

St Robert of Newminster

Oldgate, Morpeth

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Parish Priest - *Fr Lawrence Jones*

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Sunday 12th December 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*)

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Remember to take a look at the parish website:

www.strobertsmorpeth.com

		Masses	Intentions
Sunday	12 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	People of the Parish Ella and Ralph Foster Thanksgiving (Cole Family)
Monday	13 th	St Lucy 9 15am	Cecil Walker
Tuesday	14 th	St John of the Cross 9 15am	Tim Keir Craig
Wednesday	15 th	9 15am	Margaret Carney
Thursday	16 th	9 15am	Mary & Stephen Gorman
Friday	17 th	9 15am	Rose & Elizabeth Wright
Saturday	18 th	10 00am	Eileen O'Connor
Sunday	19 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	People of the Parish Margaret & Cecil Mulgrove Mike Kelly

Confessions: Wednesday 6 30 pm – 7 00 pm and Saturday 11 00 – 12 noon

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am

The Rosary will be recited at 9 40am on Saturdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday until 12 noon.

SUNDAY 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass	9 00 am	11 00 am	7 00 pm
Readers	V Gorman, D Marr	D Shearer, V Shearer	S Smith, T Edwards
Eucharistic Ministers	F McWeeney, S McWeeney A Donaldson	P Dawes, A Dawes B McGurk	K Brown, A Smith L Lindley
Servers	J. Laux, D. Almond, B. Donaldson, K. Marshall	D. Willis, A. Turnbull	P. Rule, L. Brett

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Servers please sign up for Christmas Day and Boxing Day at the back of church.

Offertory collection last Sunday £

Many thanks

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6 00pm with Children's Nativity

Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

Midnight Mass (at Midnight with Carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Mass at 10 00am (Saturday 25th December)

Sunday 26th December (The Feast of the Holy Family) – Mass at 10 00am and 7 00pm

Church Bell Fund – Please pick up the separate sheet – “Let the Bell ring out for Christmas”. A very big thank you to three parishioners who made substantial donations to the fund this week. We await the final figure for “Dickens of a Draw” but it is estimated that we are now just £700 away from what is needed. In fact it would be good if we went beyond that figure in order to pay the additional expenses that were incurred by having electricity supplied to the bell tower. For more information go to the parish website at www.strobertsmorpeth.com. Take a look at the video and watch the amusing clip from a group of international entertainers who performed free of charge in support of the St Robert’s Bell Appeal. Please make cheques out to “St Robert’s Church.”

Cake Stall – A final push for the Bell Fund. Please bake some Christmas items to go on sale after the 9.00am and 11.00am Mass next weekend. Fr Lawrence has made two “full fat, totally organic, not your cheap ‘value’ ingredients, but the very best quality (M&S) ingredients - it’s from St Delia’s recipe - the real connoisseur, ultra luxury, traditional, loads of bad cholesterol, totally fat laden (the very best of the worst saturated and trans fats possible) – it’s your guaranteed ‘heart attack’ Christmas Pudding.” This pudding comes with a health warning – if you do not have a heart attack or experience heart disease after eating it you can have your money back. Two puddings – one will be auctioned after the 9am Mass and one after the 11.00am. There is a reserve price on the puddings!

The Book stall – Chris Rich’s stall raised £25 for the Bell fund and £25 for the SVP. Well done! Chris plans to have another sale in the New Year.

Bible Reflection – every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the church hall. An opportunity look at the readings for the following Sunday. All welcome.

“Verbum Domini” – The recent document on the Word of God – the importance of the Holy Scripture in our Christian lives by Pope Benedict XVI. £3.95.

“Benedict XVI and Blessed John Henry Newman” - the official record of the State Visit of Pope Benedict to the United Kingdom. You can find a copy on the table in the porch. A great gift to give to someone for Christmas, £15.00 If you would like to order one please sign the list inside the front cover. Today is your last chance to order.

200 Club – Week 5 winners - £50 Maureen Owens (132), £20 John & Alison Harris (152), £10 John Oliver (155) and £5 Joyce Stuart. The bonus draw of £100 was won by Paul Ibbetson. Elphin and Elizabeth would like to thank everyone for their support in this venture which raised over £600 for the Bell Fund and they look forward to your support in the New Year.

Catholic Women’s League – Would members please meet at St Robert’s on Monday evening (13th December) at 6.15pm for the coach to the Angler’s Arms for Christmas Dinner. We will be leaving the Angler’s Arms at approximately 10 00pm.

Children’s Liturgy Christmas Nativity – The Christmas Nativity Play will take place at the Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.00pm. We would like children of all ages to take part. We need children to act out parts in the tableau, narrators and recorder players. Would anyone interested in taking part stay back at the end of 9.00am Mass today.

Prisoners of Conscience - Please will you join in the campaign to send a message of hope to a prisoner of conscience – ‘Greetings Card Campaign’ – this Christmas. The campaign runs until 31st January 2011. It really does make a difference showing them that people care and they are not alone. Leaflets at the back of church or contact Eileen Harber on 517829 for more information.

WI and Oxfam Petition – Everyday about 1000 mothers die in pregnancy and childbirth. In 2000 world leaders signed up to the Millennium Development Goals, promising to reduce the number of mothers dying in poor countries by three quarters by 2015. There has been virtually no progress towards this goal. **Please sign the petition after Mass this morning to help reverse the tide of maternal deaths.**

“One of the best Catholic films in years” - Now playing at the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle. Please go to the parish website for more details: www.strobertsmorpeth.com.

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