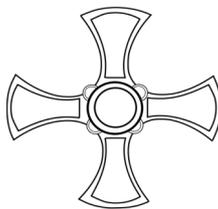


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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 - Nineteenth Sunday [B]**

We live in an age of food awareness. We've become accustomed to looking at the jar before buying it, to see if it contains artificial colorants, E-numbers, too much salt or an overdose of caffeine. And we're not averse to diet supplements either, pouring dozens of pills down our throats each week to ensure that we've got all the right levels of vitamins and are not iron deficient.

Perhaps more than any other generation we have the medical knowledge about the relationship between what we put inside ourselves and our corresponding physical and mental health. And, of course, we want to live for ever!

In today's gospel Jesus tells us that our spiritual health centres around the Eucharist. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ is the Christian's principal sustenance, what keeps us going in faith.

There are those who act as if the Eucharist were simply a ritual that we perform, a sort of social, religious action. Others view it from afar. They see communion as the sacrament reserved for those who are already holy, for good people. So they go only rarely. Both of these viewpoints give the impression that we can do without the Eucharist.

In fact, the Eucharist is the indispensable diet for Christians. For communion is the climax of a wider action in which we gather as the Church to listen to God's word informing our way of life, in which we bring all our needs and those of our world before God that they may be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and then we enjoy the most intimate union possible with God and each other by sharing in the food and drink of life.

If we eat nothing but food that is too fatty, too salty, or too sugary, we become what we eat: we become unhealthy. If we are people of the Eucharist, we become what we eat: the Body of Christ, the Church. For the Eucharist is the action by which the Church is brought into being. It moulds us into God's people and as such can never be a mere optional extra.





At this time of the Church's year, we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers. Please pray for family members, parishioners, those we know who are unwell; we pray for those in hospital, recovering from or awaiting surgery; and at this difficult time of the coronavirus we pray for all suffering from COVID-19; for all who have died recently, including Fr Peter's Dad, **Morton**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 11th August at St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool; and for **Marie Sutcliffe** [Morpeth] whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th August at St Robert's Church; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Message from Father Peter

I want to express my thanks to those who have sent messages in the last few days since my dad died on 26th July. I have received more than 60 cards from people locally and beyond, and so many promises of prayers, Mass Intentions, as well as telephone calls, emails and text messages. Thank you so much. Dad's funeral is to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church in Hartlepool on Wednesday 11th August at 1.15pm. It's not our usual church at home, but in a town of six churches it is at the moment the only church being used for Funerals! So keep us all in your prayers on Wednesday please. In the midst of all of this I am also trying to sort out my car. I broke down on the way to the Hospice in Hartlepool and never got there the evening my dad died. Since then I have been trying to get the car sorted, but the dealership where I bought the car has been unable to take the car until Monday 9th August for repair. The replacement hire car has been taken away and I have had a challenging week trying to sort out a car to get to Hartlepool for the Funeral next week. Fortunately I have managed to get my dad's car to use! I wonder what the next thing to go wrong will be. Say a pray to St Jude that everything gets sorted as soon as possible!!!

### Change of Masses

Please note that there are no Masses on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

After discussion with the Tour Operator, it has been decided to postpone the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October this year to October 2022. The uncertain global situation with the Coronavirus and Israel's current rules for Tests and quarantine have led to this decision, which is disappointing but also seems to be the right thing to do with just days left before balances have to be paid. Tangney Tours have written to all who had booked to inform them of this.

### Vacancy for Parish Secretary

St Bede's, Bedlington is looking to appoint a part-time Parish Secretary to provide administrative support. For further information and details of how to apply please visit [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) The closing date for applications is extended to 20th August 2021.



### The Wednesday Word



"Wednesday Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings, for both adults and children can be accessed at [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) This is a wonderful resource to help focus on our Sunday Readings. Edited by Dom Henry Wansborough OSB of Ampleforth Abbey, it is a wonderful resource for both parishes and for Schools to help focus on the forthcoming Sunday readings.

### Newsletter by Email

If you would like to go onto our mailing list for the Newsletter please send your email address to Fr Peter at St Robert's and you will be added and it will be emailed each weekend. Please feel free to print off copies for yourself and if possible print and pass them on to others.



### Updated Coronavirus Advice

Although the UK Government has eased all legal restrictions throughout England, the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is continuing with "covid-safe" controls until further notice. We therefore ask that you ...

- book to come to Sunday Mass,
- continue wearing a face covering in Church
- use the hand gel provided at the door and in the benches
- observe our social distancing guidelines whilst in Church

### Booking for a Mass

You should continue to book for Mass at our Church on a Sunday, until further notice.

To book your place at the Vigil Mass at St Bede's Church  
Please call St Bede's Presbytery ' 01670 823 258

**Monday - Friday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

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To book your place at Sunday Mass at St Robert's Church  
Please call St Robert's Presbytery ' 01670 513 410

**Please note the change of time for ringing in**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 12noon**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is now distributed at its normal time during Mass, rather than at the end of Mass. To save any confusion about coming forward at the right time, please wait for our stewards to direct you forward when it is your turn to move out of your bench.

### Contact Tracing App

We will only be keeping a record of all who come to Sunday Mass, so we ask that for weekday Mass you to check in for the Track and Trace system using the QR code that we have available in both Churches. When you come to Church, if you are using the NHS Covid App on your phone, scan the code to record your presence. Please remember that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend Church. *The classic signs of coronavirus reported since the start of the pandemic have been loss of smell or taste, a new persistent cough, and a fever. A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now also thought to be symptoms of the virus, instead of a cough and loss of smell or taste - though a fever is still common.*

### Baptism, Weddings and Funerals

Please note that for the foreseeable future, we still have limited space in church, as we are keeping all our "covid-safe" controls in place which will affect the numbers of people allowed in Church for a Baptism, a Wedding or a Funeral. If this will affect you in coming weeks, the best thing to do is actually speak to Father Peter if in doubt.

### "Sunday - It is our Day" - news from our Bishops

Our bishops are hoping that the Sunday Obligation will resume on Sunday 28th November and they state, "We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church." (Full text of this statement is available on [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk))

### Exam Results

Remember to pray for the young people of our parishes who are expecting exam results soon. We pray that whatever the results bring, our children, our young people, will be able to see the bigger picture, and know that whatever they are destined to do next is part of God's plan.

**NEWSLETTERS AND MISALLETTES:** If you are holding this Newsletter, or a Mass Sheet, as a paper copy in Church on Sunday, please remember that you **MUST** take it away with you. COVID-19 guidelines state that because you have handled it, you cannot just put it back on the table at the back of Church. It's handy to have a Newsletter at home and good to reflect on today's readings in the Missalette! If you do not wish to keep it, please leave it in your bench and it will be immediately destroyed by those who will tidy and clean the Church after Mass.

### Preparing for Baptism

The next meeting takes place in September at St Bede's Church. Parents requesting Baptism for a child are asked to contact us to make arrangements to attend this Baptism Preparation Meeting. Once parents have attended a preparation meeting, they are asked to meet with Fr Peter (or Deacon Stephen if for St Bede's Church) to make arrangements and set a date for the Baptism. Please note that one parent must be a baptised catholic for Baptism in the Catholic Church and it is also hoped that the catholic parent or even the whole family has been to Mass recently, especially as at the Baptism the parents will be promising to bring their child up "in the practice of the faith".

### A Message from Mary's Meals

We're delighted to share with you that despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we've recently expanded in three of the countries we work in – Zambia, South Sudan and Kenya! Young learners across 621 schools in Zambia are now receiving daily meals, following a recent expansion in the Eastern Province. In South Sudan, our partners are now feeding pupils in 102 schools and in Kenya we have expanded to serve more hungry children in 42 pre-schools. 'Sunday' is one of 50 little ones enrolled in the Lokita-laakori Early Childhood Development centre in Napeikar, Kenya. A nutritious daily meal gives her the chance to learn so that one day she can help lift her family out of poverty. Supporting Mary's Meals with a monthly gift gives us the confidence to plan future expansions so we can reach more children like Sunday. And if you set up a monthly Direct Debit, before 31 August, your first three donations will be tripled during our regular giving summer campaign, so your donation will make an even bigger difference to the lives of hungry children. More information on [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)



### Northumberland Listening Service

If there is something troubling you, if you feel affected by the difficulties around us with coronavirus, or trying to "get back to normal" or if there is any other issue troubling you that you need to talk to someone about, the number is Northumberland Listening Service ☎ 07732 980740

### Food Donations

You are unable to leave donations in Church, due to the Diocesan Health and Safety restrictions, but there is still a great need for this food. You can visit the Justice and Peace section of the Diocesan website for further information on the great need in the North East. The most useful items are: **tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned chick-peas, biscuits, rice, sugars and toilet rolls.** Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste are also very useful. **Please do not donate tinned meat or baked beans.** All donations can be left with Donald Marr at 3 Cottingvale, Morpeth. Please phone ( 01670 505 573 before, to arrange a drop off time, and leave a message if there is no reply. Alternatively, you could leave donations with Gerry and Eileen Harber, 22, Dacre Street, Morpeth Please phone ( 01670 517 829. Thankyou.



### The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Job Vacancies

\* Caritas Refugee Project Worker based in Newcastle.  
\* Lay University Chaplain, Sunderland. Full-time, term-time.  
\* Cleaner, St Matthew's, Jarrow. 6 hours per week.  
For further information and details of how to apply please visit the diocesan website [rcdhn.org.uk](http://rcdhn.org.uk) or contact ☎ 0191 243 3301

### YMT BBQ

The Youth Ministry Team would like to invite you to a BBQ at the Emmaus Youth Village with a Sing-Along: Live Hymns Old and New; on Sunday 15th August from 12pm - 4 pm. The bar will remain open after 4pm. Tickets are £5 and covers BBQ and Quiz entry. Accommodation is available for those who wish to stay over. Card payments only. Payment would be taken on the day of arrival; however, booking is essential. For room pricing and to book rooms or tickets, please email: [phillip.salkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillip.salkeld@ymt.org).



### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 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 available 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 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: [www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses\\_ccrs.php](http://www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php) If anyone would like further information, please contact Eamonn Duffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)



### Message from the 'Friends of the Holy Land'

Thank you so much for your continued support. Whether it is prayer, raising awareness, a donation or perhaps planning a visit to our projects in the Holy Land, your support is invaluable to us. Your wonderful generosity in the past 18 months has enabled us to expand many of our projects, including an increase in our total grants to £135,000 for our Family Support Programme, THANK YOU! This programme grants NIS 1,500 (around £330) every quarter directly to those who need it the most. Unlike many other local charities, we provide monetary support rather than foodstuffs etc. which allows the families some flexibility to prioritise their most urgent needs - typically a mix of the basics: food, medicine, utilities and rent. Thanks to people like you, we were able to add 16 families to the programme last year, taking the total to 100 vulnerable families, including George... George is married and has two teenage children and an elderly mother to care for. Despite both he, his wife and eldest son working, George's family struggle to make ends meet. Theirs is not an unusual story amongst our Family Support recipients, but thanks to our donors' continued support, we have been able to help them for the last two years.



The ongoing economic and employment crisis due to Covid means that our waiting list for Family Support is growing every month. Our team do their best to give priority to the most vulnerable, but we would love to help more. Would you consider committing to regular giving to support more families like George and allow us to widen our support further? A regular gift has a great deal of impact on this programme as it allows us to plan ahead and to provide sustained support to vulnerable Christian families – this makes a permanent change in their circumstances. Your commitment to a regular gift, no matter the size, will help change a life permanently! To set up a regular gift, click on to their website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or call the office on ☎ 01926 512980.

# Masses and Intentions this week

|                                                                                          | St Robert of Newminster Church<br>Morpeth                                                                               | St Bede's Church<br>Bedlington                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 7th August</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                             | <b>10am Mass:</b> Jack Johnson<br>10.30am: Exposition and Confessions                                                   | 5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions<br><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish |
| <b>Sunday 8th August</b><br><b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B</b>                        | <b>9am Mass:</b> Jean and William White<br><b>11am Mass:</b> People of the Parish                                       |                                                                             |
| <b>Monday 9th August</b><br><i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>                      |                                                                                                                         | <b>10am Mass:</b> <i>No Intention</i>                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 10th August</b><br><i>St Laurence</i>                                         | <b>10am Mass:</b> Dorothy Marr                                                                                          |                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Clare</i>                               |                                                                                                                         |                                                                             |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                 |                                                                                                                         |                                                                             |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                   |                                                                                                                         |                                                                             |
| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>                     | <b>10am Mass:</b> Marie Sutcliffe (AB)<br>10.30am: Exposition and Confessions                                           | 5pm - 5.20pm: Confessions<br><b>5.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>No Intention</i>  |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> | <b>9am Mass:</b> Jerome Thompson<br><b>11am Mass:</b> People of the Parish<br><b>12.30pm Baptism</b> Ilaria Eabha Corbo |                                                                             |



## The Holy Father Pope Francis' Intentions for August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



## The Year of St Joseph



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

### **Livestreaming Mass from St Robert of Newminster Church**

Masses at St Robert of Newminster Church can now be viewed on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/StRobert> Masses are streamed live at 9am on Sunday, 10am on Tuesday and 10am Thursday, or as a recording on the above Parish YOUTUBE site anytime.



### **Little Sisters of the Poor – Urgent Appeal**

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more demanding. The emergency lockdown measures we implemented to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe has had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly and to enable us to carry out essential fire prevention upgrades to our Home. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home.



**Little Sisters of the Poor**  
*Caring for the elderly - inspired by our faith*

### **Consent for the Live streaming**

Please note: we are obliged to make everyone aware that Livestreaming is taking place at St Robert's Church. As some people may appear on screen during Mass we have to inform you that if you are a Reader, an Altar Server, or even a Minister of Holy Communion, and you appear on screen you must be informed that that is happening in St Robert's Church because "If a person is potentially identifiable from their image being captured on a recording / stream at Mass, this is possibly personal data and Data Protection regulations apply". Posters in church display this information also.

