

Masses, Devotions and Services			
Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sunday 10th April	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Easter
	11.00am Mass	Paddy & Babs O’Connell	
	6.00pm Mass	Harry & Margaret Bell	
Monday 11th April	9.15am Mass	Denis and Richard Lewin	St Stanislaus
Tuesday 12th April	9.15am Mass	Leo Horrax	Weekday of Easter
Wednesday 13th April	9.15am Mass	Bernard Farnell	Weekday of Easter
Thursday 14th April	9.15am Mass	Bobby Turnbull	Weekday of Easter
Friday 15th April	9.15am Mass	James Richards	Weekday of Easter
Saturday 16th April	10.00am Mass	Anne McCabe	Weekday of Easter
Sunday 17th April	9.00am Mass	Frank and Barbara Bowey	4th Sunday of Easter
	11.00am Mass	The Deceased of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre	
	6.00pm Mass	Josh and Ria Hedley	
Confessions	Saturday 11am—12pm		

Ministries Next Week: Sunday 17th April 4th Sunday of Easter			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	R. Higginbottom A. Beattie	R. Hunt J. Ratcliffe	D. Oldroyd J. Gill
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Dewar D. Dewar A. Donaldson	A. Dawes Catherine Smith M. Beaton	T. Edwards Chris. Smith B. Cole
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras G Sykes	T Boyle A Kinghorn	A Bambrick D Dowd
Children’s Liturgy			

Deanery Telephone Numbers			
Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley	☎ 01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington	☎ 01670 812200
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St Bede’s Primary School, Bedlington - www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
St Benedict's Middle School, Ashington - www.st-benedicts.northumberland.sch.uk
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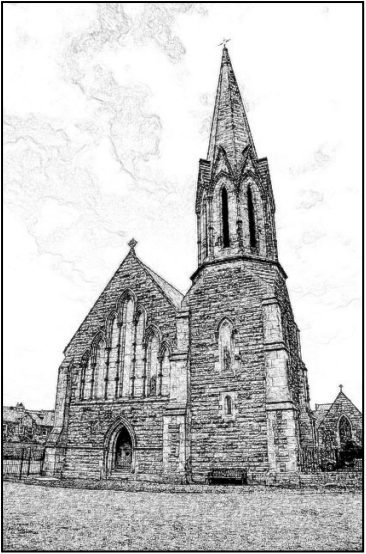
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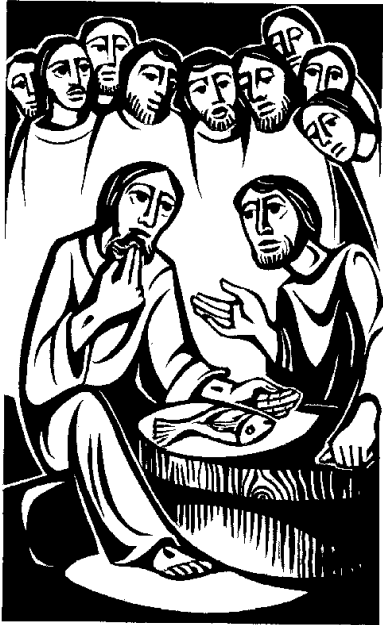
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Parish Priest: Father Peter Stott

Retired Priest: Father James Doherty, also in residence



10th April 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Easter



Jesus obviously looked different after his resurrection than before it. We can tell this because his disciples had difficulty in recognizing him. It even took Peter a while to work out who it was. Jesus was real, not just a ghost, but there was something new about him. Somehow his new risen life showed. If we were to bump into Jesus on the street to-day, how would we expect him to look? Would we recognize him? And if we were looking for him, where would we go? St John gives us a few clues in the last chapter of his gospel, a chapter some people think was added a long time after he finished the rest of the gospel. Maybe people had already started asking these questions?

Well, the first disappointment is that there is no photo-fit image of Jesus. In fact it's quite the opposite. Jesus looks as ordinary as all the people on the bus, in the supermarket or at the football ground. But that's the point. He's supposed to. Since God took our human form and redeemed it by dying and rising, if we are looking to find God then we need look no further than people like ourselves. The risen Christ lives in his people and especially those who are called to be his Church.

Christ who is risen becomes visible in those who minister his presence to us. This means not only priests and deacons, those who are ministers of the sacraments, but also those who take the time to talk to us when we are low, visit us when we are sick, share their own faith and hope with us at those special times.

If we are listening out for the voice of the risen Jesus, then we will hear it in his words proclaimed in scripture, or in those quiet moments when we open a bible. God has not stopped speaking to us, and the Word of God is audible in the words of scripture.

In the most perfect way the risen Lord shares himself with us whenever we gather as Church to eat his body and drink his blood. It is no coincidence that after his resurrection Jesus seems to appear at meal times! Sharing an evening meal with the Emmaus disciples or a breakfast of bread and fish on the sea shore, Jesus offers to be present whenever we share the Eucharistic meal. Yes, Jesus really is risen. Just take a look around.

The Holy Father’s Intentions For April

Universal Intention: Small Farmers That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

Missionary Intention: African Christians That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.



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. *(to add names to this list of anniversaries please send in names)*

Offertory Collection 3rd April 2016

Total Offertory - **£980.21** - THANK YOU

Thanks also to those who contribute by Standing Order

Sick and Retired Priests Collection: NBF

This Fund remains open until 24th April. The NBF is a separate charity from the diocese; if you wish therefore to make a Gift Aid donation you are asked to use the special envelopes available at the back of church. Forms are also available for anyone who wishes to donate via Standing Order to this Fund. £369.70 raised last week. Thank you.



Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle have been given permission to hold an appeal in all Parishes on the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Easter. This will be taken at all masses next weekend, and we look forward to welcoming Mother Marie Claire and Sr Rose from St Joseph's Home, Newcastle who will be with us at the 6pm Mass next Sunday to make this appeal themselves.

Humanitarian Collection for Ukraine

Pope Francis announced on 3rd April that he would like Christian communities in Europe to take a collection as a humanitarian initiative for the people of Ukraine. Our Diocesan Finance Office has instructed us to take the collection on Sunday 1st May.

Tea and Coffee

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

Sunday Coffee Rota

The new rota is available in the Church Hall (there is a copy for all the volunteers). Thank you to all our volunteers, as this is a very important service to the parish.

Divine Mercy Devotions

The next meeting for Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Thursday 14th April at 7p.m. in the church.

Saturday Morning Devotions

The Rosary is prayed on a Saturday at 9.40am; and after 10am Mass, for the Year of Mercy, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions on a normal Saturday are from 11am - 12noon.

Coffee Morning on Saturday

The Catholic Women's League are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th April in the Church Hall from 10am to 12noon. Everyone welcome.

St Robert's Restoration Fund

The Catholic Women's League are once again inviting you to take part in this fundraiser for St Robert's Restoration Fund. Numbers will be on sale from today at a cost of £10 per number. Hopefully, the first draw will be on Saturday 7th May – the Saturday evening National Lottery, Lotto Bonus Ball. The prize money this time will be £25 per Bonus Ball. Good Luck.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30p.m. New members would be most welcome.

Cake Stall

Patrick Smith is going to Mexico in the Summer to do some work with "M10 Mission" - a charity with Christian based values, recruiting and providing dynamic training for 16-25 year olds, building houses for needy families in 3rd world countries. To help Patrick raise his funds to get to Mexico and back, there will be a Cake Stall TODAY after 9am and 11am Masses in the Hall. Please try to support him.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The children will be present at 9am Mass on 24th April and will celebrate a special Liturgy as part of their preparation.

Parish Secretary

An advert is to appear this week (*on Monday 11th April*) seeking to appoint a parish secretary for St Robert's Parish, to work with Fr Peter in the parish office, working 16 hours per week. The advert will be open for two weeks. Check out the Diocesan Website for the advert and full job description.

Keyholders



Could all those who have a key to the **Presbytery** or **Church** or **Hall** please let Fr Peter know who they are. It would be helpful to know how long that key has been given and for what purpose it was given and is still used. If you're asking "why?", it is important that we keep a list of keyholders for Insurance purposes and to maintain the security of the premises.

Becoming Catholic

Fr Peter knows of one person who is interested in joining a Journey in Faith group with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic. Are there any other people who are in similar position, keen to find out more about the Catholic Church with a view to converting? We can set up a group to meet together.

Priesthood and Diaconate Vocations

Next week, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and a Day of Prayer for 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.

Vocations Weekend for young women

The Faithful Companions of Jesus are organising a Vocations weekend for women in their 20s and 30s, on "Discerning God's Call in my life" from 27th - 29th May at Broadstairs, Kent. There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org

Life Teen Leader

We are very pleased that our Life Teen Group will resume soon with Cody Kettner as our new leader. **What is Life Teen?** Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church, which leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We will have a Parish Social Evening after 6pm Mass on Sunday 17th April to introduce Cody and I would hope that the Life Teen Group and Parents come along to meet him, as well as the Parish Council and indeed anyone else who is interested in meeting Cody. Fr Peter

Lourdes Day of Recollection



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is holding a Day of Reflection and Prayer, here at St Robert's on Saturday 23rd April. All are welcome. It will begin with Mass at 10am and continue until 3.30pm. See Poster for Details.

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 14th May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North-East community. If any couples wish to represent St Robert's at this Mass, please let Fr Peter know.



Youth Ministry Team

The final "Source", for this academic year, takes place on Wednesday 4th May from 7.00pm – 8.30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. There will be praise and worship, prayer, a guest speaker, followed by social time and refreshments. All in Year 9 and above are welcome.

FLAME 2017 - "10,000 reasons"

The third National Catholic Youth Congress takes place at Wembley Area on Saturday March 11th 2017. It is hoped that 1,000 young people from our diocese will join Bishop Seamus on the Flame pilgrimage. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244 or email: admin@ymt.org

Medicines for Refugees

Medicines like Calpol, Savlon, Cough mixtures, Paracetamol etc are still needed for refugees in the camp at Dunkirk. If you can help with this please hand them to any member of the SVP - Gerry, Eileen, David, Donald, Maura or Stevie. Thank you.

Charity Fundraising

Father Lawrence's family have organised a Fundraising Bicycle ride from Easington to Morpeth, in memory of Fr Lawrence, in aid of Cancer Research UK on Saturday 30th April. If you feel you would like to support them in their efforts to raise £2,000 you can go to their Just Giving page to donate. <http://www.justgiving.com/team-father-ted>



Christian Aid Week - 15th-21st May

Plant and Book stalls -Saturday 14th May - plants and books are needed for sale on the Saturday prior to Christian Aid Week. Can you help?

Ecumenical Service Sunday 15th May - this will be in St George's URC Church at 4pm. Please come along to pray for the success of the week and for those in need.

House to House collection - 32 collectors are needed to deliver envelopes and collect them a day or two later during Christian Aid Week. If you are able or willing to help, please put your name on the list in the church porch against one of the streets listed.

Gerry's walk across Scotland - Gerry Harber will be walking across Scotland as a participant in The Great Outdoors Challenge during May, from Torridon to Stonehaven, and as usual will be sponsored for Christian Aid. Sponsor forms are on the noticeboard, or if you wish to donate online you can at www.JustGiving.com/Gerald-Harber. If you can help with any of the above please contact Gerry Harber on 517829. Thank you.

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, Bedlington and St Robert's Church. Parents are asked to advise Fr Peter which date they will attend the course. 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 Preparation is completed.** The next Baptism Preparation is 14th April at St Bede's, Bedlington.

New Rite of Confirmation

A new Rite of Confirmation became mandatory at Easter and replaces the 1969 translation which has been in use. There are to be two meetings for priests and catechists - also an opportunity for parishioners who are interested in becoming catechists, to look at the new rite ...Saturday 23rd April 2016 - St Patrick's Church Hall, Stockton, TS19 7PL and Saturday 21 May 2016 - St Aloysius' Church Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. To book a place on this meeting tel: 0191 243 3313 or email: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

New Rite of Marriage

A new Rite of Marriage came into effect at Easter, replacing the one that has been used since 1969. Full details of the new Rite of Marriage, including all the changes, can be found on the Liturgy Office website www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Marriage/index.shtml

Justice and Peace AGM

The Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council AGM is to be held on Saturday 23rd April, from 9.30am - 3.00pm at St Charles', Gosforth. All welcome. Speakers include Catherine McKinnell, MP and Dr Anna Rowlands. This is a chance to share your ideas, comments, hopes and desires for Justice and Peace in this Year of Mercy. The May Day Justice and Peace Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th May at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham:

On Tuesday 26th April, Michael Questier from Queen Mary University of London will give a talk on 'Catholic Martyrdom in Late Elizabethan England' in the Exhibition Hall, Ushaw College. All are welcome to attend, but please email: hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk to book a place.

St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre

This Diocesan Resource Centre runs an Adult Colouring Club and a Reading Club. Why not bring along someone with no transport or company! St Hilda's is looking for book shelves. St Hilda's is also looking for volunteers to ticket and sort books and act as 'Welcomers' to people who call in and groups who use the facilities. Did you know that in St. Hilda's there is a private room, 'The Milburn Room' which holds old reference books, not for borrowing, but viewed by private appointment. If anyone is doing any research, ring the number below to arrange. If anyone is interested please contact Pat Kennedy on 0191 243 3313 or email pat.kennedy@diocesehn.org.uk

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

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. Please e-mail: mary-alicelouise@outlook.com or Telephone: 07532309745 / 0191 375 7784

Visit of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre

The Northumbrian Section of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre will join us at 11am Mass next Sunday, to celebrate Mass for deceased members of the Order. This is appropriate as it falls close to Father Lawrence's anniversary and he was a member of the Order. There will be a retiring collection for their work in the Holy Land, on Sunday 24th April. There is a display at the back of church with more information about the Order and its work to help Christians in the Holy Land. Please help yourself to a leaflet.

Going into Hospital?

Please remember that if you are going into Hospital, and you want the Chaplain for Confession or Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, it is your responsibility to ask for the Chaplain to visit, as they do not automatically find out who the Catholic patients are anymore.

Apostolic Exhortation— Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love

Please go to www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Amoris-Laetitia-The-Joy-of-Love ... to find out more about Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation following the Synod on the Family.