

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 31st August <i>St Aidan and the Bishops of Lindisfarne</i>	12noon Baptism: Hunter Rossi 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Simpson & O'Neill Families	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Paul McCole 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00–12noon Confessions
Sunday 1st September 22nd Sunday Year C	12.30pm Baptism: Roman Rutherford	9.00am Mass: Helen & Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 2nd September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving	
Tuesday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</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 (Catenians)
Wednesday 4th September <i>Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: John & Sarah Sutherland 11.30am Funeral Service: Jean McColgan	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 5th September <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>		8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Pat Ibbetson 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Friday 6th September <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Madelaine Potter	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 7th September <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: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Charlie & Eilis Glancey

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.

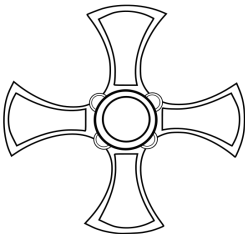
Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2019–2020  
If anyone would like further information, on the CCRS please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocesan Department for Education on ☎ 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Christian Aid Treasurer  
The Morpeth Christian Aid Group are looking for a new treasurer as Roz Soulsby who has fulfilled this role diligently for many years now wishes to step down. The Morpeth Group is successful in raising over £10,000 a year. If anyone would like to volunteer to become treasurer, please contact Gerry Harber Tel. 517829.

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 takes 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. Tickets £5 available from next week – accompanied children free.

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Catholic Church  
Catholic Row  
BEDLINGTON  
NE22 6HS



Saint Robert of Newminster  
Catholic Church  
Oldgate  
MORPETH  
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Sunday 1st September – 22nd Sunday Year C

It's hard to admit to, but some of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and its' not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. Sometimes we assume superiority over all sorts of other people, deciding we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs, or that we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We can decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction.

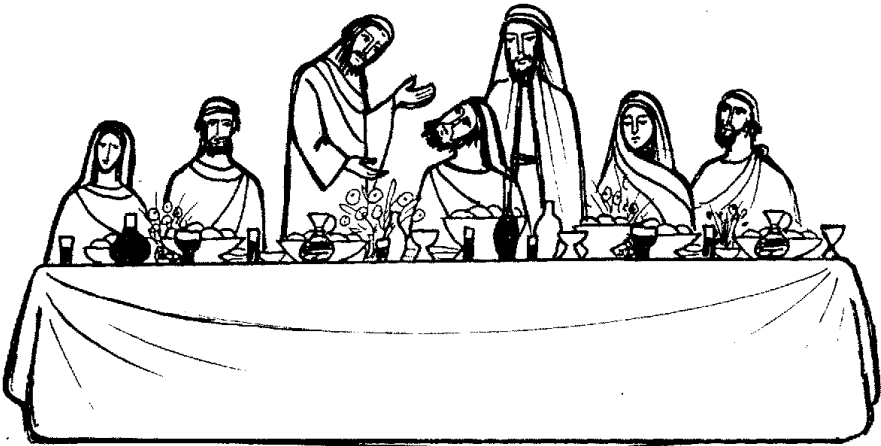
Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why is it that some people are so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because being humble is associated with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.





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 Pat Ibbetson (*see below for Funeral details*), and Jean McColgan whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Wednesday and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 24th / 25th August  
St Bede's: £267.20 St Robert's: £829.24

#### 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

We will be having a Mission Appeal next weekend by the Vincentian Fathers (Congregation of the Mission). We look forward to welcoming Father John Adikwu, CM who will make this appeal on behalf of his religious congregation. Fr John is currently a Chaplain to Barnsley Hospital, in the Diocese of Hallam.

#### Education Service Collection

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

#### Parish Gift Aid Letters

The remaining Gift Aid letters for St Robert's Parish have now been posted out to the named parishioners. There is still a large pile of letters unclaimed at St Bede's Church. If you are at St Bede's, please collect your letters and contact the parish Gift Aid organiser if there are mistakes in your letter. We take this opportunity to thank all those who 'Gift Aid' their donations to the parish, meaning we can gain an extra 25% for every donation made to the parish.

#### Welcome

If you are a visitor to our churches over these Summer months, we hope you feel very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest because it's good for us to know where our visitors come from!!

#### 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.

#### Mrs Pat Ibbetson

The Funeral for Mrs Pat Ibbetson will be celebrated at St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle where Pat had lived for the last 18 months. Her body will be received into the Chapel at the Little Sisters on Sunday 1st September at 5pm and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Monday 2nd September. The family extend an invitation to parishioners to join them at this Mass.

#### 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.



#### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September in St Robert's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Any parents wishing to make enquiries 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.



#### Enrolment into Guild of St Stephen

At next Saturday's Vigil Mass we will be enrolling Josh Douglas, into the Guild of St Stephen 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.



#### 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.



#### St Bede's Church Ministries Rota

The new Ministries rota for St Bede's Church, which commences on 14th September is available in the Narthex (on pink sheet).

#### Pilgrimage to Carfin, Scotland

The coach will leave from St Aidan's, Ashington at 8.00am on Thursday 5th September, then pick up at the bus stop outside Morrison's in Morpeth (so if the Morpeth/Bedlington parishioners could be at the bus stop at about 8.10am or let Elizabeth know if you wish to join the pilgrimage at Ashington). There is an all day free car park underneath Morrisons. We will make a coffee stop en route and there is a small café beside the shrine where you can purchase teas and coffees, but it may be advisable to take a packed lunch. If you need any further information please ring Elizabeth Dixon on ☎ 516584. Thank you.

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020

Booking forms ARE NOW AVAILABLE for those who wish to book their seat on this trip. £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. The pilgrimage will be a 10 night pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, flying from Manchester with EL-AL, and staying four nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Tiberias and three nights in Jerusalem.



#### CAFOD

CAFOD is looking for a new staff member to recruit and manage volunteers in our parishes and schools around the diocese. The permanent, full-time role is based in Durham and is a great opportunity for someone who cares passionately about poverty and injustice and working within the church. Please see [cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://cafod.org.uk/jobs) for details. The closing date is 1st September.



#### 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.

#### 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



#### 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.



#### 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@lslondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lslondon.co.uk) or telephone on ☎ 0191 273 1279.



#### 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.

#### Serve the Lord with gladness

There will be a Day of Reflection for all who exercise Ministries within the church, at Ushaw College on September 28th between 10:30am and 3:30pm led by Fr Mark Millward. *This is a repeat of the day offered in May. Please book through the Parish Office.*

#### Sacristans

There will be a course for new Sacristans at St Bede's Hall, Jarrow on Thursday 24th October 2019- 10.00am-3.00pm includes Commissioning Mass at 12.15pm. Cost £7.50.

#### 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>

