

<b>Mass and Service Times and Intentions</b>			
Saturday 29th October	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Tom, Elizabeth & John Coates	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday C
Monday 31st October	10.00am Mass	Northern Brethren Fund	<i>Weekday</i>
	7.00pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	<i>Vigil All Saints</i>
Tuesday 1st November			<i>All Saints</i>
Wednesday 2nd Nov.	7.00pm Mass	Deceased of the Parish	<i>All Souls</i>
Thursday 3rd November	10.00am Word and Communion Service		<i>Weekday</i>
Friday 4th November	10.00am Mass	Molly, Owen and Patrick Ruddy	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
Sat. 5th November	5.30pm Vigil Mass	People of the Parish	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday C

<b>Devotions this week</b>		
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday	9.20am - 9.50 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday	5.00pm - 5.15 pm

**Please pray for:**

- all who are sick, including Charlie Monaghan; and all who have died recently.
- 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 November**

**General Intentions: Countries Receiving Refugees** - That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

**Missionary Intention: Collaboration of Priests and Laity** - That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

on 23 November, at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

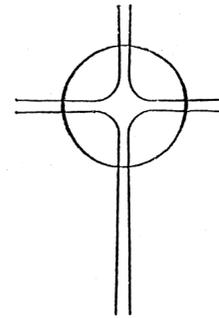
**Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)**

"Discerning God's Call in my life" takes place from 11th - 13th November in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**Pray for Vocations:** Vocations come from our ordinary parish communities. Perhaps we have some men in our parishes who have a vocation to the priesthood or some to the permanent diaconate. Pray for them that they might come forward with courage to explore the possibility. Pray for vocations. To the priesthood and diaconate and religious life.

**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



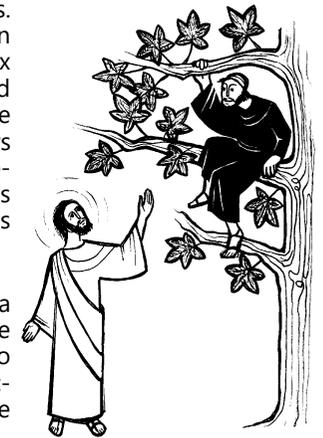
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We are all invited to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and others who have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.



It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us; however low we have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.

**31st Sunday Year C  
Saturday 29th October 2016**

**Tea and Coffee** is served after Mass every Saturday evening in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Collection:** 23rd October- **£289.60** Thank You.

**CLOCKS:** don't forget to put your clocks **back** one hour TONIGHT!



### World Mission Sunday



Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection, which raised **£110.71**. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and help heal the broken-hearted. Please pray for the work of 'Missio' and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755

**Clergy Training Fund:** The Clergy Training Fund will be taken TONIGHT. The fund remains open for four weeks, for private donations. This Fund is used by the Diocese for the formation of our Priests and Permanent Deacons. Gift Aid Envelopes are available for this. Today we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus about this.

**Holyday of Obligation: All Saints:** Tuesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at St Bede's, Bedlington at 7pm on Monday 31st October. Masses will be celebrated at 12.30pm and 7.00pm at Morpeth on Tuesday 1st November.

**Remembering our Deceased Families and Parishioners:** There will be Mass here at St Bede's on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.00pm for the Feast of All Souls.

**Parish Meeting:** There will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm (after Mass) in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Commemorating the Deceased Polish Community:** There are a number of Polish War Graves in the Churchyard at St Mary's Church, Morpeth. The cadets and pipers of the Combined Cadet Force based at The Northumberland Church of England Academy will be holding a short service of Remembrance beside the Polish War Graves at St Mary's churchyard on Sunday 13th November. Anyone wishing to attend should meet in the Storey Community Centre Car park at 3.30pm.

**Marian Torchlight Procession:** St Mary's Hexham are hosting a Torchlight Procession to mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and in Thanksgiving for the Year of Mercy, on Friday 9th December at 7.00pm. There will be The Rosary at the Bandstand in the Park, (wrap up well!) followed by a procession to St Mary's Church, followed by Benediction. Together with St Robert's, Morpeth we are arranging a coach for those who want to go. There will be a charge for this, which will be sorted when we know numbers. If you intend to go, please put your name on the list TODAY at the back of Church.

### Christmas Fayre

St Bede's Parish Christmas Fayre is to be held on Saturday 26th November from 11am—2pm. In the Church Hall There is an appeal for donations for raffle prizes, for bottles for the bottle stall and also, nearer the date, for cakes for the Cake Stall. There is a box in the porch for donations. If you can help with any new gifts that can be used on the various stalls it would be greatly appreciated.

### Pope John Paul II Award

Registration is now open for the Pope John Paul II Award, for young people aged 16—18. Further details can be found at ... [www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com](http://www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com) For further infor-

mation if you wish to take part please contact Joe Gallagher or Fr Peter.

### Forward Together in Hope

- ◆ **Appeal for Help:** We are very grateful for all that Tony Hart has accomplished as the Parish Rep for Forward Together in Hope. His appeal last week was an indication that the remaining work on this cannot be done by him alone. Anyone able to help him, especially by being able to attend forthcoming meetings about proposed partnerships would be greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **Area Partnership Meeting:** A meeting has been arranged on Thursday 3rd November at 7pm at St Aidan's, Ashington, for clergy, Parish representatives and the FTiH teams in our local parishes to meet to discuss the proposed partnership. St Aidans Ashington and Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, Amble wish to be part of the Partnership with Longhorsley, Morpeth and Bedlington.
- ◆ Our Parish website has links to all the updates from the Diocese about FTiH. It is very useful to read the papers produced so far.

FORWARD TOGETHER  
IN HOPE

**Year of Mercy Talks—Works of Mercy:** A talk for the Year of Mercy on **"Bury the Dead"** will be held here at **St Bede's Church** on Wednesday 16th November at 7.00pm. Come along and listen to the voices of those who offer dignity to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. For further information please contact the Department for Spirituality, on 01912433302 or email [spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk)



**Jubilee Year of Mercy Conclusion:** On Saturday the 19th November the Jubilee Year of Mercy will end. There will be a Diocesan Mass at 12noon at St Mary's Cathedral, during which the Holy Door will be closed. Bishop Seamus invites everyone to join in celebrating the conclusion of this Holy Year.

**Afternoon Reflection: Close of the Year of Mercy:** The Lay Carmelite Association are holding an afternoon of Reflection for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy on Sunday 20th November at St Aidan's RC Church, Ashington. It begins at 1.00pm with a Shared Table, followed by 'Lectio Divina', A talk on Forgiveness with some discussions, a talk on mercy and ending with Evening Prayer. Everyone Welcome. For Information about the Lay Carmelite Community, Contact: Teresa Kelly 01670 732230

### Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

The Diocese is seeking to appoint a Safeguarding Coordinator. For an application pack please visit the website [rcdhn.org.uk](http://rcdhn.org.uk) or call ☎ 0191 243 3301 or Email: [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) The closing date for applications is 11th November 2016 and Interviews will be held on Friday 25th November.

**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 must also be a practising Catholic and we ask parents to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. **The next meeting will be at St Robert's Church, Morpeth on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm.** 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.

### 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. A meal will follow these evenings of prayer and reflection. Further details are available from the Diocesan Vocations Promoter: Fr David Smith 0191 2676063 | [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com) Next Meetings to be held