

Masses, Devotions and Services			
Sunday 3rd April	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>
	11.00am Mass	In thanks giving (A D Golden Wedding)	
	6.00pm Mass	People of the Parish	
Monday 4th April	9.15am Mass	Patrick Grimes	The Annunciation
Tuesday 5th April	9.15am Mass	Private Intention	Weekday of Easter
Wednesday 6th April	9.15am Mass	Sue Foley	Weekday of Easter
Thursday 7th April	9.15am Mass	Ken & Eileen Percival	St John Baptist de la Salle
Friday 8th April	9.15am Mass	Andrew & Heidi	Weekday of Easter
Saturday 9th April	10.00am Mass 11am—12pm Confessions	Brian & Margaret Bunting	Weekday of Easter
Sunday 10th April	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>
	11.00am Mass	Paddy & Babs O'Connell	
	6.00pm Mass	Harry & Margaret Bell	

Ministries Next Week: Sunday 10th April 3rd Sunday of Easter			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	E. Harber G. Harber	B. Lewins L. Flinders	C. Reardon T. Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Conroy, P. Baker A. Mitchell	V. Shearer E. Dixon G. Davison	M. Illingworth L. Edwards A. Smith
Altar Servers	As advised		
Children's Liturgy	As advised		

Deanery Telephone Numbers			
Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley	☎ 01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington	☎ 01670 812200
Fr Lee Barrett, Cramlington	☎ 01670 712476	Wansbeck Hospital Chaplaincy	☎ 0191 293 4268
Cramlington Switchboard	☎ 0344 811 8111	St George's Park Hospital Chaplaincy	☎ 01670 501815
Northgate Hospital	☎ 01670 394855 Ext: 64855		

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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
St Benet Biscop Academy, Bedlington - www.stbenetbiscop.co.uk

The Parish of Saint Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

St Robert's Presbytery, Oldgate, Morpeth, NE61 1QF

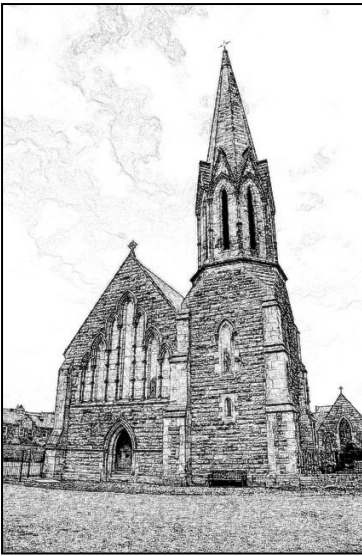
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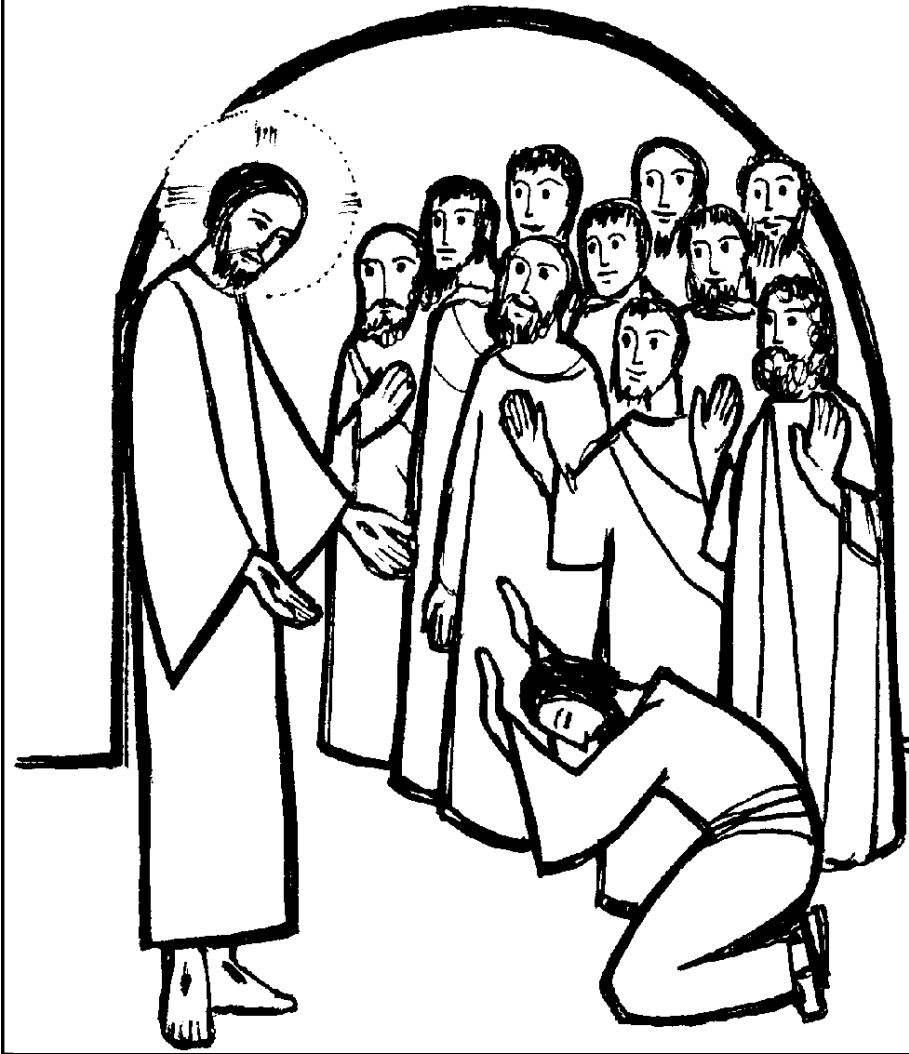
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Parish Priest: Father Peter Stott

Retired Priest: Father James Doherty, also in residence



3rd April 2016 2nd Sunday of Easter



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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 27th March 2016

Total Offertory - £2085.69- THANK YOU

Thanks also to those who contribute by Standing Order

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

Divine Mercy Prayer group meeting will be held in church on Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 4th April in the Church Hall. There will be prayers followed by a business meeting.

Coffee Morning

LEPRA are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th April in the Church Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

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.



Could all those who do come into the Presbytery using a key, please ring the doorbell to let those inside know that there is someone coming into the house rather than just walking in!

Pastoral Letter and Forward Together in Hope

We have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus this weekend which is giving further information about "Forward Together in Hope", and a leaflet is available today for all parishioners.

Special Collection today

There will be a Special Collection today for the **Northern Brethren Fund**, which supports the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The NBF is a separate charity from the diocese and so is not eligible for Gift Aid through 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. The fund will remain open until 24th April.**

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. Bishop Seamus is grateful for the work that the Sisters do in caring for the sick and elderly, but especially for helping out in an emergency with a sick priest, when the sisters will do all they can to find accommodation for a sick priest who needs some care. The Sisters do tremendous work at their home in Newcastle. Please try to support their appeal on 17th April..

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 next weekend after 9am and 11am Masses in the Hall. Please try to support him.

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.

Baptism Congratulation

We ask your prayers for **Mathilde May St Pierre Robson** and **Emily Grace Smith** who were baptised here last Sunday afternoon. Pray for them and their families at this time.

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.



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, Life Teen 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 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*

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

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.

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 Newcastle Office of Christian Aid was really inspiring for those who heard it.

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.

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.

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.

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 23 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

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>

Society of St Vincent de Paul

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

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 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 place at these events, please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

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