

Masses, Devotions and Services			
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	
Monday 6th May	9.15am Mass	Wyn Padley	Weekday
Tuesday 7th May	9.15am Mass	Kevin O'Malley	St Robert of Newminster
Wednesday 8th June	9.15am Mass	Jessie Ratcliff	St William of York
Thursday 9th June	9.15am Mass	No Intention	St Columba
Friday 10th June	9.15am Mass	No Intention	Weekday
Saturday 11th June	10am Mass	Jessie Ratcliff	St Barnabas, Apostle
Sunday 12th June	9.00am Mass	Dorothy and Samuel Dutton	11th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Jessie Ratcliff	
	6.00pm Mass	Jessie Ratcliff	

Ministries Next Week: 12th June—11th Sunday of the Year			
	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	A. Beattie M. Murray	B. Lewins R. Hunt	S. Smith L. Cole
Extraordinary Ministers	K. Wilson A. Wilson T. Walker	Catherine Smith E. Dixon A. Dawes	B. Cole D. Butler T. Edwards
Altar Servers	As advised		
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Clare : Companion; Sarah		

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.

Deanery Telephone Numbers

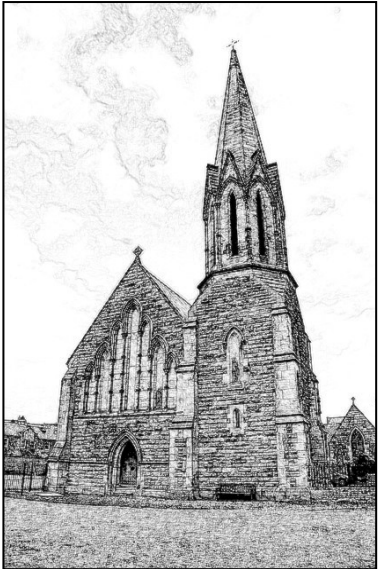
Fr Ian Hoskins, Longhorsley ☎ 01670 788344
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St Bede's Primary School, Bedlington - www.st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
St Benedict's Middle School, Ashington - www.st-benedicts.northumberland.sch.uk
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5th June 2016 - 10th Sunday of the Year

A large crowd approaches the gate of Nain. A grieving widow is burying her only son. Then Jesus comes forward and touches the bier. "Young man," he says, "I say to you rise." Miraculously the dead man sits up and begins to speak.

It's a wonderful scene, but what is the story about? The grieving widow doesn't fall on her knees and beg Jesus to raise her son to life, so the story maybe isn't about faith. There is no hint that the mother and son lived their lives differently after the miracle. Actually they probably did live their lives differently, but the story doesn't offer any evidence so the story isn't about praise or living life gratefully. Maybe the point of this miracle is that sometimes God's grace pours into our lives totally un-



The really exciting point of this story comes when the villagers, quickly coming to terms with the initial shock of seeing a dead body sitting up, glorify God saying, "God has looked favourably on his people!" Notice that the villagers do not say, "God has looked favourably on the bereaved mother or the dead son," but "God has looked favourably on his people!" That means all of us!

The Holy Father's Intentions For June

General: Human Solidarity: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Missionary: Seminarians and Novices: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.



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 including **Jessie Ratcliff** whose Funeral Service will be held at St Mary Magdalene's Church Mitford on Friday at 11am; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection

Total Offertory 29th May £895.38 - 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 Marian on marian@marianbell.f2s.com or 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 Winners

CWL Bonus Ball winners on Saturday 28th May. Bonus Ball No 59. The lucky winners receiving £25 were: Andrea Mitchell, Ginetta Tym & Gillian Snaith. 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 today 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, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please note** that there will be no Confessions on Saturday 11th June as Fr Peter has First Holy Communion Mass at St Bede's, Bedlington.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting will be at 7.00pm, on Monday 6th June, in the Church Hall. This will be a business meeting.



Prayer Requests Book

We have replaced the little paper notes for prayers with a new book for Intentions and this is now on a lectern at the back of church. Please now write your intentions for prayer into the book available.

Feast of St Robert of Newminster

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

Diocesan RE Inspection

St Robert's First School is to have a Diocesan RE Inspection on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Support for Refugees

Your support for refugees is greatly appreciated. Today (Sunday 5th June) at 11am at St Barnabas Centre, Stobhill, there are stalls, information and Bangladeshi food available. All funds raised will go to refugees in Idomeni, Greece. Any more scarves, 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 will be gratefully received. Deadline for donation is Sunday 12th June. Many thanks.

Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee Project

The Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee Project based in Newcastle is 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).

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.

Race for Life

Leanne Baty and Laura Cole (from St Robert's First School) are taking part in the Race for Life on 9th 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.

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

We will be having a parish party to celebrate Father Jim's 90th Birthday. We hope you will 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.



"If only you knew what I was offering you"

A Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Led by Pat Kennedy, will be held on Saturday 2nd July, from 10.30 am—3.30 pm at St. Aloysius Church, Prince Consort Road, HEBBURN, NE31 1BE. Places should be booked by contacting The Department for Liturgy on 01912433312 or Email: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk



Day for Life

The 2016 Day for Life focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life. A Retiring Collection will be taken on Sunday 19th June for the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre.

Baptism Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulations to the family of Rose Elizabeth Fletcher who was baptised here at St Robert's last Sunday.



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.**

Flame 2017

The third Flame Congress takes place on 11th March 2017 at Wembley Arena, London. The diocese is arranging for 1000 young people in Year 10 and above to travel from the diocese (Yr9s may be allowed to go also!). There will be 20 coaches leaving with local pick-up points. We will need to know how many wish to go from St Robert's. It will be a very long day, arriving at Wembley at 11.30am and departing at 6.30pm. We will also need some adults to accompany our young people. A list will be available next week to sign. Parish will cover the £40 per person cost.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in the SVP and wondering how to continue reaching out to the poor and needy in the spirit of Frederick Ozanam and St Vincent de Paul would be welcome.



Christian Aid Week - Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped and contributed to Christian Aid Week. The plant and book stalls raised a total of **£247.00**. Results of the house to house collection will be announced later.



Gerry's walk across Scotland

Gerry Harber has completed his trek across Scotland as a participant in The Great Outdoors Challenge from Torridon to Stonehaven, but is still open for sponsorship for Christian Aid. See him after Mass or give on-line at www.JustGiving.com/Gerald-Harber.



Northumberland Deanery Meeting

There will be a Deanery meeting "20 Churches Working Together" on Saturday 18th June at Our Lady & St Wilfrid Church Hall, Waterloo Road, Blyth, NE24 1EA from 12.30pm until 3pm. The Theme will be 'Who can I be a neighbour to?' The day includes Prayer and Reflection, Practical ideas for our parishes, Getting ready for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy, St Mary's Cathedral and enjoying a shared lunch table - please feel free to bring something small. For free bus transport from around the Deanery - please contact Jerry Laidler on 07801452372. All are welcome

2nd July - Holy Door of Mercy Deanery Pilgrimage

This Pilgrimage is an opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence announced by Pope Francis at the opening of the Year of Mercy. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm with the Cathedral kindly providing altar servers and a sacristan. There will be an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation during the Pilgrimage. You will be free to bring your own packed lunch or you may wish to visit the Cathedral Cloister Cafe or one of the other nearby eating places. Free bus transport from around the Deanery. More details later. All are welcome. Please sign list if coming.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes: seats available

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes travels on Friday 29th July, flying from Newcastle Airport, direct to Lourdes Tarbes Airport. **There are still places available on the flights from Newcastle.** Prices are inclusive of direct return flight, seven nights full board accommodation, en-suite rooms, and a full spiritual programme and start at £672 up to £899. Single rooms and Insurance are extra costs. For Booking Forms please contact 01732 886666 or for further information contact 01670 513410.



Diocesan Festival Weekend

Have you booked yet for the Festival? There is still time to book for the Diocesan Festival 25th - 26th June at the Emmaus Village: Inspiring speakers for adults, activities for children and young people, Mass, music, opportunities for prayer, market place, ceilidh and more. Day bookings are welcome from individuals, families and parish groups for one or both days. While the chalet accommodation is now filled, there is plenty of room to camp and accommodation is available at Minsteracres (a short distance by car). Programme details on the diocesan website www.rchdn.org.uk or email festival@diocesehn.org.uk

Food Crisis in Ethiopia

CAFOD have written informing us that there is currently a serious food crisis in Ethiopia that has left over 10 million women, men and children facing severe food shortages. Although there is little about it in the British press at present, they feel a responsibility as the agency of the Church in England and Wales to speak out about the severity of the situation and to ask for your help so that we can act together now. We are seeing the El Niño effect worsening, and this has meant flash floods in Ethiopia, and also that now, the rains have failed twice. As a result, the last harvest has failed and the next will not yield anything like enough food either. Some 400,000 children suffering from malnutrition. Please would you support CAFOD's Ethiopian partners at this crucial point. Donations can be handed in or you can donate online at <http://cafod.org.uk/Give>



Mass on the Internet

If you are unable to get out to Mass and wish to watch Mass from a choice of churches in the UK and Ireland, there are two internet service providers doing this www.churchservicestv.ie and www.mcnmedia.tv There is also a daily Mass broadcast every day on SKY Ch 589 from USA at 1pm and repeated at 6pm and 11pm.

Catholic Theology Research Seminar

Prof Stephan van Erp (University of Leuven) - 'World as Sacrament: The Political Theology of the Church'. St. Chad's College, Durham. Tuesday 7th June at 5.15pm-7.00pm. Please email: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk to book a place.

Catholic Social Thought and Practice Lecture

Prof Martin Daunton (Cambridge University): 'Time Will Tell: Thinking about Intergenerational Justice'. Pemberton Lecture Rooms, Palace Green, Durham. Monday 20th June at 4pm-5.30pm. To book a place please email: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk

Ushaw College Lecture

Dr Claire Daunton from Cambridge University will give a talk on 'Pugin's Medievalism: Stained Glass In Focus' in the Exhibition Hall, Ushaw College. Tuesday 21st June at 6pm-7.15pm. To book a place please mail: hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk