

Mass and Service Times and Intentions

Saturday	23rd July	6.30pm	Vigil Mass: Brian Gregory
Monday	25th July	10.00am	Jim Craik
Saturday	30th July	6.30pm	Vigil Mass: John Beckwith

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9.20am to 9.50 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.50pm - 6.15 pm

Please pray for:

- all who are sick; all who have died recently including William Wilks and Marie McAndrew who died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe: Human Life; Seafarers

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July

Universal: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Going into Hospital?

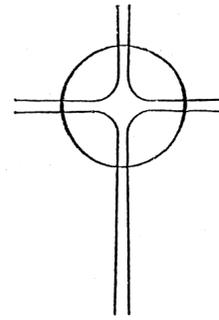
Please remember that if you are going into Hospital, and you want the Chaplain for Confession, Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, it is your responsibility to ask for the Chaplain to visit. You must ask the staff for the Chaplain as he does not have access to who the Catholic patients are.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2016-2017

The CCRS 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 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 2016-2017 can be accessed at www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php Anyone who is interested in learning more about the CCRS programme is welcome to attend the free CCRS information evening at St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY on Monday 12 September 2016 from 5.00pm - 6.30pm. If you would like to attend this event or for further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocesan Department for Education on 0191 243 3313.

*"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith, no explanation is possible."*

St Thomas Aquinas



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Have you ever prayed really hard for something and not had that prayer granted? Have you ever looked back in life at a prayer you once made and thought thank goodness God didn't grant it? This week's gospel reading is a lesson in prayer, but more importantly, it's a lesson in having faith that God is a parent who will not let us down.



Let's face it, we pray hardest to God when we want something. We pray hardest when something seems beyond our human means and we need some kind of miracle, this often leads us to make inappropriate prayers. How many of us pray that the love of our life will notice us in the launderette? How many of us pray to win the lottery and make secret deals with God that we will donate half the winning to charity in return? How many of us pray to God for our football team to score a winning goal in the closing minutes of a match? Worse... we lose faith when such prayers aren't answered! We find it difficult to believe that unanswered prayers might mean that God knows better, or has a different purpose for us.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples shared some of our frustration when they say, "Lord teach us to pray." In response Jesus gives us a model by which to pray. It's important to recognise it as a model and not a prayer as such. Reciting a prayer is not the same as praying. The model pray Jesus gives us, 'The Lord's prayer', invites us to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread', in other words, for the things we genuinely need. Pray for forgiveness, and promise to forgive others. Pray with persistence. Prayer is about building a relationship with God, speaking to him often throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. "What father," reasons Jesus, "would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?" Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

**Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
Saturday 23rd July 2016**

Collections: Sunday 17th July: £177.00. Thank You.

New Vigil Mass Time

On the first weekend of September, Saturday 3rd September, the Vigil Mass time will change to 5.30pm. The Parish Website already informs visitors of this and this newsletter will remind people. We will also have the noticeboard altered to display the new Vigil Mass time.

Mass Times this week

Please note that there is no Mass on Wednesday and Friday this week. Fr Peter leaves to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Friday morning

Pray for the Pilgrimages

Please keep all the pilgrims to Lourdes in your prayers. There are two flights departing on Friday morning, at 7am and 9.30am. Please know that you will all be remembered in prayer during the pilgrimage.. On Saturday evening, Fr Dermott Donnelly, from St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, will be celebrating the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. This week is also World Youth Day and Pope Francis will be gathering in Krakow next weekend to mark this. Please keep this in your prayers.

Monastic Visitors to St Bede's

Many thanks to those who have offered their help with a "spring clean" of the presbytery in preparation for our monastic visitors at the beginning of August. Father Geoffrey Scott is the Abbot of Douai and he will be joined by Fr Austin also from the Douai community. They will arrive on Wednesday 3rd August and will celebrate Mass at St Bede's on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th **at 9am** and the Saturday Vigil Mass, as well as the 9am Mass at St Robert's Church on Sunday 7th August.

Forward Together in Hope

Please think and pray about the future of our local parishes and deanery and how best to use the priestly resources that we currently have. The situation is not likely to improve, so how best can this parish work more closely with its neighbouring parishes and which of the neighbouring parishes would you look to for support. The priests of the Deanery have made their suggestions and they now await yours. The questions on the Forward Together in Hope leaflet which you received last week, can be handed to Fr Peter or to Tony Hart and will help discussions later in the year.



Getting Involved in Parish Life

What can you offer to your parish? Is there something not happening in the parish that you would like to see, or indeed like to lead? Are there ways you might be actively involved in the life of our parish? You might have skills yet unseen in our parish!! Whatever way you think you can be involved, whether in one of the parish ministries or if you think you are able to do something that would benefit the parish, please speak to Fr Peter.



Tea and Coffee ... is served after Mass every Saturday evening in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. There is usually some wonderful cake as well!!



Petitions for Lourdes

If anyone wants any petitions for prayer taking to Lourdes, please write them down and place in an envelope and hand to Fr Peter who will take them to Lourdes. **Do not include money in those envelopes.** If you want candles lighting for a particular intention, place your donation for these candles in an envelope with a note for your Candle Intention and hand to Fr Peter. The candles will be purchased and lit whilst in Lourdes.

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Robert's Parish at Morpeth will be preparing young people in Year 9 and above for Confirmation in the Autumn. Are there any young people who would like to join with them for the preparation of celebration of this sacrament? Please let Fr Peter know. Preparation will be led by the Parish "Life Teen" leader, Cody Kettner, but we invite catechists from both parishes to be involved also. Alternatively, there may be a Deanery celebration of Confirmation, but not until 2017 .



Vocation Discernment

For those thinking about Priesthood (aged 16 and over), the diocese has arranged some Evenings of Prayer and Reflection with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. These will be held on Wednesday 21 September, 19 October 2016, 23 November, 21 December 2016, 25 January, 22 February, 22 March, 3 May, 24 May and 21 June 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. A meal will follow these evenings of prayer and reflection. Further details are available from the Diocesan Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith 0191 2676063 | stjohnvi-anneywestdenton@gmail.com



Flame 2017

We have to know by September how many young people from the parish wish to go on the local coach to the catholic youth event, Flame 2017 at Wembley Arena in London in March. Would those interested please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible. Easiest way to confirm your wish to go is to send him an email.

Preparing for Baptism

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. Any parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. **The next Preparation Meeting will be held at St Robert's Church on 22nd September.**

