

Masses, Services and Devotions

| | St Bede's Church Bedlington | St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth |
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| Saturday 19th January <i>Weekday</i> | 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm-5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Mary & James Tait | 9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Eileen O'Connor 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions |
| Sunday 20th January 2nd Sunday Yr c | | 9.00am Mass: Sheila Brown 11.00am Mass: Yvonne Simey |
| Monday 21st January <i>St Agnes</i> | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Raymond Declerk | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Tuesday 22nd January <i>Weekday</i> | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Brita Waters |
| Wednesday 23rd January <i>Weekday</i> | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: Creida Chadwick | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Thursday 24th January <i>St Frances de Sales</i> | 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Mass: Elphin Conroy |
| Friday 25th January <i>Conversion of St Paul</i> | 9.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Mass: George & Ellen Arkle | 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion |
| Saturday 26th January <i>Ss Timothy and Titus</i> | 5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Anna Tait | 9.40am The Rosary 10.00am Mass: Dorothy Devitt and deceased members of the Devitt and Doherty families 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 12noon Confessions |
| Sunday 27th January 3rd Sunday Yr C | | 9.00am Mass: Evelyn Givens 11.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Onono family |

The Pope's Intention January 2019

Evangelization – Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Asylum Seekers reminder

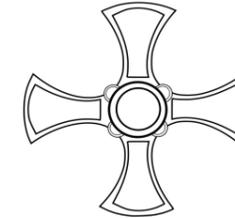
Thank you for your generosity in providing donations for our destitute asylum-seekers in Newcastle. Please continue your donations especially in the coming winter days. Urgently needed are; tinned meat and fish, tinned tomatoes, beans, plain rice, sugar, teabags, biscuits, tinned chickpeas and sweetcorn, cooking oil, tinned fruit, jam, toothpaste, shampoo and handwash. Just one food item per family added to your weekly shopping list would make such a difference. Additionally are there any occasional relief drivers available to help to deliver food and supplies to the Newcastle centres? If you think you could be able to help please speak to Donald Marr at St Robert's. Many thanks.



Whalton Unit Transport

Now that the Whalton Unit has been relocated to the Wansbeck General Hospital, the following information, which may be of help, has been published on the Northumbria NHS Trust site... "We are able to help with transport from Morpeth for those who find it difficult to travel to visit loved ones at Ward 8 Whalton Unit at Wansbeck. Please discuss this with the ward team on 01670 529 008 if you are affected." www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-locations/the-whalton-unit/

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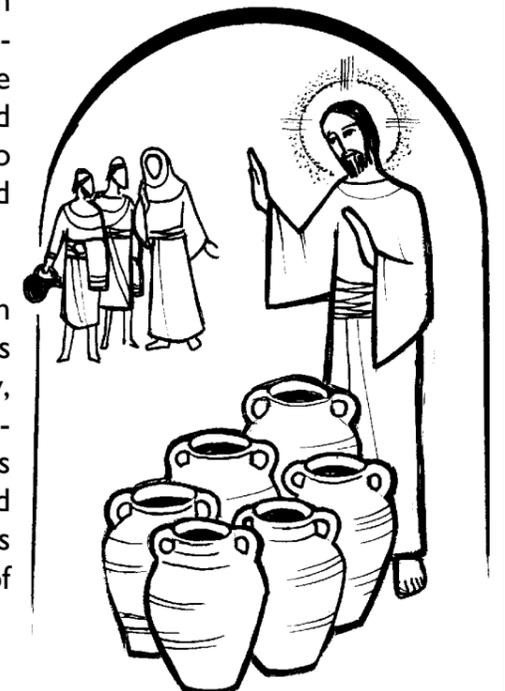
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Sunday 20th January 2019 –Second Sunday of the Year

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others.

St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.





Please pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; the Unemployed. Please pray for those who are sick, including **Fr Jim Doherty**; for all who have died recently, including Mary Johnson, formerly of Morpeth who

has died and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated at 3.15pm at Cowpen Crematorium on Monday,; and Father Bill Bellamy in the Little Sisters of the Poor who died on Thursday evening and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Michael's Newcastle on 31st January; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections 12th/13th January

St Bede's: £326.30 / St Robert's: £929.16

Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have tea and coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's each Saturday evening. We also have tea and coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday morning.



White Flower Appeal

Very many thanks to all who contributed to last week's White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. **£79.10** was collected at St Bede's Church and **£242.83** was collected at St Robert's Church. Thank You.

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.

Flower Arrangers Rota

Many thanks to those who turned up to discuss the possibility of a rota for Flower Arrangers. This will begin after Easter. If there are other people wishing to join this rota, especially people who currently do the flowers when they're cleaning the church, and want to be involved, please let Fr Peter know so that your name can be added to the list.

St Robert's SVP

The next meeting of the St Robert's SVP Conference will be on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30pm.

Prayers for a New Bishop

It is very likely that a new Bishop will be appointed for our Diocese this year. Please pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the process of appointment and to pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis, the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adams and all who are involved in seeking a successor to Bishop Seamus, who offered his resignation to the Holy Father in July 2017.

First Confessions

We are celebrating First Confessions this week, a momentous occasion in the spiritual life of our young people, on Wednesday 23rd January at 6pm at St Bede's Church and 24th January at 6pm St Robert's Church. We ask you to keep all these young people in your prayers at this very special time.

"EDGE" - Middle School Journey of Faith

Edge continues on a Thursday evening at 6pm in St Robert's Church Hall. If you have children of Middle School age, please try to encourage them to come along, even if its only for a taster evening, to see if they enjoy it. You never know ... they might decide they like it!

Youth Alpha

Our Partnership is beginning a Youth Alpha Course at the beginning of February for all young people who are in Year 9 and above. Further details very soon.

Baptism Preparation Meetings

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held at St Bede's Church on Thursday 14th February at St Robert's Church. Any parents who are wishing to organise a Baptism should contact either Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen to make arrangements to attend this meeting. Once that has been arranged then a date can be considered for the Baptism.

Partnership Spirituality Network Meeting

The next meeting of the Partnership Spirituality meeting to plan further services between our partnership Churches will be held on Monday 21st January, 10.30am at St Bede's, Bedlington

Partnership Development Group Meeting

The Next PDG Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th January at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church at Amble

The Matthew Project

At St Bede's we have a large bin for the Matthew Project, which is administered by Bedlington Christian Fellowship, and donations can be placed in the bin in the church entrance. Thank you to those who support.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Now that Christmas is over and we are settling into our New Year, there is still a great need for us to support the work of the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. If you wish to help, you can donate items of food, by placing them into the Food Bank Box in the Church Porch at St Robert's Church. They are requesting the following ... Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Tins or packets of custard, Packets of dried potato, tins of hot dogs, Long life milk, Jars of jam, marmalade etc, Thank you for your help.

Vocations Weekend for Young Women

"Follow your Heart – Discernment and Vocation" from 15th -17th February at Liverpool. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese has the following vacancies:

Administrator for St John XXIII Parish, Washington and St Joseph's Parish, Birtley ... 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date 15th January.

Administrator for the Department for Safeguarding ... a full-time post on a 12 month fixed term contract. The closing date is 16th January.

Finance Assistant, Dept. of Finance, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21st January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact HR on 0191 2433301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk.

Music in Church

We have recently purchased a new Roland Electronic Keyboard at St Robert's Church for use with our music at Mass and we are keen to see if anyone would like to play this or any other instrument at Mass. We are therefore going to have a "Come along, play and see" afternoon on Saturday 2nd February from 1pm—3pm, to which any prospective musicians can come along, bringing their own instrument, or having a try at the new keyboard or organ. There is also an electronic drum-kit should anyone wish to try it.

Vocations Discernment

Are you aged 16 or over and thinking about the priesthood? Why not come along to one of the regular Diocesan Vocations Discernment evenings which are held at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. These evenings of prayer and reflection provide an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations, and are followed by a meal. Forthcoming dates are as follows: Wednesday 30th January Wednesday 27th February Wednesday 27th March Wednesday 22nd May Wednesday 26th June. For more information, please contact Fr Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director

Journey in Faith

The next Journey in Faith meeting will be held on Thursday 31st January at 7pm in the Presbytery at St Robert's.

World Day of Prayer for Peace 2019

On the Second Sunday of Ordinary time we mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace." Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the 'youngest and smallest.'

To do:-

– **Pray.**

Pray for the grace to approach all political and social issues from a starting point of faith, love, and a spirit of generosity.

– **Learn.**

Faithful citizenship require us to understand the political and social issues that impact our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Read a good newspaper every day.

– **Act.**

Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that support justice and peace and those experiencing poverty or conflict around the world.

Pope John Paul II Award

St Benet Biscop School has informed Fr Peter that there are two sixth formers from St Bede's Parish and two from St Robert's Parish, who wish to be involved with the Bronze award of the JP II Award. It is recommended that they spend one hour a week actively involved with some form of parish activity (Reading at Mass • Altar Server • Eucharistic Minister • Member of choir/music group • Children's Liturgy of the Word • Composing prayers of the faithful • Welcomer at Mass • Helping with sacramental preparation • Preparing articles for the parish bulletin • Church decoration/flower arranging/church cleaning) and a further one hour per week with some form of social awareness (Member of St. Vincent de Paul • Young leader for CAFOD • Young leader at parish youth group • Running a fair trade stall • Fundraising for a charity • Regular visitation of residential homes • Supporting a residential retreat for young people • Working with the homeless • Raising awareness of the needs of others • Volunteering on a parish or community project to support the vulnerable, e.g. Justice and Peace). They have to do this for 8 weeks. If we want to encourage these young people how can we help them to be involved?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held every year from 18th—25th January. Please pray for all the members of our local Churches.

Northumberland Listening Service

A free and confidential Listening Service, is available for those who wish to talk about issues such as Loss and Bereavement, Stress, Anxiety, Relationship Difficulties, Loneliness or other concerns. To make an appointment please telephone (07732 980740.