

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 17th August <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Christopher Wilkes	9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Kevin O'Malley 10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 11.00am-12noon Confessions
Sunday 18th August 20th Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: Dorothy & Sam Dutton 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 19th August <i>St John Eudes</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am: Mass: Walter Cox	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 20th August <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</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: Cairns Family
Wednesday 21st August <i>Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral / Our Lady of Knock</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Deceased of the McGinn and Bruce Families	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 22nd August <i>The Queenship of Mary</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: Bridget Davison
Friday 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	9.15am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am: Mass: <i>No Intention</i>	8.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Michael Goonan	<i>Please Note: No 10am Mass / No Confessions</i> 12.00pm Nuptial Mass for the wedding of Elzbieta Jurek and Jeremy Terleske
Sunday 25th August 21st Sunday Year C		9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.00am Mass: Rita Onono 12.30pm Baptism: Darla Rose Lewington

The Pope's Intention August 2019  
That families, through their life of prayer and love,  
become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

### Feast of St Aidan, 31st August

St Aidan's Parish at Ashington is celebrating the Feast of St Aidan with a Mass at 12noon on Saturday 31st August. Everyone is free to join them for the celebration of their parish feast.

### St Paul's Parish, Cramlington

Bishop Robert has appointed Father Paul Jenkins, OCarm, as Priest in Charge of St Paul's Parish at Cramlington and New Hartley, and Father Paul will begin there in the next few weeks.

### 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.

*Please note changes to Saturday morning Mass on 24th August, because of the Nuptial Mass at 12noon*

### Spiritual Spa Day for Women

The Cor et Lumen Christi Community in Wigton, Cumbria are holding a 'Spiritual Spa Day for Women' on 28th September, giving the opportunity to come and be refreshed in the Living Water, to experience the renewing love of God through inspirational teaching, quiet adoration, prayer ministry, spending time in their gardens and in fellowship with other women. For further information see [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or telephone 016973 45623.

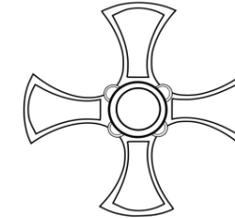
### St Robert's Parish Pens

New pens are now available at the back of St Roberts Church, price £2 each

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2019-2020

If anyone would like further information, they can 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)

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## Sunday 18th August – 20th Sunday Year C

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave? Could we imagine him on the finance committee, or the parish council, raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins or driving the church mini bus?

Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians ... not by a very long chalk. Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild.

The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time. He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.



Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is not about hymn practices on a Saturday night or hot pot suppers. Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation.

There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or pie and pea suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.



Please pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers. Please pray for those who are sick, for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 10th / 11th August  
St Bede's: £229.50 / St Robert's: £757.44

#### 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.

#### 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 its 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.

#### St Robert's Parish Gift Aid

Letters from the Diocesan Gift Aid Office have been received, thanking all members of the parish Gift Aid scheme for the amount they contributed during the 2018-19 tax year. Peter Smith will be distributing them outside St Robert's Church after each Mass today. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme please collect your letter from him before you leave. Please read the letter carefully and if there are any changes to your address or tax status or other reason why you are no longer eligible for Gift Aid please advise Peter (tel 516433) as soon as possible. Conversely, if you think you are in the Gift Aid scheme but do not receive a letter please contact Peter to ascertain the reason.

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#### Becoming a Catholic ... ?

Our Journey in Faith programme for enquirers interested in becoming a Catholic will begin in September 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.



#### Wedding Congratulations

On Saturday 25th August at 12noon, we will be celebrating the wedding of Elzbieta Jurek and Jeremy Terleske. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with them, and with the members of their family travelling to Morpeth from around the UK, and Ellie's family from Poland who are coming over for this special day.



#### Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation meeting will not be held until September. Any parents wishing to make enquires about Baptism should speak to either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen over the coming weeks.

#### Request for new Altar Servers

We have not yet had any offers for new Altar Servers at either St Robert's or St Bede's, which is rather disappointing, because we definitely need one or two new servers for the Sunday 9am Mass. If anyone changes their mind, please let Father Peter know as soon as possible. We continue to be very grateful to our current servers for their commitment and service.



#### Partnership Spirituality Network

Next Meeting on 16th September at 10.30am at Bedlington

#### 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.



#### First Holy Communion Preparation

Parents of children who will be in Year 4 from September, 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 now available from Fr Peter.

First Holy Communion

#### Pilgrimage to Carfin

The Partnership Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Carfin in Motherwell takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September leaving Ashington at 8am and then picking up at Morpeth, the cost is £20. The coach is full and there is a waiting list. Please let Elizabeth Dixon know if you no longer require your place, so it can be reallocated (01670 516584). There are still a few people at Morpeth to pay the £20 for the coach to Carfin, even though this notice has been in the newsletter for several weeks. Would you please contact Elizabeth Dixon (01670 516584). If Elizabeth does not hear from you by Friday 23rd August she will allocate your place to someone else on the understanding that you do not want your place.



#### St Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Heritage Open Days, Morpeth

We will be taking part in the Heritage Open Days once again in September. We will open Collingwood House and our 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.



#### Chapel Volunteers for St George's Hospital

St Georges Hospital, Morpeth holds a religious Service on a Saturday morning. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with these Services on Saturday mornings please contact the RC Chaplain at St George's, Marian Bell, on 07768796907 or email marian.bell@ntw.nhs.uk.

#### Christmas Piety Stall ..... Its ONLY AUGUST!!!!

In recent years our Christmas Piety Stall has proved so popular, we are doing it again!! We shall have a Christmas Stall with Christmas cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on one weekend each in October, November and December (dates to be arranged). The aim of the stall is to provide a good choice of religious cards which you don't get in the local shops at very reasonable prices, the very small profit which is made goes back into Parish funds. Keep an eye out for our stall before you go anywhere else for your cards!

#### 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@lspLondon.co.uk](mailto:lee.marie@lspLondon.co.uk) or telephone on 0191 2731279.



#### Mission Appeal

The Vincentian Fathers (Congregation of the Mission) will be making a Mission Appeal at both St Bede's Church and St Robert's Church on the weekend of September 7th/8th. More details soon.



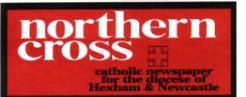
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#### Supporting Asylum Seekers in Newcastle

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.

#### Northern Cross Delivery Driver wanted

The Northern Cross is looking for a volunteer to help with the distribution of the paper each month. The papers are to be collected from the Sacred Heart Church, North Gosforth and delivered to: Annitsford, Blyth, Cramlington, Bedlington, New Hartley and Morpeth. The papers will be at North Gosforth on the Friday lunchtime prior to the first Sunday in the month. We aim to have the papers on sale in the respective church for the first Sunday in the month. If you would like to volunteer or seek further information please contact Tom Hoban, Tel 0191 3867033, Mobile 077929 13360, hoban.tom@btinternet.com



#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be several courses for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at ...

- All Saints, Lanchester on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> September - 7pm-9pm and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 10.30am - 3pm.
- St. Wilfrid's Bishop Auckland on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> September - 7pm -9pm and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10.30am - 3pm.
- St. Anne and Holy Family, Pennywell, Sunderland on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> November - 7pm-9pm and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am - 3pm.
- Booking through Parish Office.



#### Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw

The monks at Nunraw Abbey are pleased to announce the opening of a wing of their monastery as guest quarters. The guesthouse reflects the simplicity of the Cistercian way of life but is also warm and comfortable. They have a number of rooms available to guests (single, double and triple rooms). For more information or to arrange a retreat or time away at Sancta Maria Abbey please visit their website: [www.nunrawabbey.com](http://www.nunrawabbey.com)

#### 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 though the Parish Office.*

#### #REDWEDNESDAY—27th November

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) have made the following request: 'The world is largely silent when it comes to religious persecution, so it is up to us to defend religious freedom and shine a light on the suffering of persecuted Christians and others - especially in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and China. Yours prayers and action are vital. Be visible. Wear something red. Light your parish or local landmark red. For information; prayer resources; lighting instructions; to add your event/action to ACN's #RedWednesday Map and for a FREE fundraising pack to help displaced Christian families in Syria, Nigeria and over 100 other countries across the world: [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)'