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| <u>Masses</u> | | <u>Intentions</u> |
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| Sunday | 5 th The Ascension 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm | People of the Parish Alma Lavery |
| Monday | 6 th 9:15am | James & Kathleen Rush |
| Tuesday | 7 th St Robert of Newminster 7.00pm | |
| Wednesday | 8 th 9:15am | (No Intention Received) |
| Thursday | 9 th 9:15am | (No Intention Received) |
| Friday | 10 th 9:15am | (No Intention Received) |
| Saturday | 11 th St Barnabas 10:00am | First Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 12 th Pentecost 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm | Jim Anderson Noel Walshe |

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The Ascension of the Lord

| Mass | 9:00am | 11:00am | 7:00pm |
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| Readers | A. Beattie R. Higginbottom | V. Shearer D. Shearer | T. Edwards S. Smith |
| Eucharistic Ministers | M. Dewar D. Dewar A. Gorman | A. Dawes P. Dawes B. McGurk | B. Cole L. Cole S. White |
| Servers | T. Boyle D. Johnson A. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth | A. Turnball D. Willis P. Glancey | P. Rule P. Smith, L. Brett |

Confessions: No confessions this Wednesday. Saturday 11.00pm to 12 noon

The Regina Caeli: 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.

First Holy Communion Mass – this Saturday at 10.00am. All welcome.

World Communications Day – A second collection TODAY to support the work of the Church in promoting the Gospel in the media.

Welcome Back Sunday – NEXT SUNDAY. Encouraged by Bishop Seamus please think of someone you can invite back to Mass to take another look. Pray for them and invite them to Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Assure them of a welcome and support and that they simply take another look.

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 TODAY.** 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.**

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. 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). **The colour booklet – “Understanding the Revised Mass Texts” costs £2.**

“An Introduction to the new translation of the Mass” – A six 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. All welcome.

Diocesan Information Day about the new translation – 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.

Children's Books – There is a wide selection of books in the box beneath the table at the back of church. Please feel free to borrow them.

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 at 2.00pm.

Christian Aid – thanks - On behalf of Christian Aid, many thanks to all who contributed in any way towards Christian Aid Week. A special thank you to our house to house collectors who gave their time and efforts, and to all who contributed. The total collected by St Robert's was **£1,298.43**. Thanks also to those who supplied books and plants, helped with and supported the stalls in the Market Place. These raised a total of £254.33.

S.V.P.- The SVP meet in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday this week.

Wanted – An Architect – see Fr Lawrence.

Peace Garden - We would welcome help in keeping the Garden tidy. Anyone who could give a little time to help should contact Fr Lawrence who will get you into contact with the team who tend the garden. Gifts of Wood chip and plants would also be gratefully received.

Novena to the Holy Spirit – to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost. **Please pick up a Parish Prayer Card at the back of church.** This is the original Novena. Our parish prayer card has been produced once again and contains a prayer to the Holy Spirit that is very suitable for this time.

Bible Reflection - A small group of parishioners meet to prepare for the next Sunday's readings every Tuesday from 1.00pm to 2.00pm in the church hall. Everyone welcome.

Our Lady's Statue and Rosary – 2.00pm on Wednesday at the home of Alice Anderson, 9 Hillside. If you would like to host Our Lady and the Rosary please sign up at the back of church. The idea is that you take the statue of Our Lady of Newminster for one week and then any time according to your convenience you invite parishioners to join you for the rosary.

Young Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Monday 27th February to Monday 5th March 2012 – (For those aged 18 to 30.) Fr Lawrence writes “Bishop Seamus will be leading this pilgrimage. It is basically the same pilgrimage that we had in February for older adults. We stay in the same excellent hotels – it is not a back packer's holiday. On the previous two occasions that I have organised youth pilgrimages I managed to find sponsorship from various trusts and religious orders. I was able to reduce the price from about £900 to £550. There is no guarantee that this will happen this time but again the cost should be no obstacle. Fundraising events can be organised. I hope that we will get a number of young pilgrims from St Robert's. I will need some help in organising it. Booking forms and an Itinerary are available at the back of church. It is now been advertised through the Northern Cross – so don't delay. Book up today! A deposit of £100 is required – cheques to “St Robert's Pilgrimage Fund.” So, the next pilgrimage for those of you who do not fit in the age limit will be spring 2013. Start saving now!”