat, and spiritual guidance is an integral part of the year. The group lives at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year they join a network of over 100 alumni. Faith in Politics is named on the Vatican's website Laity Involved as an example of best practice formation of the lay faithful. More information and online application at <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk>

Parishioners contact details

The details we currently have for parishioners dates back to more than 6 / 7 years ago and some details will now be out of date. If you think you need to update your details, please let us know as soon as possible.

SPUC Event: Building a Culture of Life

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is having a one-day conference on Saturday 7th March from 930am—4pm at Tyneside Irish Centre, Newcastle. The conference is to help people learn more about the threat of decriminalisation abortion and assisted suicide, how to take effective pro-life action locally and how to lobby to make a difference. Book a place on the conference by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091 or email katherinehamp-ton@spuc.org.uk The days costs £30 including lunch and refreshments.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020

This year the Service for Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe, taking as their theme 'Rise, take up your mat and walk'. The Service will be hosted by the Baptist Church, in the Methodist Church, Howard Road, Morpeth on Friday 6th March 2020 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served after the Service. Anyone who would like to join the band or the Choir, please come along to rehearsals on Fridays 21st and 28th February at 11am and on 6th March at 10am. All Welcome.

Vacancy at Pauline Books and Media

There is a vacancy for a Part-time Assistant at Pauline Books and Media at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, to start as soon as possible. Competent computer skills, flexibility, initiative, good communication skills as well as the ability to relate well with people are essential qualities for this position. An involvement and interest in the Christian faith and in particular the vision and ministry of the Catholic Church would make this position interesting and fulfilling. As this job is in a Christian book centre you will need to demonstrate a level of understanding of Christian faiths and their practices so that you can assist customers and promote Christian values. Please indicate in your application how you will be able to do this. A driving licence and use of a car would be necessary to allow attendance at Diocesan events. For an application form and further information please email: newcastle@pauline-uk.org or write to: Mrs Helen Newton, Pauline Books & Media, Clayton St West, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5HH

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 26th March. There will be a 10am Mass at St Bede's Church, Bedlington and a 7pm Mass at St Robert's Church. There is also a list of all the other Masses being celebrated throughout our Partnership on the noticeboard.

New Parishioners

It is noticeable that we have new parishioners attending Mass at St Robert's on a Sunday morning. We are delighted to be able to welcome all those who have recently moved into the area and have also become members of our parish community. Please introduce yourself to Fr Peter if you haven't already done so. It would also be very helpful if you give your details, address, email, etc, to Fr Peter or Bernadette in the parish office. You are very welcome, we hope you feel happy amongst us. If we don't live up to our words of welcome, please let us know. We want everyone to feel part of our parish and welcome here amongst us.

Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held at St Roberts, in the Church Hall, on Thursday 6th February at 7pm.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Sunday February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. On this day the Church thanks God for the gift of the different forms of consecrated life, and prays for an increase in vocations to the consecrated life, so that the life and witness of monks and nuns, religious brothers and sisters, will continue to enrich our Church.