


Masses, Services and Devotions		
	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 2nd Nov. All the Faithful Departed	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Ken & Lily Mullen	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: CWL (FF) 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12noon Confessions
Sunday 3rd Nov. 31st Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: Helen and Douglas Cone 11.00am Mass: Davison Family
Monday 4th Nov. <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Katy Keerigan and Owen McDonnell	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 5th Nov. Weekday	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: John Walker
Wednesday 6th Nov. Weekday	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 Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 7th Nov. St Willibrord	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service Word and Communion	
Friday 8th November Weekday	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 Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 9th Nov. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Molly, Owen and Patrick Ruddy	
Sunday 10th Nov. 32nd Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: Vera & Vic Edwards 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

The Pope's Intention November 2019

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Camps International Cambodia 2020


Some students from St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy are joining this trip to help the less fortunate in Cambodia. In order to raise funds two of the pupils have organised a "Curry Night" on 11th November, 7pm at Ashianna, Bedlington. Tickets are £20 for a 2 course set menu and can be reserved by contacting Jane on 07969855897.



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international
ETHICAL JOURNEYS WITHOUT COMPROMISE

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.




Youth Ministry Conference - Saturday 9th November

To launch the 25th Anniversary of the Youth Ministry Team and to celebrate Youth Ministry in the Diocese YMT invite you for an afternoon of inspiration, sharing and updates on the opportunities over the coming year. Taking place on Saturday 9th November from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Special Guest is renowned international speaker Katie Prejean McGrady.

Diocesan Vacancy

Head of Communications

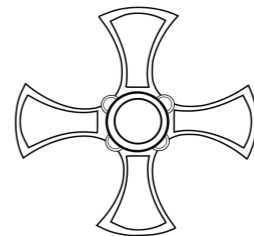
We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for the delivery of our Communications Strategy. You will have experience of identifying the resources and infrastructure required to take this from concept through to implementation. This new senior role is an opportunity for someone to join the charity, establish a plan and identify the team to deliver the strategy. For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk Closing date for applications: 5pm, 18th November.



Christmas Piety Stall

There will be another opportunity to buy a wide selection of quality religious cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas at both St Bede's and St Robert's Churches on the weekend of 23rd/24th November. Don't leave it until it's too late.

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BEDLINGTON
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PARISHES OF THE BRINKBURN PARTNERSHIP, NORTHUMBERLAND

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Sunday 3rd November — 31st Sunday Year C

We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and 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.



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 - 26th / 27th October
St Bede's: £335.50 / St Robert's: £748.41

Clergy Training Fund

Thanks for last week's collection of **£831.72** at St Robert's. The Fund remains open for four weeks for individual, group or family donations. If you are making private donations please remember to mark you envelopes, "Clergy Training Fund".

Change of Masses this week

Please note the changes to times of Mass this week. No Mass on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning.

Tea and Coffee after Mass

Many thanks to everyone at St Bede's Church who has supported the contributions to Tea and Coffee on a Saturday evening. You have raised **£645.00** for "Medecins Sans Frontieres", an excellent amount indeed. Tea and coffee are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Bede's. 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.

Sssshhhhhh !!! Let us be quiet!

There have been a few comments recently about the noise and chatter from adults in church before weekend Mass. It is important to try to respect the quietness in Church at that time for those who wish to pray quietly before Mass begins. It is not a time to natter to friends It's a time to recollect ourselves before Mass and turn to the Lord in prayer.



Ministers, Readers, Welcomers

If you are an Extraordinary Minister, Reader or Welcomer and you are not going to be available to fulfil your ministry because you are away, please remember that it is your responsibility to find a replacement for that occasion.

St Robert's Bonus Ball

Week 4 winners were Anne Roberts and Tony Edwards with No. 32. Congratulations to them and good luck for week 5.

Peter Smith's Coffee Morning

A huge, huge thank you to all parishioners who supported my Coffee Morning/Cake Stall last Saturday. Along with the generous donations given by parishioners, the Catenians, family and friends, the fantastic sum of £1,092 (to date) has been raised towards the Burns Project at KCMC, Tanzania. I am overwhelmed by your support. Thank you. Peter.

3C's Club

The dates for the next few meetings before Christmas will be from 2pm until 4pm in the Church Hall on 6th November; 20th November; 4th December and 18th December. The meetings will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in 2020. All are welcome!

The Month of the Holy Souls "November Dead List"

During November we will pray for the souls of all the Faithful Departed. We will once again have the November Dead List envelopes for Names and Offerings for Holy Souls Masses. Place these envelopes in the basket and they will be placed on the sanctuary during Masses throughout November.



Blessing of Graves

As part of our remembering those who have died, Father Peter will lead the Rosary and bless graves at Fairmoor Cemetery at 3pm on Sunday 3rd November and at St Mary's Cemetery at 3pm on Sunday 10th November. Deacon Stephen will lead prayers at Bedlington Cemetery on Sunday 3rd November and 17th November at 3pm. All welcome to come.

Partnership Service of Remembering

The Partnership Spirituality Group have organised a special Service of Remembrance for November to help us pray for those who have died. This Service, 'There are many rooms in my Father's House', will be held at St Bede's Church, Bedlington, on November 7th at 7pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Catenian Mass for Deceased Members

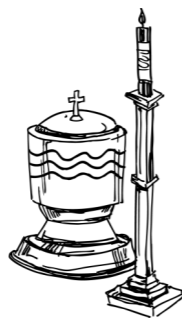
On Wednesday 13th November there will be a Mass to remember Deceased Catenians at 7pm at St Robert's Church.

Upcoming movie night: The Quiet Man

Come to St Robert's Church Hall if you would like to travel with us to Inisfree (there is debate about how best to get there...) on Sunday, 3rd November at 4pm when will be showing the 1952 classic romantic comedy drama, The Quiet Man. Coffee and tea will be available.

Music for Christmas

The Liturgy and Worship Group will meet to discuss Music for our Christmas Masses on Monday 25th November at 7pm. St Bede's does not have a music or Liturgy group but if anyone feels they have a contribution to make to the music choices for the Vigil Mass, please come along.



Baptism during Mass

On Sunday 17th November, we will celebrate the Baptism of Florence Anne Cecilia Rose Swales during the 11am Mass at St Robert's Church.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be held at St Robert's on Thursday November 21st. Any parents requesting Baptism for their child are asked to contact Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Catechesis for our children preparing for First Confession takes place at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 12th November at 3.15pm and on Thursday 14th November at St Robert's at 3.15pm.

Journey in Faith Meetings

Our 'Journey in Faith' will continue on Thursday 14th November at 7pm looking at "The story of the Church and its structures.

Ministry of Consolation

'Finding Support After the Death of a Loved One'. On Saturday 16th November we will be holding the third coffee morning reaching out to those who are bereaved or struggling to talk to someone following the death of a Loved One. Drop in anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm on that Saturday Morning.

Christmas Fayre Information St Bede's Christmas Fair



St Bede's Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 16th November** in the church hall, beginning at 11am. Organisers are requesting donations of bottles (both alcoholic and non alcoholic bottles) for the bottle stall. Raffle tickets will be available running up about 2 weeks before the Fair. They would also like to appeal for volunteers to help set on the Friday night before the fair and on the fair date. For any further information please contact Alison Johnstone on 07446 406598 or Sandra Boulter at St Bede's Presbytery.

St Robert's Parish Christmas Fayre

St Roberts 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. There is now a list at the back of church for volunteers to sign on for which stalls or activities they would like to help with, please add any new ideas in one of the empty boxes. I am also putting a box in the porch for any donations for the tombola stall. Any questions please get in touch with either myself, Andrea Mitchell (512281) usually at 9am Mass or see Bernadette in the office. Thank you.



St. Robert's Christmas Fayre Raffle Prizes

Thanks to the generosity of St. Robert's parishioners and local businesses we always have a fantastic raffle at the Christmas Fayre. Once again we are hoping that Parishioners are able to support us by donating raffle prizes for the event. If you can help please give them to or speak to Anne Beattie (517273) or Christine Watson (503398).

St Robert's Grand Christmas Draw

Tickets are now available at the back of St Robert's church. Please take them and return the counterfoils and money by 23rd November so that they can be folded and put into the Draw on the 30th November at the Parish Christmas Fayre. (Counterfoils and money can be handed into the Parish Office or to Anne Beattie or Elizabeth Dixon).

St Robert's Christmas Fayre Bottle Stall

The bottle stall appeal for bottles, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, which can be left with the parish office, any member of the Catenians or Neil McCole.

Posters for Christmas Fayre

We have some A4 size posters advertising St Robert's Christmas Fayre. If you have a shop/business/or visit a local shop that would be willing to put one up please could you take one from the back of Church.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the CWL will be on Monday 4th November at 7pm in St Robert's Church Hall. There will be a talk by local author Janet MacLeod Trotter on Books, Babies, Adventures. Everyone welcome.

Torchlight Procession at Hexham

The Procession will be held on Friday 6th December at 7.00pm. A list is in both St Bede's and St Robert's ... if interested sign the list today please, so we know numbers for a coach.

Choir Practices

We have Choir Practices every Wednesday evening from 7pm and the Choir sing at the 11am Mass each Sunday. If you feel you would like join them and help with the Music for our 11am Sunday Mass, please feel free to come along.



Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

The team would be very grateful if you felt able to collect items throughout November. Examples of suitable items include: Tins of: garden peas, potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding or meat (eg. Mince, stew, chicken, steak). Packets of potato mash, tea bags (packs of 40 or 80), long life milk, packets of custard, biscuits, jam, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and small bars of chocolate would be gratefully received.

Matthew Project- Bedlington

The Matthew Project have a Christmas Appeal for Donations. Please try to help with donation of food for the parcels they distribute.

Diocesan Communications Assets Register

The Diocesan Finance Office and Communications Department have asked us to put together a register of devices that are used in the parish for communications purposes, both in the parish and by individual parishioners (*what they refer to as privately owned assets for parish / partnership purposes*). We need therefore to know from all parish volunteers ... members of parish groups, organisations, volunteers ... who keep parish information, minutes of meetings, rotas, on private computers, laptops, mobile phones, tablets, memory sticks, or storage devices etc, the type of device and the reason data is stored. Please contact :

- St Robert's Parish: Bernadette Rich in the Parish Office, with a written or emailed notification.
- St Bede's: Pat Bateman in St Bede's Parish Office, with a written or emailed notification.

If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to ask Fr Peter, or our secretaries. We need this information as soon as possible. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation

St Robert's Church Cleaning Rota

We are in the process of updating the new rota for next year and would welcome anyone (male or female!) who could spare about 2-3 hours every month to help to clean the Church. Currently there are 4 groups each which has 3-4 parishioners which means that you would only clean once every 4 weeks. Many hands make light work and with more volunteers it would make the job easier. If you no longer wish to be on the rota please let Elizabeth Dixon or Bernadette Rich (parish secretary) know as soon as possible.



St Roberts PTFA Fundraiser

The Parent Teacher Friends Association at St Roberts First School have organised their first big Fundraiser on Friday 22nd November at Morpeth Riverside Lodge at 8pm, featuring local cover band 'Far Cry' (one of the dads is in the band!). Tickets are £5 and available from school



Justice and Peace Refugee Centre

The Justice and Peace Refugee Centre in Newcastle had registered over 700 clients by August this year, of which over 300 visit the Centre weekly. Can you help with donations of rice, tinned fish, tomatoes and biscuits? You can see a list of foods needed on the box in the porch. Many thanks for all your donations.

Ruhi Ahktar Appeal

There are leaflets at the back of Church about an appeal for Refugees by Ruhi Ahktar from Morpeth. There are details on those sheets about how you can support her appeal. Those who wish to Gift Aid their donations can do so through the following links. To give to the appeal for Bosnia <https://www.facebook.com/100000207536677/>. To give to the appeal for Greece: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/240416402965194>