

Masses, Devotions and Services		
Sunday 8th May Ascension of the Lord	9.00am Mass	Jean Baker
	11.00am Mass	Ann McCabe
	6.00pm Mass	Bernard Farnell
Monday 9th May	9.15am Mass	No intention
Tuesday 10th May	9.15am Mass	Fr Lawrence
Wednesday 11th May	9.15am Mass	Bobby Turnbull
Thursday 12th May	9.15am Mass	No intention
Friday 13th May	9.15am Mass	Ron Highfield
Saturday 14th May	9.15am Mass	No intention
Confessions	11.00-12.00noon	
Sunday 15th May Pentecost	9.00am Mass	Eddie & Mildred Cosgrove
	11.00am Mass	No intention
	6.00pm Mass	Michael McHugh

Ministries Next Week: 15th May Pentecost			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	J Offen M Boyle	R Hunt B Lewins	D Strachan C Reardon
Extraordinary Ministers	T Walker H Lewington L Edwards	V Shearer D Shearer R Soulsby	J Marshall B Cole L Cole
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras M Watson	A Kinghorn	P Smith O Bruce
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Lisa,	Companion:Nicola	

Deanery Telephone Numbers	
Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley (01670 788344	Fr Stephen Watson, Ashington (01670 812200
Fr Lee Barrett, Cramlington (01670 712476	Fr Peter Leighton, Alnwick (01665 6020124
Wansbeck Hospital Chaplaincy (0191 293 4268	Cramlington Hospital Switchboard (0344 811 8111
St George's Park Hospital Chaplaincy (01670 501815	

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Parish Priest: Father Peter Stott

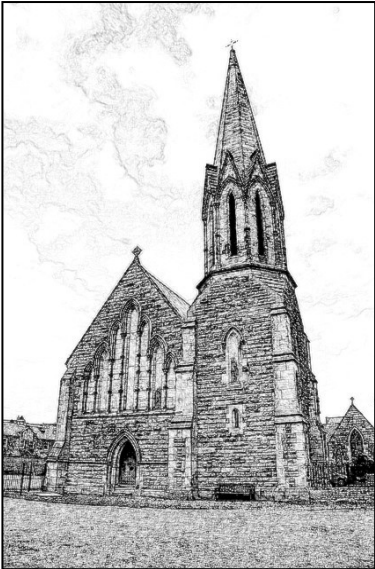
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8th May 2016 Ascension of the Lord



Today our Lord Jesus Christ as-cended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.

Listen to the words of the Apostle: "If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth."

For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

...We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

St. Augustine—
Sermon for the Lord's Ascension

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 - £1403.93 - THANK YOU

Tea and Coffee

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

Parish Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE—

Due to absences from the Parish this week, items for the newsletter should be emailed to Pauline on paulinemc2012@gmail.com by 12pm on WEDNESDAY.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Lisa Mills has been appointed as the Parish Secretary for St Robert's. She will begin on Monday 6th June. Parish Office times will be 10am-1pm Monday-Friday and Lisa will be able to deal with enquiries.

Thanks to our priests

We thank Fr Noel Colahan, Fr Ian Hoskins and Fr Lee Barrett, as well as father Jim, for celebrating the Sunday and weekday Masses while Fr Peter is away on holiday.

Humanitarian Collection for Ukraine

Many thanks to everyone who donated to last week's retiring collection for the people of Ukraine. We raised £424.64.

World Communications Day Collection

On the Ascension we reflect on our mandate to "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". Today, we are encouraged to pray for the professionals who work in the field of communications. A particular intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It seeks to support the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few. CCN is responsible for developing the public profile of the Church in the press, radio and TV, digitally and across social media platforms. It is also a helpful resource for national and international media professionals. There will be a Retiring Collection today.

The Northern Cross

We have many extra copies of The Northern Cross this month, available at the back of Church, price £1.

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.

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.

Life Teen

The Life Teen Group is meeting this week after the 6pm Mass. All young people very welcome.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9th May**. There will be Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by the AGM.

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**.

Patrick Smith's Fundraising for Mexico

As part of Patric Smith's fundraising for the M10 Christian Mission to Mexico in the Summer, the next event will be a Mexican themed night on **Saturday 14th May** at St Robert's 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!

May Procession

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The 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.

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.**

Parish Pilgrimage to the Doors of Mercy

There has been 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 a visit and the Cloister Café are prepared to have the whole group in for lunch. Obviously, we would have to pay for Lunch but do we need to arrange a coach? If you are interested please sign the list at the back of Church. THE DEANERY ARE ORGANISING A TRIP ALSO DO WE WISH TO JOIN IN OR GO SEPERATELY?

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Seamus will celebrate mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 14th May at 11am 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.

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.

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 josephabl14@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 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 **Thursday 19th May**. A letter has been sent out to those who have already booked in their Baptism. Replies should be done as soon as possible to Ruth Higginbottom using the contact information given in the letter.

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 on **Saturday 21st 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.

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. 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.

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.

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 1pm**. **Please see poster.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Several people have commented on the need to review the way we distribute Holy Communion at Mass on a Sunday. Let Fr Peter know your ideas.

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 is.

Christian Aid Week - 15th-21st May

Plant and Book stalls -next Saturday 14th May 10am to 12 noon- Please bring plants and books for sale on the morning or ring Eileen (517829) if you need them collected. Please support the stalls on the day.

Ecumenical Service Sunday 15th May - in St George's URC church at 4p.m.

House to House collection - if you are collecting please read the Guide to Collecting, wear the badge and collect only during Christian Aid week.

Gerry will be away walking across Scotland in The Great Outdoors Challenge during May, sponsored for Christian Aid. Sponsor forms on the noticeboard, or on-line at www.JustGiving.com/Gerald-Harber.

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).

'The Gift'

'The **Gift**' is a new Evangelisation Course on DVD from Café; at the Bishop's request 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

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, 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.

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.

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