

Masses, Devotions and Services

	<i>Intention</i>		<i>Feast</i>
Sunday 28th February	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Lent
	11.00am Mass	Pat McGurk	
	6.00pm Mass	Special Intention Cole Family	
Monday 29th February	9.15am Mass	Turner, O'Kane & Illingworth family	Weekday of Lent
Tuesday 1st March	8.40am Exposition 9.15am Mass	Ken & Eileen Percival	St David
Wednesday 2nd March	No Mass		Weekday of Lent
Thursday 3rd March	8.40am Exposition 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	John Ions	Weekday of Lent
Friday 4th March	9.15am Mass	Margaret Costello	Weekday of Lent
Saturday 5th March	9.00am Mass 10.30am Stations of the Cross Confessions 11am—12pm	Denise Storey	Weekday of Lent
Sunday 6th March	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	4th Sunday of Lent
	11.00am Mass	Davison family	
	6.00pm Mass	Mrs Cole	

Ministries Next Week:

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	K. Wilson, A. Mitchell	V. Shearer, L. Flinders	J. Gill, D. Oldroyd
Extraordinary Ministers	A. Gorman, T. McLaughlin, A. Beattie	M. Beaton, R. Soulsby, Cathy Smith	M. Illingworth, Chris. Smith, S. Smith
Altar Servers	E Boyle, G Sykes	A Kinghorn	A Bambrick, G Butler, D Dowd
Children's Liturgy	As advised		

The Holy Father's Intentions For March.

Universal Intention: Families in Difficulty: that families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments

Missionary Intention: Persecuted Christians: that those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

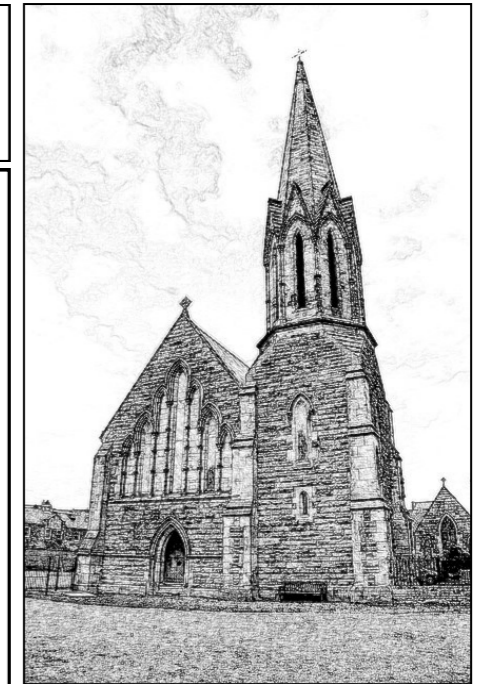
Diocese - www.rcdhn.org.uk
St Bede's Parish , Bedlington www.stbedesbedlington.co.uk
St Robert's First School - www.st-roberts.northumberland.sch.uk
St Bede's Primary School — www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
St Benet Biscop Academy - www.stbenetbiscop.co.uk

The Parish of Saint Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

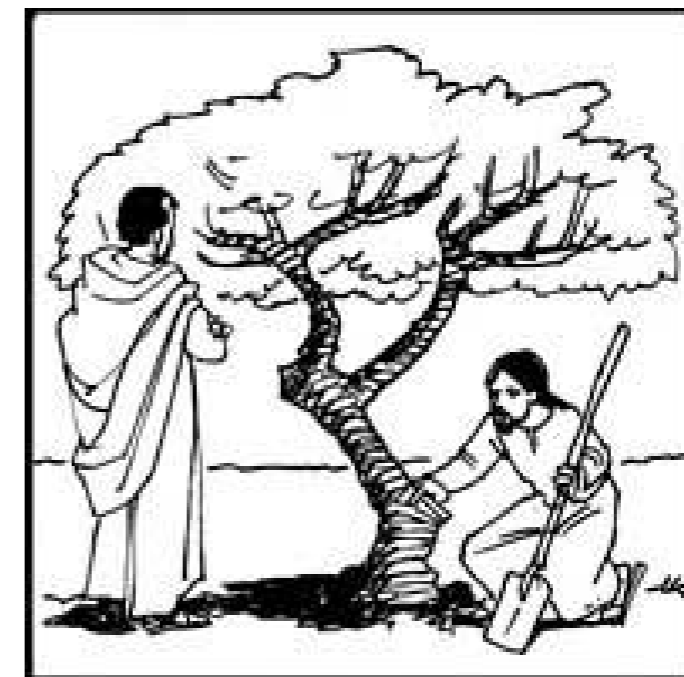
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28th February 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent



“Leave it one more year
 and give me time to dig round it
 and manure it:
 it may bear fruit next year;
 if not, then you can cut it down”



Please pray for ... Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers. **Those who are sick:** please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes **Those who have died recently** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection 21st February
Total Offertory - **£958.69- THANK YOU**

Offertory Boxes: Available from Sunday. Please take them as soon as possible, so that the porch is clear for the Easter Season. If you are a new parishioner and would like a box then please take a spare box and print your name, address and Box number on the sheet provided. If you have changed your address, please write the new information on the sheet next to your number. If you usually have a box and it is not there please contact Elizabeth Dixon 516584.

Tea and Coffee: is served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. A very special welcome to any visitors to Morpeth this weekend.

Parish newsletter: - items for the newsletter can be emailed to Marian marian@marianbell.f2s.com or emailed to morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 12pm on a Thursday.

First Holy Communion Preparation: Mass today Sunday 28th at 9am will include a Liturgy for the children on Baptism.



Prayer Group Meeting: Next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 24th March at 6:45 pm to continue our exploration of different ways to pray the Rosary

Bible Sharing Group: This group meets on a Tuesday from 1pm-2pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated on a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning during Lent at St Robert's. If anyone wishes to lead, please sign up on notice.

Calling the Diocese to Prayer: Bishop Séamus is leading a series of Prayer Events in the Diocese. Ours will be held at St Paul's Alnwick on Tuesday 1st March from 10:30am with Holy Mass at 12:05pm and he is inviting as many as possible to attend. If you can, are you able to be there?

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St Cuthbert's Care – Lenten Alms: During Lent, we support St Cuthbert's Care through our Lenten Alms. Donations can be placed in envelopes and handed in to the collections or to the Presbytery.

St Cuthberts Care

Thursday Lenten Discussion Groups: The next session is on Thursday 3rd March at 2pm in the Church Hall.

First Holy Communion Prayer Partners: Thanks to those who have already signed up to be prayer partners for the children. Anyone else willing, please sign up at the back of church.

Men's Breakfast: The next meeting is on 5th March, 9.30am - 10.40am in the Church Hall. This session will focus on Fatherhood. All male parishioners are welcome. Please take a flyer from the rear of Church and sign up on the adjacent list (to assist catering).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Mercy, takes place from Friday 29th July – Friday 5th August flying direct from Newcastle Airport. Posters, Booking Forms and all information is available on the Diocesan webpage and the pilgrimage webpage www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk The pilgrimage has places available for sick pilgrims who require Nursing Care, a Jumbulance is available for overland travel for those unable to fly; there is a youth section for all aged 16 – 25 (special price of £499) and there are booking forms for all the hotel pilgrims who wish to travel. Booking Forms and further information also available from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Pilgrimage Director Fr Peter Stott 01670 513410.



Lourdes Pilgrimage Database: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is looking for someone who knows how to create a database in Microsoft Access, from a database which is currently using Lotus Approach, which is now quite old!! If anyone can help, or anyone knows someone who could help, please speak to Fr Peter.

Christian Aid Spring Evening will be on Saturday 19th March at 7pm in the Methodist Hall. This year the talk will be about the Philippines, one of the theme countries for this year's Christian Aid Week. The evening includes a Filipino style meal, all for only £7 - tickets available from Gerry Harber.

Women's World Day of Prayer: The Service this year will be held at St James Church on 4th March at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. Service prepared by Christian Women of Cuba, theme: Receive Children Receive me.

Vocations: We regularly ask our men to think about a Vocation to the Priesthood, but we need also to promote prayers and some thinking about the Vocation to becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese. It is a ministry into which more men are being ordained. Have you ever thought about how you might be a Deacon for your parish community or local area? If anyone thinks they might be called to being a Deacon, please don't hesitate to contact Fr Peter to talk through the possibilities.



Parish Website: We would like to improve some of the pages of the parish website, but need someone who needs to know how to use the "wordpress" software. If anyone can help please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.

Helping Refugees: Medicines like Calpol, Savlon, Cough mixtures, paracetamol etc. are all still needed in the Dunkirk camp for refugees. If you can help with this appeal, please hand to any of the SVP - Gerry, Eileen, David, Stevie or Maura.

Asylum seekers: The Diocesan Justice & Peace Team still need food for Asylum Seekers. Currently over 100 people get £5 cash and 1 bag of food each week. They would also welcome men's toiletries and any unneeded warm clothing and trainers.

West End Refugee Service: Need bedding curtains etc. for the people with whom they are working.

Parish Catechesis: The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) programme seeks to ensure participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. It 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. For those who may be interested, a Parish Catechesis module will take place on Saturday 12th and 19th March 2016, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Booking for modules is essential. For further information and to book, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or at education@diocesehn.org.uk

St. Robert's Brownies: If any girls would like to join St. Robert's Brownies we anticipate a few spaces coming up this summer as older girls move up to Guides. Brownies is for girls aged 7-10 yrs. But you can join the waiting list at any age and add siblings too. We run Brownies in the church hall on a Tues 6-7.15pm. To register and join the waiting list please log onto www.girlguiding.org.uk click on parents, register your daughter then select 1st Morpeth Brownies, Tues 6-7.15pm St. Robert's.

Meeting for Baptism Course Leaders: Those who are preparing to lead our Baptism Course are asked to come to a meeting on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.



Preparing for Baptism: For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Mass on a Saturday Evening or a Sunday is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising Catholic. We ask parents also to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. In the near future these meetings will alternate between St Bede's Church and St Robert's Church. Any parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. **PLEASE NOTE: dates are not usually given before the Baptism Course is completed.**

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle wishes to appoint a **Safeguarding Advisor**, 30 hours pw, and a **Finance Assistant**, 37.5 hours pw. For further information and an application pack visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is Monday 29 February.

CAFOD: Thank you to everyone who has been supporting CAFOD during Lent. So far we have raised £407.07 from the Friday Soup lunches. Please remember that the Government is doubling any donations that CAFOD receive during Lent, so if you wish to make any further donations, there are CAFOD envelopes available at the back of church.



Life Teen Group: The last session with Andrew O'Neill will be tonight. Andrew and Aimee are then moving away to Bournemouth in March. We take this opportunity to thank them for their work and enthusiasm over the time they have been here.

Parish Youth Worker: We are currently in discussions with the Mustard Tree Trust and our Diocesan Youth Services about how we replace our Parish Youth Worker, so that we can continue to provide a service for our young people. If anyone is aware of someone who is looking for a part time role as a Parish Worker, who would also do some chaplaincy work in the local middle and high schools with other Mustard Tree Trust employees, please speak to Fr Peter or Michael Quincey as soon as possible.

The Source: A monthly meeting for young people from across the diocese. Run by YMT and held at St Mary's Cathedral on the first Wednesday of the month it is a time for prayer and worship, geared towards young people. There is a Deanery bus that goes every month, providing free transport there and back. We encourage our young people to attend and if anyone is interested and wants to go, let Fr. Peter know and he will contact the people who make the arrangements.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery. New members would be welcome. Why not come along?



SVP - thanks: Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the social for our senior parishioners such a success, especially all those who provided abundant prizes for the raffle. We could not run it without your support! Thank you.

SVP National Raffle: Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be available after Mass for the next few weeks, price 50p per ticket. Prizes of £3000, £2000, £1000 and 20 other cash prizes. The money raised goes towards supporting the SVP Special Works such as Blackfriars House, resettlement of offenders etc. See poster in Church porch.



Year of Mercy Prayer Station: St Robert's School children are creating Prayer Stations for the seven Acts of Mercy during Lent. There will be a Prayer Station for the "Hungry and Thirsty" in the entrance to church this week, please read the prayers and take home a "placemat" to share with others at home.