

Mass and Service Times and Intentions

Saturday	24th Sept.	5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Dominic Devine
Monday	26th Sept.	10.00am	Mass: <i>No Intention</i>
		11.00am	Funeral Service: Elspeth Knox
Tuesday	27th Sept.	10.00am	Word and Communion Service
Thursday	29th Sept.	10.00am	Word and Communion Service
Friday	30th Sept.	9.20am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		10.00am	Mass: James and Sarah Craik and Family
Saturday	1st October	5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Francis Reid McAlroy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9.20am to 9.50 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.15 pm

Please pray for:

- all who are sick; and all who have died recently, including Elspeth Knox and Pauline White whose Funerals are to be celebrated this week.
- Students and Teachers; the spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation; Justice and Peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person. That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize. That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

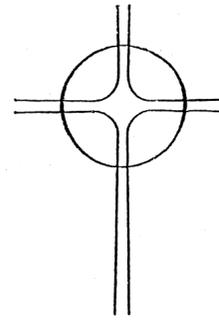
St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society ("SVP") is an international Christian voluntary organization dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. September is the month the society traditionally uses to promote support and services, since September sees the saint's feast day. (27th September) **You can get involved by:** Becoming an SVP member; Volunteering to help with local SVP projects; Praying for the work of the SVP; Becoming a Friend of the SVP; Making a contribution towards the society's work; Telling somebody else about the SVP [www.svp.org.uk] (*England and Wales*)

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 Preparation, 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 Bede's Church on 6th October at 6.30pm.**

Charity Concert at St Mary's Cathedral: Saturday 22nd October at 7.00pm. Hosted by Paul Mooney. For tickets please contact Mick McCabe on 07969107791 – tickets £10.



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We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are told what to put on our skin and hair to look better. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about our receding gum lines than the orphans in Syria? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond.

At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.



26th Sunday Year C
Saturday 24th September 2016

Tea and Coffee ... is served after Mass every Saturday evening. Everyone is welcome.

GIFT AID - Helping the Parish

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Parish can claim back from the Inland Revenue 25p of every £1 you give, at no cost or inconvenience to you. Setting up a Gift Aid arrangement helps St Bede's to increase its income, which is much needed for the upkeep of the church and the parish. For further information contact the Parish Office.

Forward Together in Hope

Parish Meeting

On Wednesday 28th September, at 7pm, we will hold a Parish Meeting in the Hall, to discuss the next stages of Forward Together in Hope. Every Parish is being asked to have a meeting like this, so we encourage as many of you turn up to discuss the possibilities for the future. We are asked to have some definite thoughts in preparation for the Vicariate meeting on 6th October.



Vicariate Meeting

On **Thursday 6th October**, the Diocesan Forward Together in Hope Team are holding a meeting for all the parishes in our Vicariate of Northumberland to discuss the next part of how we plan the way forward in our parishes. **The meeting is to be held at St Benet Biscop Academy from 7pm** (duration approx. 2 hours). There is an open invitation to clergy, *Forward Together in Hope* lay representatives, parish members and school representatives. The purpose of the meeting is: To provide participants with a brief update on where we are on the *Forward Together in Hope* journey; To present a vision of what new partnerships could be like; To confirm expectations about the next stages of the process – and the development of partnership proposals; To provide the opportunity for participants to discuss and clarify any specific issues. Those who wish to attend are asked to complete a Booking available from Fr Peter or Tony Hart and to return it by 23rd September to the FTiH office in Newcastle. Form is also available on <http://hope.rcdhn.org.uk/>

Website Information on FTiH

Our Parish website has links to all the updates from the Diocese about FTiH. It might help you if you have a look before the meetings.

CAFOD Fast Day

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day will be marked on Friday 7th October. Envelopes will be available next weekend for those who wish to make a donation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday morning before the 10am Mass, from 9.20am. It is a wonderful opportunity for half an hour of quiet prayer. Why not come along and experience the quietness of God's presence.



Celebrate North East

Celebrate North East is a non-residential, Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference, being held on 5th and 6th November at St Joseph's Academy, Hebburn, and will include catholic teaching, workshops, lively praise and worship, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and haling prayer and Mass. Bookings forms available now and also on www.celebrateconference.org, or contact Gerry Nelson on 0191 252 1958 or Email: north-east@celebrateconference.org

Annual Mass for Our Lady of Walsingham

Mass will be celebrated on 28th September at 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas, Darlington to mark the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. All welcome.



Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation began two weeks ago at St Robert's and last week there were 19 present, though only one came from St Bede's Parish. If there is anyone who has missed this opportunity and still wishes to join in, please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible, before its too late to join.

OFSTED Inspection

St Bede's School underwent an OFSTED inspection on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We will not know the outcome of the Inspection for a couple of weeks and the Inspectors have to meet to discuss their findings, but we are sure that all will be fine. We take this opportunity to thanks all our school staff for their work throughout the year supporting the children of our parish community.

Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers

A Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at Minsteracres Retreat House on Saturday 8th October 2016, and will be led by Deacon Rob Wareing. This Day is for the Parishes in the Northumberland Deaneries and is an ideal opportunity for our two deaneries to start working together more closely. Coffee and tea will be served from 10:00am, with the day itself starting at 10.30am. Those who wish to go are asked to contact the Parish Secretary, Judith Chaffey at St Mary's Hexham 01434 603119 or e-mail email@stmaryshexham.plus.com



Journey in Faith Meetings

A Journey in Faith Programme will begin on Thursday 29th September at St Robert's Church and meetings will be every two weeks, from 7pm – 8.30pm. The Journey in Faith will follow the "Aid to the Church in Need" Little Catechism called "I Believe" which works through The Apostles Creed. All those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church, and any parishioners wishing to learn a little more about what the Church believes and teaches are invited to come along. If you know anyone who might interested, please pass this message on to them.

Going Into Hospital ...

In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that on entering hospital you indicate that your details or those of your relative are to be passed to the *Roman Catholic* Chaplain. Also state that you or your relative would like the Roman Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and the local priests of Ashington, Blyth and Morpeth provide an on-call service in case of emergency.

Youth Sunday Preparation

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St Joseph's School, Hebburn on Sunday 9th October, 3.00pm - 5.15pm. This year's Youth Sunday, which falls on the Feast of Christ the King in November, is also the Closing of the Year of Mercy. A variety of resources will be available to explore the theme 'HE IS MERCY'. All adults and young people (year 9 and above) are invited—please let Fr Peter know if you would like to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on ☎ 01207 592244 or email: admin@ymt.org

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.

