

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Saturday 28th Sept.</b> <i>St Matthew</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Ann Lewington</b> 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 29th Sept.</b> <b>26th Sunday Year C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Deceased of the McLaughlin Family</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Margaret Jenkins</b> 12.30pm Baptism of Florence Rose Cairns
<b>Monday 30th Sept.</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 1st October</b> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: George Beattie (AB)</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd Oct.</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Special Intention (Neary Family)</b>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 3rd October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am People of the Parish</b> 7.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Friday 4th October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Francis Reid McAlroy</b>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 5th October</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: Jim Iveson</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Deceased Family &amp; Friends (AB)</b> 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 6th October</b> <b>27th Sunday Year C</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Helen &amp; Douglas Cone</b> <b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>

## 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.

### Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent

The Sisters from the Russian Orthodox Convent of St Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus will be visiting us next week, at St Bede's on Monday 7th October after the 10am Mass and St Roberts after the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 8th October. They will sell their crafts the back of the church to raise funds for their work with orphans, their rehabilitation centres for men and women and their work with psychiatric patients. They have visited us previously and are grateful for your support.



### Annual Mass Count

We are currently taking the Annual Mass Count. We have to record the numbers of people attending Mass for the last two Sundays of October and the first two Sundays of October.

### Partnership Development Group

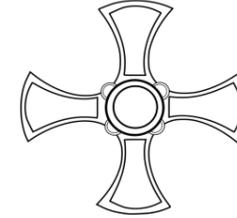
The next meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held on Thursday 17th October at St Bede's Church, Bedlington.

### Blessed John Ingram Book

Copies of "John Ingram: Priest and Martyr 1565-1594", about the life of the Gateshead martyr by Father Paul J Zielinski, signed by the author, are available now from St Bede's Church for £5.99.



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## Sunday 29th September — 26th Sunday Year C

A man dies and finds himself sentenced to the torments of hell having lived a life of indifference to the plight of the poor. He decides to send three ghosts to warn his business partner of the fate that must surely await him too if he doesn't change his ways. Straight from the pen of Charles Dickens? Well yes ... except that Jesus told a version first.

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the gate of a rich man waiting to feed on the rich man's crumbs. Eventually the poor man dies and goes to heaven and the rich man dies and goes to hell. Distraught, the rich man begs Abraham for permission to send a ghost to warn his brothers of their possible fate, but Abraham refuses, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Like Ebenezer Scrooge, the rich man in today's story loves money, and it is his love of money that makes him indifferent to the plight of the poor. Was even aware of the poor? If Lazarus lay at his gate the rich man must have had to almost step over him on his way in and out! But he seems not to have taken notice of him. In Dickens' version of the story, Ebenezer Scrooge finally realises that he is accountable and that he won't get a second chance once he is dead!



What would it take for us to feel fully accountable? How can we become more aware of the 'Lazaruses' of our generation? How can we keep in mind the plight of the poor we see fleetingly on the evening news. The parables were told to change us. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches us that we must love our fellow man more than we love money. Hopefully when we arrive at the day of reckoning we will have afforded the poor a little more than a few crumbs.



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 and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Weekly Collection - 21st / 22nd September**  
St Bede's £278.25 / St Robert's £782.83

#### Home Mission Sunday Collection

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Home Mission Sunday Collection recently. We raised **£112.54** at St Bede's Church and **£300** at St Robert's Church for the work of the Bishop's Conference Office for Evangelisation.

#### Catholic Education Service Collection

We offer our thanks to everyone who donated to the collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service. We collected **£32.00** at St Bede's Church and **£428.39** at St Robert's Church.

#### 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.

#### 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 Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball will start next weekend when the lucky winner will be the holder of the National Lotto Bonus Ball on Saturday 5th October 2019. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a Bonus Ball. Good Luck everyone.

#### Journey in Faith Meetings

Our Journey in Faith programme has begun and we will meet on Thursday 3rd October at 7pm in St Robert's Presbytery.

#### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting is due to be held on Thursday 17th October at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. Any parents wishing to make enquires 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.



#### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 30th September, at 7:00pm, in St Robert's Church Hall. This will be our Annual Review Meeting. Committee Members will report on the past year and the Committee Members for the coming year will be appointed.

#### St Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm in the upper meeting room in the Church Hall.

#### Christmas Piety Stall

This weekend we will have the first of the Christmas Piety Stalls, with a wide selection of quality religious cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas. There will be other dates in October [26/27th] and November [23rd/24th] but don't leave it until its too late!!

#### 175th Anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral

Tomorrow, 30th September, at 12noon, Bishop Robert will be celebrating a Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral in Newcastle, to mark the 175th Anniversary of the Opening of St Mary's Cathedral. This should be a wonderful celebration of the "Mother Church" of our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, in the heart of the city of Newcastle. All welcome.



#### Church Hall Committee Meeting

The next Meeting of the Church Hall Committee will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 10am.

#### 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>



#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 4th October is a Day of Prayer for the Needy and Hunger of the World and is CAFOD Family Fast Day. We have CAFOD envelopes available today. CAFOD tell us, "No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive.. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the worlds poorest people.. Fabiano is a young man in a rural village in Uganda, which has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar-powered water pump in the village and now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely". If you wish to make a donation to the work of CAFOD throughout the world, please take an envelope today and return next weekend.



#### Missio

This October, Pope Francis has called the whole Church to reflect upon our response to Jesus Christ's command to 'go and make disciples of all the peoples'. This 'Extraordinary Month of Mission' is being celebrated in parishes worldwide throughout October 2019. It promises to be a wonderful moment of prayer, joy and solidarity by Catholics across the globe. There are Missio magazines in the church porch for the holders of Missio Red Boxes. In the magazine there are daily reflections for the month of October and a prayer which Pope Francis is asking everyone to recite throughout the month. World Mission Sunday is to be held on 20th October 2019. Please pray daily for the missions. Thank you.



#### St Robert's Gift Aid



Thanks to all who participate in the Gift Aid scheme for their donations to St Robert's Parish, whether donating via weekly envelopes or by Standing Order. During 2018-19, the Parish has been able to reclaim taxes

amounting to **£12,297.53**, which is a fantastic sum of money, helping towards the running of the parish. We can claim 25p for every £1 donated.

If you are currently a UK tax payer and donate regularly to the weekly Parish collections, then you are eligible for the Parish to reclaim the Tax on your donations. If anyone is unsure if they are part of the Gift Aid scheme or would like to participate, please speak to Peter Smith (01670 516433) for details of how to join.

#### Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Osmotherley

Pro-Life Pilgrimage of Prayer and Reparation for the Sanctity of Life and the Family at Osmotherley on Sunday 6th October. Booking essential, travel by coach. Contact: Marileine Ollershaw on (0191) 285 4395

#### Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

On Sunday 13th October, the Holy Father Pope Francis will canonise five new saints, including a new English saint. It is a great moment for the Catholic Church in England that Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman is to be canonised. Many people from England will be travelling to Rome for this special ceremony, especially the Oratorians, since Cardinal Newman was a member of the Oratorians, and it will also be broadcast live by Vatican TV (YouTube) and EWTN on SKY Ch.588. The significance to the Catholic Church in England is very specially shown by the fact that HRH The Prince of Wales will be present in Rome to attend the Mass of Canonisation. This is an occasion for all Catholics to rejoice and celebrate.



#### First Holy Communion Parents Meetings

We had Parents Meetings last week at both St Bede's and St Robert's Churches for the beginning of our First Confession and First Holy Communion Preparation. Many thanks to all who attended. The Mass of Enrolment will be celebrated in both churches on the weekend of 12th/13th October.



#### Dowry of Mary Tour

The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, from the National Basilica in Walsingham, Norfolk has been touring the country, visiting every Catholic Cathedral with a mission to pray for the re-evangelisation and Conversion of England, having special weekends of prayer in preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. The Statue will visit St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at the end of October and there will be special celebrations held during the weekend of 24th—26th October. There will be a Mass with the Bishop on Thursday at 7pm and on Saturday at 12noon as well as Masses on Friday with many other devotions. Bishop Robert is urging us to make an effort to attend the celebrations that are being organised.



#### 3C's Club

The "3 C's Club" met on the 25th September and a good time was had by all. The dates for the next few meetings before Christmas will be from 2pm until 4pm in the Church Hall on 9th October; 23rd October; 6th November; 20th November; 4th December; 18th December. The meetings will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in 2020. All are welcome!

#### St Bede's Christmas Fair

St Bede's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 16th November in the church hall, beginning at 11am. For any further information please contact Alison Johnstone on 07446 406598 or Sandra Boulter at St Bede's Presbytery. A meeting will be held soon for those willing to run stalls.



#### St Roberts Parish Christmas Fayre

St Robert's Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 30th November from 10am till 1.00pm. It will again be held in the school and church halls and will follow the same basic format as previous years, but if anyone has any new ideas we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either myself, Andrea Mitchell (512281) usually at 9am Mass or see Bernadette in the office. Thank you.



#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020

Booking forms are still 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.** It is a 10 night pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15th-25th November 2020.

#### CCRS Youth Ministry Module

All those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 12th October and 23rd November at the Emmaus Village. For further information or to book a place, email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### Torchlight Procession

St Mary's Hexham are once again hosting a Torchlight Procession to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Procession will be held on Friday 6th December at 7.00pm. Is there any interest in attending? A list is in both St Bede's and St Robert's ... if interested sign the list today please, so we can find out if there's any interest.

#### Rosary Rally

Did you know about the history of Jesmond (or Jesus' mound) in Newcastle? In the medieval era, Jesmond was an important place of pilgrimage, centred around St. Mary's Chapel, now a historical shrine on the West bank of Jesmond Dene. To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are invited to join our diocesan family in a rosary rally at St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday 6th October. Meet at Holy Name Church in Jesmond at 2.45pm, before processing to the shrine to pray the rosary and to sing hymns to Our Lady. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall at Holy Name.

