

Masses, Devotions and Services			
Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sunday 1st May	9.00am Mass	Helen and Douglas Cone	6th Sunday of Easter
	11.00am Mass	Roger Adamson	
	6.00pm Mass	Bernard Farnell	
Monday 2nd May	9.15am Mass	Ann McAllister	St Athanasius
Tuesday 3rd May	9.15am Mass	Thomas Reid	SS Philip and James
Wednesday 4th May	9.15am Mass	In Thanksgiving	The English Martyrs
Thursday 5th May	9.15am Mass	Jean Baker	Weekday of Easter
Friday 6th May	9.15am Mass	Eileen Birtwhistle	Weekday of Easter
Saturday 7th May	** 9.00am Mass **	Nan McLeod	St John of Beverley
Sunday 8th May	9.00am Mass	Jean Baker	Ascension of the Lord
	11.00am Mass	Ann McCabe	
	6.00pm	Bernard Farnell	
Confessions	Saturday 11am—12pm		

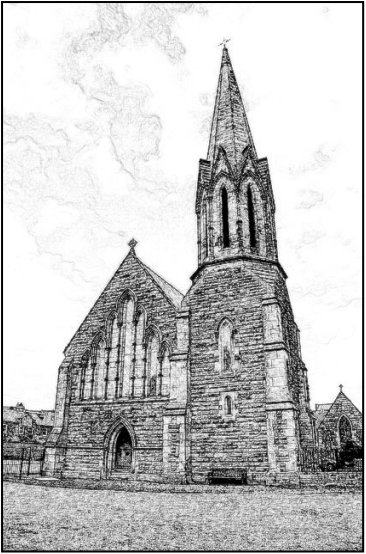
Ministries Next Week: Sunday 8th May Ascension of the Lord			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	T. Walker D. Marr	B. Cudd L. Flinders	L. Cole B. Cole
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Conroy E. Harber G. Harber	Cath Smith M. Beaton E. Dixon	A. Smith Chris Smith B. Rich
Altar Servers	E Boyle I Golding-Douglass	P Glancey	A Bambrick D Dowd
Children's Liturgy	Ben, Sylvie		

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Retired Priest: Father James Doherty, also in residence



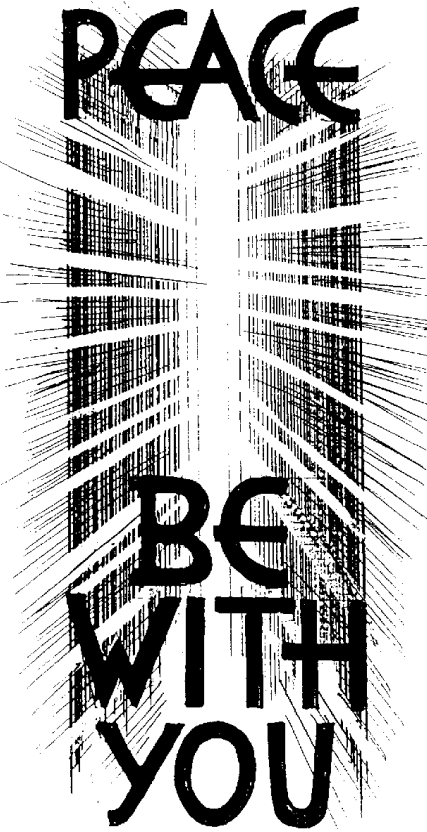
1st May 2016 - 6th Sunday of Easter

When two Hebrew-speaking people greet each other, they say “Shalom aleichem” which means “Peace be with you.” When two Arabic-speakers give the same greeting, they say “Salaam aleichem.” Shalom/salaam refers to the state of integrity, harmony, serenity and completeness within a person’s life. Peace is not merely the absence of struggle but the abiding presence of calm. In today’s gospel Jesus gives his disciples a parting gift, a gift that he says the world cannot give: peace. To have faith in Jesus and be possessed by the Holy Spirit means that we enjoy the peace of Christ.

Of course, in everyday talk, peace usually means the end of war (which often is not peace but simply truce) or the idea of peace and quiet, when we are not troubled and are allowed just to “chill out” or have a few moments to ourselves. But the peace that Jesus offers us is that deep-down sense of wellbeing that comes from knowing that we are loved by God, have been called to be God’s children in baptism and are permanently held in the hand of a God who will never let us be lost, unless we absolutely insist on it. Christian peace brings calmness.

However, the peace we enjoy is not a static thing; it’s something active and dynamic. Consequently we have to work at keeping this peace alive, which is what Jesus meant when he said “Blessed are the peacemakers”. We have to work with the Holy Spirit to keep our relationship with God alive and active and then we have to work for unity among ourselves so that the gift of peace may be a reality in our communities.

Some people can have a false sense of security. Others can have a false sense of peace. If our peace is just built on not being troubled by others, not having worries about our job, our family or our finances, then we are simply enjoying freedom from anxiety. If, however, our peace is built on our relationship with God, on our trust in his promises to us and the confidence that his always keeps his word, then we enjoy that peace of Christ which the world cannot give. And this is what we wish each other at every Mass when we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you”.



The Holy Father's Intentions For May

Universal Intention: Respect for Women: That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Missionary Intention: Holy Rosary: That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



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 those in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. Those who have died recently : and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time (*to add names to this list of anniversaries please send in names*).

Offertory Collection 24th April 2016

Total Offertory £1162.05 Thank you.
Thank you also to all those who contribute by Standing Order.

Humanitarian Collection for Ukraine

In response to Pope Francis' appeal for the people of Ukraine there will be a retiring collection at all our Masses TODAY (1st May)

Sick and Retired Priests Collection: NBF

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Collection for the Northern Brethren Fund for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese which raised **£463.70**.



Collection by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre would like to thank parishioners for their generosity in last week's collection which will allow them to send **£501.48** to the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem to help support Christians in the Holy Land.'

World Communications Day Collection

There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 8th May, for World Communications Day, the day of prayer that helps us think about how we spread the message of the gospel throughout the Church and the world. This is eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese so please use the special envelopes in your box.

Lay Training Fund

The Lay Training Fund will be taken on Sunday 15th May; this fund remains open until 12th June. This Fund is available for any lay people who wish to further their Catholic Studies and need funding to do so. Full details can be obtained from the Diocesan Finance Office for anyone who wishes to access the fund for their personal studies.

Tea and Coffee

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

Parish Newsletter

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to Pauline on paulinemc2012@gmail.com or they can be emailed to the parish office on morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 12pm on a Thursday.

Bonus Ball

Today is the last chance to buy your Bonus Ball. There are only a few numbers left and the £10 stake gives you 10 chances of winning, £25 per lucky number. The winning number will be the Saturdays National Lottery Lotto Bonus Ball, taken from the draws on Saturday 7th May until Saturday 9th July. Good luck.

Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk

The Catholic Womens League have organised the "Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk". This will take place on **Sunday 5th June**, walking from the Low Stanners Bridge to the Low Ford Bridge. All money raised will go to "St Robert's Restoration Fund". Please take a sponsor form at the back of church and sign up. Thanks you for all your support.

Prayer Group Meeting

The next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on **Tuesday 24th May at 6:45 pm** to continue our exploration of different ways to pray the Rosary.

Bible Sharing Group

This next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May from 1pm-2pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotions

The next Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7.00pm in 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 – 12 noon.

Men's Breakfast

The next "Men's Breakfast" will be held on Saturday May 7th in the church hall from 9.30 – 10.45am. Join us for learning, fellowship and, of course, bacon butties and tea/coffee. All men warmly welcome.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Doors of Mercy

There has been some interest in arranging a Parish Pilgrimage to The Cathedral in Newcastle and to walk through the Door of Mercy; the Cathedral has prepared a series of prayers for the visit and the Cloister Café are also prepared to have the whole group in for lunch. Obviously, we would have to pay for Lunch but do we also need to arrange a coach? If those who are interested would sign the list at the back of Church. **THE DEANERY ARE ORGANISING A TRIP ALSO DO WE WISH TO JOIN IN OR GO SEPERATELY?**



Preparing for Baptism

For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Mass on a Saturday Evening or 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.



Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation Meeting will be held at St Robert's Church on

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16th May at 7pm. If anyone has any items for the Agenda, please hand to Michael Quincey or Father Peter



Life Teen

The Life Teen Group is not meeting this week because of the Bank Holiday but will resume next week after the 6pm Mass. All young people very welcome.

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Seamus 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.



Patrick Smith's Fundraising for Mexico

As part of Patrick Smith's fundraising for the M10 Christian Mission to Mexico in the Summer, his next event will be a Mexican themed night on Saturday 14th May at St Roberts Church Hall at 7.30pm, tickets £10 per person and will include a 3-course meal; on sale after 6pm Mass or contact Patrick on 01670-516433. Mexican fancy dress optional!



Holiday

Fr Peter will be away on holiday from Friday 6th May. He will be back on Monday 16th May. Bon voyage!! We are very grateful to the visiting priests who will be helping with Sunday Masses over the next two weeks.



Appeal for Nurses and Helpers for the Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has issued an urgent appeal for more Nurses and Adult Helpers. There are 40 applications for Sick Pilgrims to go on the Pilgrimage, but if not enough nurses come forward, some of these sick pilgrims may not be able to travel. Do you know anyone available to help? Speak to Fr Peter or the Senior Nurse, Kath McTernan 0191 274 3928 for further information.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Several people have commented on the need to review the way we distribute Holy Communion at Mass especially on a Sunday. If there is any better way Fr Peter would love to hear your thoughts, so that they can be pooled together to try to come to some conclusion about what might be the best way.

'The Gift'

'The Gift' is a new Evangelisation Course on DVD from CaFE and at the request of the Bishop, they are running a pilot scheme of this course at North Shields on 14th May and 4th June, for anyone who would be willing to lead the Course in the parish. If anyone is willing to attend, with a view to leading the programme, please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible. Information on The Gift can be found on www.faithcafe.org

Going into Hospital?

Please remember that if you are going into hospital and you want the Chaplain for Confession, 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.

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.

May Procession at Ashington

On **Sunday 8th May at 4pm St Aidan's Parish**, Ashington, are hosting a May Procession. All are welcome. The procession will start in St Aidan's Parish Hall, followed by a time of prayer with Rosary and Benediction.

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 St Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org.



Forward Together in Hope

Leaflets are available at the back of the Church highlighting "The Journey So Far". In June we will be receiving further information about the responses to Parish Questionnaires that were handed in during Advent 2015. Please pray for this project and for the Diocese during this time.



Christian and Muslim Women's Visit

The Joint Christian and Muslim Women's visit to St Mary's Chapel (Jesmond Shrine), Newcastle (NE2 2EU) to pray for peace, will take place on **Saturday 14th May at 1:00pm**. This event is open to all women and young children only. Please see poster in the Church porch.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Please see the box in the church porch for donations of food needed for the Food Bank. There are a number of leaflets at the back of church explain the work of the Foodbank and of who can access the Foodbank.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Near Preston Lancashire

There will be a Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine on Wednesday 29th June (Ss Peter and Paul). Pick-up points will be Peterlee, Heworth Metro Station, Central Station Newcastle, St Mark's Westerhope, and Hexham near St Mary's Church. The cost is approximately £15 but it depends on numbers. Please contact Jose Blay a.s.a.p. on 0191 2678693 or e-mail josephabl114@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week - 15th-21st May

Plant and Book stalls -Saturday 14May - we need plants and books for sale on the Saturday prior to Christian Aid Week.

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

House to House collection - we urgently need more volunteer collectors to deliver envelopes and collect them a day or two later during Christian Aid Week. If you can please volunteer for this by putting your name on the list in the church porch against one of the streets listed.

Gerry Harber's Walk across Scotland - Gerry 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 on the noticeboard, or give on-line at www.JustGiving.com/Gerald-Harber



Support 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.

Justice & Peace Refugee Project

The Justice & Peace refugee project are very grateful for continued donations of food and men's toiletries. There are now over 400 clients of whom over 100 are classed as destitute with no benefits or other income. Apart from tins of fish, meat and tomatoes, toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel and shaving gel and razors are soap are very popular. Also men's clothing and shoes (leaflet in church porch with more information).

Diocesan Justice and Peace Mass

The May Day Justice and Peace Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th May at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

Helping refugees in Greece.

Ruhi Loren says "Thank you for donating to the medical aid for Syria appeal". Ruhi has just gone to Greece to help the refugees there and has taken over £2000 to help in this work. If you want to donate please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/UrgentGreeceAppeal>.

Prayer Novena for the re-evangelisation of our nation

There will be a prayer Novena called Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost 8-15 May for the re-evangelisation of Britain. Durham Cathedral is one of the focal points for prayer and the final prayer liturgy will be there on 15 May at 7pm Pentecost Sunday. A free event but tickets are required so book through the website <http://thykingdom.co.uk> Bishop Seamus is anxious that we are well represented.

Becoming Catholic

Would anyone who is interested in joining a Journey in Faith group with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic please contact Fr Peter. Also any Catholic willing to help with this, speak to Fr Peter

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a wonderful Charity which feeds children in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. For every pound you give them they spend a minimum of 93p on our charitable activities. Please see leaflets at the back of the Church

