

Masses, Devotions and Services

Sunday 19th June	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	12th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	Tom House	
	6.00pm Mass	Special Intention (DS)	
Monday 20th June	9.15am Mass	No intention	St Alban, First Martyr of England
Tuesday 21st June	9.15am Mass	No intention	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Wednesday 22nd June	9.15am Mass	Pat & Leo Horrax	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
Thursday 23rd June	9.15am Mass	No intention	St Etheldreda
Friday 24th June	9.15am Mass	No intention	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Saturday 25th June 1st Holy Communions	10am Mass	First Holy Communions	Weekday
Sunday 26th June	9.00am Mass	People of the Parish	13th Sunday of the Year
	11.00am Mass	In Thanksgiving	
	6.00pm Mass	Peter Onono	

Ministries Next Week: 26th June—13th Sunday of the Year

	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
Readers	A. Mitchell T. Walker	V. Shearer D. Shearer	T. Edwards C. Reardon
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Conroy H. Lewington M. Bell	G. Davison E. Dixon M. Beaton	A. Smith Chris. Smith B. Rich
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras M Watson	A Kinghorn	P Smith G Butler
Children's Liturgy	Leader: Lisa : Companion: Nicola		

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.

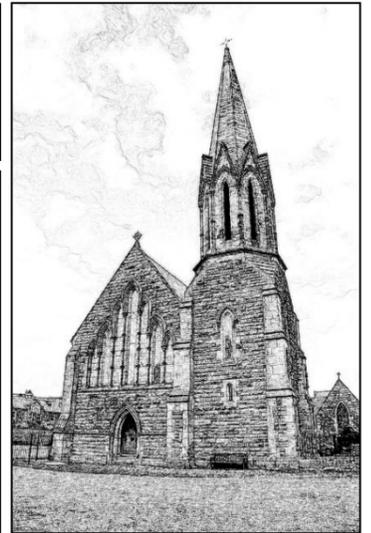
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 St Benedict's Middle School, Ashington - www.st-benedicts.northumberland.sch.uk
 St Benet Biscop Academy, Bedlington - www.stbenetbiscop.co.uk

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19th June 2016 - 12th Sunday of the Year

Sometimes situations are allowed to get so out of hand that everyone says, "They'll have to do something about it soon". The "they" varies depending on circumstances. It might be some Star Wars lord to restore cosmic balance between fighting planets, a charismatic Nelson Mandela figure to rebuild justice and offer hope, or some plain, ordinary, concerned, local councillor to get the bus-stop moved to a more sensible place.

We have a word for this type of effective action: we call it intervention. We need the intervention of someone who can step in and take things in hand so that never again will we be left in the same situation. At the core of our faith stands the belief that God intervened in human history. God sent his son Jesus to "do something about it". The prophets, including Zechariah today, foretold that someone would be sent by God, but that people would mistreat him and "pierce him through".

God intervened in history to show us that a better world was possible, a world governed not by sin, greed and violence, but by the divine rule of love. Jesus preached a different way of living, one that contradicted the wisdom of the world and ran in the face of conventional values. By his birth, death and resurrection, Jesus has provoked a situation where nothing can ever be the same again. He has urged a choice on us: for him or against him, living for the kingdom or for the world alone. Zechariah puts it beautifully when he says that God has opened up a fountain for us to cleanse ourselves of our sin and impurity. God's fountain is open to all, but spurned by most.

Yet God still intervenes today through you and me. We are asked to "carry our cross", to live out the values of our Christian faith no matter what the cost or sacrifice. Like Jesus, we are sure to meet mockery and ridicule in a climate that sees embracing sacrifice as sheer lunacy. That's why Jesus asks each one of us today, "Who do you think I am?" Are we for him or against him? He wants us to be sure we know what we are taking on before we go out and make our own intervention in society.



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 **Jerome Thompson** of Abbey Gate, Kirkhill who died during the week and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 30th June; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection

Total Offertory - £929.36. - 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.

Day for Life Collection

Today we mark the Day for Life, a day when as Catholics we are asked to pray for the sacredness of all human life; we take a collection also which goes towards the Anscombe Centre for Bioethics. Not all centres for Bioethics and Genetics perform their experiments and testing in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. This centre is the one approved by the Bishops of England and Wales. *This collection is eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid so envelope users can use one of their special collection envelopes.*

Peter's Pence Collection

The Feast of SS Peter and Paul is celebrated on 29th June. We are asked to take a collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence (26th June). *This collection is eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid so envelope users can use one of their special collection envelopes.*

First Holy Communion Celebrations

The children St Robert's Parish 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. While it will be busy with their family and friends, the Mass is open to anyone who wishes to come along, celebrate and pray for all involved.

Saturday Morning Devotions

The Rosary is prayed on a Saturday at 9.40am; come along and join in this great traditional devotional prayer.

Confessions

Next Saturday is First Holy Communion Day. Please note there will be NO Confessions.

Birthday Party Celebrations

We are having a parish party on **Friday 1st July at 7pm** to celebrate Father Jim's 90th Birthday. We hope you will want to join in and celebrate. **We need to know how many will be coming** to help with catering. Please sign the list in church to indicate if you will be coming and how many others you will be bringing.

Please note: There is a list at the back of church for names of all those are willing or able to provide a sweet / pudding for the table.

Please also note that the evening is also BYOD ... "Bring your own drink".



Bonus Ball Winners

CWL Bonus Ball winners on Saturday 11th June. Bonus Ball No 03. The lucky winners receiving £25 were: Christine Foster, Isabelle Brown & Mrs Dowd. Well done and good luck for the next draw!

Bible Sharing Group

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

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).

Refugee Week 19th -25th June

We are asked to remember refugees all over the world next week. The Red Cross will have an information stall in the Market on 22nd June. Please go and see what is being done to help refugees.

Parish Gift Aid return

The Gift Aid return for the parish for the tax year 2015-16 has been submitted to the Diocese. The total of eligible offerings is £55,008, a 27% increase on the previous year. Thanks to all parishioners who participate in the Gift Aid scheme for this response to last year's appeal for increased offerings. Anyone who needs to know the total of their contributions for their tax return please email Gerry Harber at gerald.harber@talktalk.net or ring 517829

World War Commemorations

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle to remember those who lost their lives in Battle of the Somme on **Sunday 3rd July (6pm)** Everyone is welcome to attend.

Music and Liturgy

There will be a meeting to discuss Music and Liturgy in the Parish on Thursday 7th July at 7.00pm. The purpose of this is to discuss the situation with music here in our parish and hopefully to also create a "Parish Liturgy Group" that can meet regularly to discuss and hopefully arrange different Masses and Services throughout the year, as well as consider all things musical and liturgical!! Anyone who is already involved and all who are interested are invited to come along



Catholic Women's League

Could you help us support our local Women's Refuge? The CWL National Project for 2016 is to SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL WOMEN'S REFUGE. Morpeth Section has been in touch with our local refuge and they would be delighted to receive any donations of new single bedding (sheets, duvet, duvet covers, pillows and pillow cases) and/or towels. If any parishioners would like to help a box will be available for donations in the Church hall from Sunday 19th June until Sunday 26th June. If you prefer to give a cash donation then please see any member of the Catholic Women's League.



Thank you in anticipation.

CWL Meeting

The next CWL meeting will be on Monday 20th June at 7pm in the Church Hall. There will be a talk on "The Work of the Street Pastor". Everyone is welcome

Spirit of Fire

As part of the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), the rising young choreographer Eliot Smith, a Catholic and native of the North-East, has been commissioned to create a dance work on the life of St Dominic, our founder. *Spirit of Fire: the Passion of Dominic Guzman* will be performed by the Eliot Smith Company at St Dominic's Priory Church, Newcastle, on 1st July at 7:30pm. The Dancers will interpret St Dominic's very bodily ways of prayer, his passionate concern for the Poor and merciful preaching, themes so relevant to the Church and the World today. The performance will include Audience participation, as the Dancers lead the Audience in candlelight procession from the Garden to the Church and includes music by Fr Dominic White (OP). Tickets £10 or £5 (concessions), available from www.eliotsmithcompany.com or on the door.



2nd July - Holy Door of Mercy Deanery Pilgrimage

We will soon have details of the Pilgrimage to Newcastle for the Year of Mercy. There was a meeting yesterday (Saturday) to make the arrangements so we hope to be able to let you know next week.



CAFOD Emergency Appeal

There is a serious food crisis in Ethiopia. Extreme weather shifts, part of the El Niño effect, mean severe drought has left millions of people in need of emergency food aid. 400,000 children are already suffering from malnutrition and we need to act now to prevent a far more terrible crisis. Special collection envelopes are available for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response, please give as generously as you feel able but more importantly please pray for those who are suffering.



CAFOD Visitor to the Diocese

A CAFOD partner from Zimbabwe, Takura Gwatinyanya, will be visiting St Cuthbert's, North Shields on Friday 8th July from 5.30 to 7pm. With Sarah Croft, CAFOD Campaign Manager. (See notice in the Porch). Takura is a Development and Humanitarian Practitioner and has a special interest in promoting engagement and lobbying of civil society through public and private partnerships. Please join CAFOD there to learn about their work. Refreshments will be provided.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday 6th July at 7.30 p.m. Potential new members would be welcome to come along.



St Robert's School Sports Day

The annual School Sports Day and Fair will be held on Saturday 9th July.

Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 29th June is the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Mass at 9.15am, 12.30pm and 7pm. There will also be a Vigil Mass at Bedlington on the Tuesday evening (28th June) at 7pm.

New Deacons Ordained

Please pray for Martin Bell (Minsteracres), Peter Linsley (New Seaham) and Terry McGann (Whitley Bay) who were ordained as Permanent Deacons at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday. Have you ever considered your vocation as a Permanent Deacon?

Ministers and the Sick and Housebound

To keep our information up to date, would all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick and housebound please contact our secretary, Lisa Mills, in the Parish Office (anytime from Monday—Friday, 10am—1pm) and inform her of who they visit, when and how frequently they visit our sick and housebound,

Church, Hall and Presbytery Renovations

Sometimes it seems as if the world stands still, particularly when it comes to getting permission for works to our Church, Hall and Presbytery. Although the Diocese have given their approval to the Hall and Presbytery works, the local authority Conservation Officer has not yet given her permission for any work to commence. We are also in the process of seeking Heritage Lottery Funding to replace the Church Roof and were hoping for that to begin while the school was on holiday but this may now be slightly later than planned.

Cathedral Closure

For those who travel to St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, especially for weekday midday Masses, please note The Cathedral will be closed from Tuesday 21 June - Friday 24 June inclusive. This is to enable essential maintenance work to take place which, for reasons of public safety, cannot be undertaken whilst the Cathedral is open

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 and search for their names or see them in person.

Re-cycle your shoes and contribute to UNICEF

Clarks shoe shops including the Morpeth store operate a scheme for recycling your old or unwanted shoes, no matter what the condition and use the proceeds to fund education projects with UNICEF. See leaflet on the church notice board for details.



Your contact details

Have you moved house or changed address since the last parish Census, or changed telephone number or email address? Are you new to the area and to the parish? Please let us know your new details so if we need to contact you we can do so. Email parish office with details or drop note in presbytery door.

Preparing for Baptism

For Baptism, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised Catholic. Mass on Saturday Evening or Sunday is expected. One godparent is also expected to be a practising Catholic. We ask parents also to attend the Baptism Preparation meeting. Any parents wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Preparation, the parents should speak to Fr Peter again and make arrangements to fix a date for a Baptism. **The next Baptism meeting to be held at St Bede's, Bedlington on Thursday 7th July has been cancelled. The next preparation meeting will be in September.**

Baptism Congratulations

We pray for Layla Alma Eason who was Baptised at St Robert's Church last Sunday afternoon and we pray for her parents and all her family at this time.

Prayer Group

Next meeting: 28th June at 6:45 in the Church