

Masses, Devotions and Services

Sunday 22nd May The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	The Most Holy Trinity
	11.00am Mass	Davison Family	
	6.00pm Mass	Dec'd members of Cole Family	
Monday 23rd May	9.15am Mass	Elizabeth McClarence	Weekday
Tuesday 24th May	9.15am Mass	Michael McCormack	Weekday
Wednesday 25th May	9.15am Mass	Joseph McCole	The Venerable Bede
Thursday 26th May	9.15am Mass		St Phillp Neri
Friday 27th May	9.15am Mass		St Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday 28th May Confessions	10am Mass 11.00-12.00noon		Weekday
Sunday 29th May	9.00am Mass	Evelyn Givens	The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
	11.00am Mass	Sheila Brown	
	6.00pm Mass	Dec'd members of Onono family	

Ministries Next Week: 29th May: The Body & Blood of Christ

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	M Bell E Harber	D Shearer V Shearer	C Rich D Oldroyd
Extraordinary Ministers	A Mitchell A Donaldson A Gorman	A Dawes R Soulsby Cath Smith	T Edwards M Illingworth A Smith
Altar Servers	E Boyle C Cooper	A Kinghorn	J Dowd O Bruce
Children's Liturgy	As advised		

Going into Hospital?

If you are going into hospital and you want the Chaplain it is your responsibility to ask for the Chaplain to visit, as they do not automatically find out who the Catholic

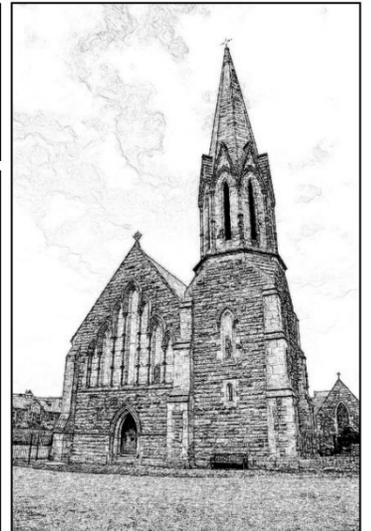
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 St Bede's Primary School, Bedlington - www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
 St Benedict's Middle School, Ashington - www.st-benedicts.northumberland.sch.uk
 St Benet Biscop Academy, Bedlington - www.stbenetbiscop.co.uk

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22nd May 2016 The Most Holy Trinity

Sometimes people tie themselves up in knots when they try to explain the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three in one yet one in three becomes juggled around until we can no longer think straight. Of course, no one can explain the mystery of the Trinity, but that doesn't mean that it's a waste of time pondering it. If we are made in the image and likeness of God then we reflect a Father who creates, a Son who communicates, and a Holy Spirit who inspires.

Are you a CREATIVE person? Maybe not a Picasso or a Beethoven, but do you look for opportunities to make your mark at home, at work or in society. Are there ways you could beautify your home environment, make improvements in your work, or contribute to some neighbourhood project?

Do you really COMMUNICATE with others? Jesus is called the Word because his whole life was a disclosure of the type of God we have. How communicative are you? Do you share your thoughts and feelings? How open are you with family and friends? What's your message to the world before you go?

How much do you INSPIRE others? Do you use that gift of encouraging others by what you say and do? Are there people you could give a great boost to by a well-placed compliment? Do you enthuse others and spur them on to even greater things?

If you manage to be a CREATIVE, COMMUNICATIVE and INSPIRING person then you can claim to be living in the image of the Trinity. So enjoy your feast today!



The Holy Father's Intentions For May

Universal 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 ... A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human life and Sea-farers. 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

Total Offertory - £902.72 - THANK YOU

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

Bonus Ball Winners

CWL Bonus Ball winners on Saturday 14th May. Bonus Ball No 16. The lucky winners receiving £25 were:

Alison Owens, Anne Syron & Rita O'Malley.

Thank you for your support. Good luck for the next draw!

Lay Training Fund

The Lay Training Fund will remain 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the presbytery on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 p.m.** New members would be welcome.

Bible Sharing Group meet each **Tuesday from 1pm-2pm** in the church hall. All are welcome.

Prayer Group Meeting

The next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on **Tuesday 24th May at 6:45 pm.**

Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk.

This will take place on **Sunday 5th June.** Walking from the Low Stanners Bridge to the Low Ford Bridge. Money raised will go to the St Robert's Restoration Fund. Please take a sponsor form at the back of church and sign up.

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.**

Forward Together in Hope

Leaflets available at the back of the Church highlighting "The Journey So Far". In June we will receive 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Thank you to all those who have made comments or suggestions concerning the distribution of Holy Communion. Rather than make any drastic changes you will find reminders on the bench from where we would like you to start moving once the Extraordinary Ministers have passed by. We will see how successful this is.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Near Preston Lancashire

Will take place on **Wednesday 29th June** (Ss Peter and Paul) Pick-up points will be Peterlee, Heworth Metro, Central station Ncle, St Mark's Westerhope and Hexham near St Mary's church. Cost is approx. £15. Please contact Jose Blay a.s.a.p. on 0191 2678693 or e-mail josephablay114@gmail.com

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 For 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 Preparation, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for Baptism. **PLEASE NOTE: dates are not usually given before the Baptism Preparation is completed.**

Mary's Meals

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.

Diocesan 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).

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.

Your contact details

Do we have your correct address in our parish files? Have you moved house and changed address since the last parish Census, or changed telephone number or email address. Please let us know your new details so if we need to contact you we can do so.

Appeal for Nurses and Helpers for the Lourdes Pilgrimage

An urgent appeal for more Nurses and Adult helpers PLEASE. If not enough nurses come forward some of the sick pilgrims may not be able to travel. Contact Fr Peter or Kath McTernan Senior Nurse 01912743928 for more information.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd June at 7p.m. in the church.

Deanery 24 Hours of Prayer - St Aidan's, Ashington St Aidan's, Ashington, is hosting 24 Hours of Prayer for our Northumberland Deanery starting with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 3rd June and ending with Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday 4th June. The church will be open throughout this time. All are welcome to visit, whether for a short time or much longer.

Race for Life

Leanne Baty and Laura Cole (St Robert's R C First School) are taking part in the Race for Life on **9 July 2016** to raise money for Cancer Research. Leanne is raising money in memory of Father Lawrence and Laura in memory of her mum. If anyone would like to sponsor them either visit www.justgiving.com and search for their names or see them in person.

Parish Census

We are about to conduct another Parish Census. We will use it to update the information the Parish holds on the congregation.

Music Notes

At 11am Mass on a Sunday we sing the mass setting (Gloria, Alleluia, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Lamb of God). We have sung the Belmont setting since Noah was a small boy and Father P is keen to hear some variety. So from the first Sunday in June we will sing the Creation setting (in the hymn book 489 onwards). You will recognise the Gloria - we have sung it before. The intention is then to introduce a series of new settings on a revolving monthly basis. So that we have a repertoire of 4-5 settings. It will be fun!

Bishop Seamus' Golden Jubilee

On **Sunday 12th June** Bishop Seamus Cunningham will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. Bishop Seamus has specifically requested that NO parish Collection are taken for this celebration. However, that does not stop anyone making a private donation to the Bishop for his Jubilee. You can send a cheque to him personally at Bishop's House or you can send a cheque made payable to "Bishop's Golden Jubilee Fund" and sent to Jeff Ledger, Diocesan Finance Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY, no later than 3rd June.

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral Doors of Mercy

Trying to find a suitable date that did not clash with other events has proved difficult, so we will join with the Deanery Group for our Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and the Doors of Mercy. This will take place on **Saturday 2nd July.** Put the date in your diaries now. More details to follow re transport and costs.

World War Commemorations

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating the following Masses at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle to remember those who lost their lives in conflict:

Sunday 5th June (6pm) - Battle of Jutland commemorating the war at sea

Sunday 3rd July (6pm) Battle of the Somme. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Young Adult Event led by the Taize Community

The Taizé Community (including Brother Alois – Prior) will be facilitating a young adult gathering in Birmingham next year, over the early May Bank Holiday weekend (**28th May – 1st June 2017**). The main events will take place in the city-centre churches. 16 – 35 year-olds are invited for the full weekend. 16 – 18 year-olds may alternatively come for a one day programme, just on the Saturday. For further details please refer to: www.taize.fr/birmingham or contact them on taizebirmingham@gmail.com

Grotto Service



On Friday afternoon at 2.15pm, we are holding a Grotto Service with the School to celebrate Mary, Mother of God, which includes Prayers and Hymns to Our Lady and the Rosary. All school will be present and parishioners are invited to take part also.

After the Service the PTFA are holding a Coffee afternoon, to which all are welcome.

Feast of St Robert of Newminster

We will celebrate the feast on Tuesday 7th June — Mass will be at 9:15 am and the whole of St Robert's School will be present.

St Benet Biscop Leavers Masses

Fr Peter will be celebrating the Year 11 Leavers Mass for St Benet Biscop School at St Bede's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday. Fr Stephen Watson will be celebrating Mass for the Year 13 Leavers on Friday at 11.30am. Parishioners welcome to come along and support our young people.

Renewal of Ministers Commitment

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi. We remind all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that that is the day that they renew their commitment to this ministry.

New Lay Leaders

We are delighted that we have now have four Lay Leaders of Liturgy for Word and Holy Communion. Chris Smith and Bernard Cudd have just been commissioned this week and join Marian Bell and David Shearer in this special parish ministry. Very many thanks to these parishioners for their generosity, time and commitment.

Father Jim's Birthday!! Sshush!!!!

We will be having a parish party to celebrate Father Jim's 90th Birthday (and Father Peter's 50th from March!). We hope you will want to join in and celebrate. This will be on Friday 1st July at 7pm But we need to know how many will be coming To help with catering will you please sign the list in church to indicate if you will be coming and how many others you will be bringing.

Mexican night

A big thank you from Patrick Smith to those who attended and gave donations for his Mexican night in aid of his M10 mission to Mexico in the summer. A total of £550 was raised, congratulations to Eileen House for winning the Eurovision competition with Ukraine. Once again many thanks and my final fundraiser will be a Coffee Morning in the summer, details to follow.