

Masses, Devotions and Services			
Sunday 29th May	9.00am Mass	Evelyn Givens	Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ
	11.00am Mass	Sheila Brown	
	6.00pm Mass	Dec'd members of Onono Family	
Monday 30th May	9.15am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	Weekday
Tuesday 31st May	9.15am Mass		Feast of the Visitation
Wednesday 1st June	9.15am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	St Justin
Thursday 2nd June	9.15am Mass	Evelyn Givens	Weekday
Friday 3rd June	9.15am Mass		The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 4th June	10am Mass 11.00-12.00noon	Dorothy & Samuel Dutton	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 5th June	9.00am Mass	Helen & Douglas Cone	10th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	6.00pm Mass	Ronald & Lillian Ellis	

Ministries Next Week: 5th June—10th Sunday of the Year			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	G Harber R Higginbottom	L Flinders B Cudd	Chris Smith D Butler
Extraordinary Ministers	T McLaughlin A Beattie N Givens	D Shearer V Shearer M Beaton	B Rich J Marshall L Cole
Altar Servers	E. Boyle I Golding Douglass	P Glancey	P Smith G Butler
Children's Liturgy	As advised		

Going into Hospital?

If you are going into hospital and you want the Chaplain to visit you, please remember it is your responsibility to ask for the Chaplain to visit, as the chaplains are no longer informed about the faith of the patients.

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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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29th May 2016 - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

The uncanny thing about being out of shape is that none of us consciously allow ourselves to become that way; it's something that creeps up on us. The extra pounds that pile on around our waistlines are the result of making wrong choices on a daily basis. Just as we can become physically unfit so we can become spiritually unfit. None of us make bad choices on purpose, but nonetheless if we make choices on a daily basis that are not based on God's values we can easily feel weighed down, dissatisfied and ultimately unhappy.

The feeding of the five thousand is prophetic. Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all our needs. On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are reminded that in just the same way as we care for our physical diet, we need to make Jesus part of our spiritual diet both in communion and in our daily choices to live as Christians so that we might be spiritually whole. It's a two way promise. God promises to take care of us, and we promise to make the right choices. We are invited to feel alive and rejuvenated and ready to impact the world around us.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who shares Christ's spiritual diet will share eternal life.

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 ... 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.

### Offertory Collection

Total Offertory - £1,147.81 - THANK YOU

### Feast of Corpus Christi

We invite all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come forward to the front of the Church at the "Lamb of God" during Mass to make the Renewal of their Commitment to this ministry

### 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 Marian on [marian@marianbell.f2s.com](mailto:marian@marianbell.f2s.com) or emailed to the parish office on [morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto: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 21st May. Bonus Ball No 46. The lucky winners receiving £25 were: **Margaret Smith, Margaret Turner & Paul Johnson.** 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.

### Bible Sharing Group

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



### Seven Bridges Sponsored Walk.

This will take place on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FORWARD TOGETHER  
IN  
HOPE**

### Urgently needed for refugees.

Thank you for all medical supplies donated. These are no longer needed. After visiting the Idomeni camp, Ruhi Loren asks for the following: Light summer hijabs/head scarves, Abayas, female modest long tops/dresses, sunscreen, trainers and walking shoes (all ages and genders), plastic sandals and crocs (all ages and genders), Sudocrem and baseball caps. Please leave in porch. The people who are asking for this say, "Clothing and footwear must be new or nearly new with no rips, stains and clean/washed. Please sort and box/bag into individual items with a label as to what it is. Tie footwear together with laces or Sellotape. The deadline for this is 12<sup>th</sup> June." Please leave items in church porch.



### Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee Project

The Diocesan 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.

### St Aidan's, Ashington—24 Hours of Prayer

St Aidan's, Ashington, is hosting 24 Hours of Prayer for our Northumberland Deanery starting with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and ending with Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (from St Robert's 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](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for their names or see them in person.

### John Paul II Award Coordinator

We have not yet appointed a Parish Coordinator for the Pope John Paul II Award, and the Deanery Representative is asking for this information. Would someone please be willing to take on the role as Parish Coordinator – its not a massive task, but we need someone with an awareness of what the young people can do in our parish to fulfil their tasks.



### Bishop Seamus' Golden Jubilee

On **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, if anyone wishes to make a donation you can send a cheque to him personally, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June.



### Pilgrimage to the Cathedral Doors of Mercy

The Deanery Pilgrimage to the Doors of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and we will join in with this. There are many names on the list and unless people remove their names we will presume that everyone else is still going. This will help in arranging the coaches needed.



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> June (6pm)** - Battle of Jutland commemorating the war at sea

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (6pm)** Battle of the Somme  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

### DBS Checks

It is important that all those who perform any form of ministry in the parish have their Disclosure and Barring Service checks complete. At the moment, some of these checks are now outstanding. We ask all those who received forms recently to complete and return them as soon as possible.

### Feast of St Robert of Newminster

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast of St Robert of Newminster and our Parish Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and the whole of our First School will be present with us for that Mass.

### Baptism Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulations to the family of Ananya Rani Allon who was baptised here at St Robert's last Sunday.

### 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.



### First Holy Communion Celebrations

St Bede's, Bedlington will be celebrating their First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 11th June at 10am. St Robert's Parish, Morpeth will be celebrating their First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 25th June at 10am. Please keep all our young children in your prayers at this time.

### Music for Mass

The Choir at 11am Mass wish to learn some more Mass settings so that they can alternate their music rather than sing the same setting every week. This is good. But it would be wrong for them to do it on their own. Father Peter therefore proposes to hold a meeting of anyone interested in parish music provision so that even those who attend 9am Mass and 6pm Mass can also learn new Mass settings. It is important if we aim as a Parish to do things together so that we have unity and so that people at all three Masses will know what is being sung. Watch this space for further details.



### 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 Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. **The next Baptism meeting will be held at St Bede's, Bedlington at 6.30pm on Thursday 7th July.**

### Services of Word and Communion

Please note that on Monday and Wednesday this week, there will be Services of Word and Communion at St Robert's. (Mass at St Bede's at 10am on both days.)

### 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](http://www.taize.fr/birmingham) or contact them on [taizebirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:taizebirmingham@gmail.com)

### RE Inspection

St Robert's First School is to have a Diocesan RE Inspection on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Keep them all in your prayers.

### Parish Secretary

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Lisa Mills will begin work in the Presbytery as the Parish Secretary. She will be available in the Office each day from Monday – Friday from 10am – 1pm.