

St Robert of Newminster

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		Masses	Intentions
Sunday	5 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Frank & Mary Elen McLaughlin Eileen robinson Frank Bowey
Monday	6 th	St Nicholas 9 15am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	7 th	St Ambrose 9 15am	Elsie Holland
Wednesday	8 th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9 15am	Aitken Family
Thursday	9 th	9 15am	(No intention received today)
Friday	10 th	9 15am	Alan Brown
Saturday	11 th	10 00am	(No intention received today)
Sunday	12 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	People of the Parish Ella & Ralph Foster

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 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass	9 00 am	11 00 am	7 00 pm
Readers	A Mitchell, T Walker	A Dawes, P Dawes	D Strachan, C Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	K Wilson, P Baker D Shuttleworth	R McAllister, G Davison, E Dixon	M Illingworth, J Johnson S White
Servers	J Dowd, E. Boyle A & S Bambrick	D. Willis A. Turnbull	D. Smith L. Brett

Offertory collection last Sunday £612.21. 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

Many thanks – a very big thank you to those who over the last week or so have cleared the snow from around the church to enable people to get to Mass. Everyone is very grateful.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7th December (in St Robert's Church) at 7.00pm – St Benedict's Middle School Carol Service.

Thursday 9th December (in St Robert's Church) at 2.00pm – St Robert's First School Nativity

Friday 10th December (in St Robert's Church) at 6.00pm – St Robert's First School Nativity

Friday 9th December (in St Benet Biscop High School, main hall, Bedlington) at 6.30pm - The Christmas Story

Advent Prayer and Reflection - This is an event for the whole deanery at St Wilfrid's, Blyth, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm today. It will involve a period of prayer and reflection as well as an opportunity to discuss the future of the Church in the deanery. All are welcome.

Our Lady of Newminster Statue – The home rosary will begin again in the new year.

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 or see Alice Butler or Amy Boyle to register their interest. In the past children have helped to write the Nativity and it would be really helpful if they could think of a few sentences that we could use – we will collect these or make a note of them today when we get together after Mass.

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Those who are coming on the pilgrimage in February are invited to a 'get together' on Monday 6th December at 7.00pm in the church hall. It would be helpful if you brought your passport. We need full names, date of birth, passport number etc.

Christmas Social for 'Senior' Parishioners – Saturday 11th December 3.00 – 6.00pm. A parish social with light entertainment, raffle, bingo and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Transport can be arranged. Please put your name on the list in the church entrance. Prizes are also needed for the tombola and raffle. Please drop them off at the presbytery if you can help.

"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.

200 Club - Week 3 winners: - Mrs S. Oman (191) £50, Mrs A.Chabrzyk (183) £20, Mr S. Garbutt (118) £10 and Father Lawrence (200) £5. Week 4 winners: -Mrs T Scott (54) £50, Mrs M Turnbull (232) £20, Miss A Lumley (159) £10 and Mrs A McCormach (70) £5. Week 5's draw will take place today (Sunday) in the church hall following the 11:00 am Mass. Good Luck!

Altar Servers – If you wish to come to the Cathedral for the Mass with the bishop on Saturday 11th December (11.00am Mass) then please fill in the parental consent form and hand it to Fr Lawrence.

New Vestments – Fr Lawrence can announce that the new vestments will be here by next weekend. Many thanks to the six parishioners who paid for them.

St Robert's Guides – are holding a Coffee morning on Saturday 11th December from 10am to 12 noon in the church hall – cake stalls, raffle, stalls run by the Guides. All welcome.

Alpha Course – the last session this Thursday. Does God heal today? with Fr Sean Conaty