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Sunday 15th May 2011 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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<u>Masses</u>			<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	15 th	9:00am	James & Kathleen Rush
		11:00am	Special Intention
		7:00pm	
Monday	16 th	9:15am	David Carter
Tuesday	17 th	9:15am	Hyacinth Vieira
Wednesday	18 th	9:15am	Dec members of Swift Family
Thursday	19 th	9:15am	Dick Gee
Friday	20 th	9:15am	Ian Brooks
Saturday	21 st	10:00am	Special Intention
Sunday	22 nd	5th Sunday of Easter	
		9:00am	People of the Parish
		11:00am	Dec Davison Family
		7:00pm	

Sunday 22nd May 2011

5th Sunday of Easter

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	V. Gorman D. Marr	B. Cudd J. Kelly	S. Smith T. Edwards
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Walker J. Conroy M. Bell	R. McAllister D. Shearer V. Shearer	M. Brown P. Brown S. White
Servers	J. Laux B. Donaldson T. Boyle D. Johnson	A. Turnball D. Willis P. Glancey	P. Rule C. Rich, P. Smith

Confessions: Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm. Saturday 11.00pm to 12 noon

The Angelus: Recited Monday to Friday at 9.00am. **Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 9.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 9.40am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the end of Mass on Saturday until 12 noon.

Our Lady's Statue and Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed at the home of Eileen House, 20 High Stanners on Wednesday 18th May at 2:30pm. Please sign up at the back of church for the following weeks.

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Coffee Morning Saturday 21st May. 10am till 12. Coffee, Tea, Cake Stall, Tombola etc. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council Constitution and minutes will be posted on a notice board in the Church Porch and on the Parish website www.strobertsmorpeth.com. If you want a copy you can also ask Fr Lawrence.

The initial priorities are to co-ordinate the St Robert's Feast Day celebrations, and the Priests' Jubilee celebrations, to help the Priests in the introduction of the new translation of the Mass, to establish some support within the Parish for those who have been bereaved and to support and include those in the Parish who are sick, elderly or housebound. Remembering what Bishop Seamus said on his visitation, the vast majority of the talent of the Parish lies in the lay members, please don't be shy in offering to lend your talents to the Parish. Fr Lawrence and your Parish Councillors are soon going to distribute a Parish Questionnaire to help understand the Parish and its needs and the gifts everyone can bring to help us all to embrace the Diocesan Vision.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS TODAY! - ECUMENICAL SERVICE : Today at 6.00 p.m. in the **St Aidan's Church**. Please come along to join us in prayer for the poor, and for the success of the week.

St Robert of Newminster Feast Day Celebrations - The annual walk to Newminster Abbey to celebrate St Robert's Feast Day will be at 3:30pm on Sunday 5th June. Prior to the walk (at 3:15pm), local historian, George Thornton, will deliver an introductory talk and then participants will walk from St Robert's (at 3.30pm) to Newminster Abbey where an Ecumenical Service of Evening Prayer will be held in the Abbey Grounds. Mr Thornton will then give some information about the site and give a short report on some very recent archaeological investigations that have been carried out. On our return to St Robert's, Afternoon Tea will be served in the Church Hall. There will also be Mass on Tuesday 7th June at 7:00pm (the actual Feast Day) with a celebration afterwards in the church hall. At the back of church you will find a white booklet entitled "THE STORY OF AN ABBEY AND ITS FIRST ABBOT" all about St Robert and Newminster Abbey by George Thornton. They cost £2.00.

The New Translation of the Missal - From September 2011 we shall be using a new translation of the Mass in all the Catholic Churches of this country. This will mean changes both in the words that the priests say and in the responses of the people. The structure of the Mass will NOT change. We will have to learn some new tunes to sing the "Gloria" and "Holy Holy" because there will be some slight changes to the words. Some of the vocabulary in the Creed will be slightly different. But the format, what happens – will stay the same. The Lectionary (Scripture readings) will NOT be changing. In our lifetime we live through many changes. It can be very uncomfortable but we need to be open to the opportunities that these changes can provide. At the back of Church you will find copies of the main parts of the Mass – THE ORDER OF MASS (yellow sheet).

Why a new English Translation of the Mass? - A talk by Fr Jim Doherty on Thursday evening in the church hall at 7.00pm. You are all welcome.

"An Introduction to the new translation of the Mass" – A five week course from the people who brought us the *Great Adventure* and *St Matthew's Gospel*. A fascinating and inspiring series that highlights the biblical foundations of the Mass. Starts on Thursday 9th June at 7.00pm in the parish hall. You are all welcome.

Diocesan Information Days about the new translation – Saturday 28th May at the Costello Centre, Alnwick Convent. 10.30am to 3.30pm. Then at St Joseph's Gateshead on Saturday 25th June. 10.30am to 3.30pm. If you are going to Gateshead please sign up on the list and make a tick if you wish to travel by minibus.

TWO JUBILEES! – Envelopes are now available for you to make a personal gift to Fr Lawrence and Fr Jim (one Jubilee Fund). Please place your envelopes on the offertory plate. Cheques should be made payable to "St Robert's Church". The fund will remain open until Sunday 12th June. Fr Lawrence's Silver Jubilee Celebration will be on Friday 17th June at 7.00pm. Fr Jim's Diamond Jubilee is on Saturday 23rd July in the early afternoon. We have set up a social committee to plan celebrations for these two occasions. If you want to assist in any way or offer your expertise please ring Anne Beattie on 517273, Eileen House 518858 or Simon Conroy on 518666.

Lift up your Hearts - a day led by Paul Inwood, composer of Church Music, of Portsmouth Diocese. Come and explore new music for the New Translation of the Mass at Saint Joseph's Parish Centre, Gateshead 4th June 2011, 10.30am-4.00pm with celebration of a special festival Mass at 3.00pm. Fr Lawrence would like to encourage anyone involved in music in the parish to attend this important event. Sign up at the back of church and tick the box if you would like to go by minibus.

Congratulations - to Sarah McAllister and Keith Fletcher who were married at St Robert's yesterday. Our prayers and best wishes go with them.