

Masses, Devotions and Services

Saturday 26th March Easter Vigil	8.00pm Mass	Alan Smith
Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.00am Mass	Mary Agnes McDonagh and Christine Downs
Monday 28th March <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 29th March <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass	Betty McDonald
Wednesday 30th March <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	No Mass	
Thursday 31st March <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass	George Beattie
Friday 1st April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass	Jim Anderson
Saturday 2nd April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass Confessions 11am—12pm	In Thanksgiving (MG)
Sunday 3rd April 2nd Sunday Easter	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone
	11.00am Mass	In Thanksgiving (AD—Golden Wedding)
	6.00pm Mass	People of the Parish

Ministries Next Week: 3rd April

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	M. Boyle, N. McCole	V. Shearer B. Cudd	B. Cole, D. Strachan
Extraordinary Ministers	T. Walker, M. Bell, H. Lewington	D. Shearer, R. Soulsby, J. Marshall	L. Cole, D. Butler, S. Smith
Altar Servers	A. Kinghorn G. Butler	P. Glancey	J Dowd G Butler
Children's Liturgy	Holiday		

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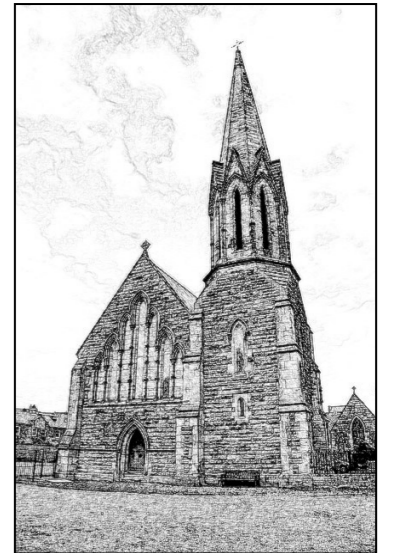
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27th March 2016 Easter Sunday



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.



Please pray for ... new members of the Church, Vocations, the right use of the media, the Church, Human Work. 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 Palm Sunday

Total Offertory - £1083.70. - THANK YOU
Thanks also to those who pay by Direct Debit.

Recent Collections

The CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection was £500.00; the Lenten Soup Lunches came to £864.56, so a total of **£1,364.56** to CAFOD. The Lenten Alms raised **£301.00** for St Cuthbert's Care; and the Holy Places Collection totalled **£304.83** last Sunday.

Special Collection next Sunday

There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 3rd April, for the Northern Brethren Fund for the sick and retired priests fund. This is a separate charity so not eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese - please use the special envelopes available at the back of church.

Easter Blessings

Fr Jim and Fr Peter send their blessings to everyone in the parish, expressing thanks for Easter cards received this week and hoping that you have a very blessed and peaceful Easter Celebration and holiday.



Easter Thanks

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make the Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services run smoothly - to all readers, ministers, altar servers, flower arrangers, church cleaners, sacristans, musicians, organists and choir who worked together to celebrate this special time of the year. All your hard work is very much appreciated.

Fr Peter

Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee is served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Newsletter

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Mary on fmbeaton@btinternet.com or they can be emailed to the parish office (morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 12pm on a Thursday.

Prayer Group Meeting

The next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 19th April at 6:45 pm

Bible Sharing Group

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

Mass Times this week

Father Jim will be away for a few days this week. Please note that there will be **NO Mass here on Monday or Wednesday** as Fr Peter will be celebrating Mass at 10am at St Bede's, Bedlington n those two days.

Meeting of Offertory Counters

There will be a short meeting of the offertory counters after the Morning Mass on Tuesday this week, 29th March, to introduce a new form of Weekly Banking Sheet that must be used from next Sunday. It would be helpful if at least one member of each counting team could attend.

Christian Aid - thanks

Many thanks to those who supported the Christian Aid Spring Evening on 19th March. A net total of £480 was raised for Christian Aid funds, but more importantly the evening was a great success and the talk by Emma Peak from CA Newcastle Office was really inspiring for those who heard it.

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.**

New Headteacher for St Robert's

On Monday the Governors of St Robert's School were able to appoint Mr David Sutcliffe as its new Headteacher. David is currently Deputy Head at Alnwick but has also had experience of being an acting head at St Cuthbert's School at Berwick. David will take up his appointment on September 1st and will begin at the end of the Summer holidays.

Life Teen Leader

I am very pleased to be able to let you know that our Life Teen Group will resume soon with a new leader. After discussions in recent weeks, we have offered the role to Cody Kettner. Cody is from Las Vegas, but currently lives in Chester le Street. He came to the UK several years ago to work with the Youth Ministry Team and he is currently a School Chaplain at St Joseph's Comprehensive in Hebburn. He is also the music leader for the Youth Ministry event, "The Source" held every month at the Cathedral. Cody actually comes from a parish in Las Vegas that runs the Life Teen Programme, so he is familiar with its ideals and objectives. We will have a Parish Social Evening after 6pm Mass on Sunday 17th April to introduce Cody and I would like to invite all our Life Teen Group and Parents to that Meeting, the Parish Council and indeed any other young people or parishioners who are interested in meeting Cody. Fr Peter

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. The next Source is 4th May.

New Cards

Mass cards for those who have died; First Holy Communion Cards



Priesthood and Diaconate Vocations

We need to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, especially in this present time, in the hope that one day there will be more priests for our diocese to celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments for us; 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.

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World Youth Day

Pope Francis has invited young people from across the world to join him in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. Along with the World Youth Day programme there will be an opportunity to experience the local area around Krakow including a visit to Auschwitz. The estimated cost of the Pilgrimage is £899. More information and a downloadable registration form can be found at www.ymt.org/wyd16.html

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle have been given permission to hold an appeal during Easter in all Parishes. We are asked to find a coordinator to arrange this appeal. If anyone can help please speak to Fr Peter

New Ministers of Holy Communion

Is it possible to meet with the new Ministers of Holy Communion on Wednesday evening at 7pm? Fr Peter has the forms for a DBS check so it is important that these re collected and returned asap.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the presbytery on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30 p.m. Potential new members would be welcome.

A Day of Reflection for Women

In partnership with the National Board of Catholic Women and the Department for Ecumenism "If only you knew the gift of god and who it is that is asking you" John 4. With Sr Anne McCarthy on Saturday 9th April from 10.30am - 3.30pm (refreshments from 10.00am). St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY (opposite St Cuthbert's House). There is no charge for the day but booking is essential. Please book by Friday 25th March 2016. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

Want to know more about Catholic Social Teaching?

Would you like to become part of a group of individuals from across the diocese who would be willing to undertake collaborative study in Catholic Social Teaching? Perhaps you have thought at times that you would like to know more about the so-called 'best kept secret' of our Church? Would you be willing to undertake independent study online and meet regularly for discussions, say once a month, where we could serve as a support network for each other? The Diocesan Departments for Formation and Justice and Peace have funding available so no costs involved. No prior knowledge is needed. Hopefully, it would be an enjoyable undertaking too! Please contact me for any further information: Louise Harrison, parishioner of Newhouse, Esh Winning, Durham. **phone:** 07532 309745 or 0191 375 7784 or **email:** maryalichelouise@outlook.com.

Divine Mercy Devotions

The next Divine Mercy Prayer group Meeting will be held in the church on Thursday 31st March at 7pm.

Words of Jesus to St. Faustina

"Pray as much as you can for the dying. Obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer."

Reflections on the Year of Mercy

Prof Karen Kilby, Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham will offer reflections on the Spiritual Works of Mercy on Wednesday 20th April 2016; 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and 7.00pm at St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham. Fr Chris Hughes, Chair of the Justice and Peace Coordinating Council will offer reflections on the Corporal Works of Mercy on Wednesday 27th April 2016; 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle; 7.00pm at St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham. To book a please at these events, please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

