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**St Robert's is celebrating a year of the Eucharist  
 from Corpus Christi 2011 to Corpus Christi 2012**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH**



St Robert of Newminster A.D. 1159

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Charles Glancey Joan Yellowley	
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> Most Holy Name of Mary 9:15am	(No Intention received)	
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> St John Chrysostum 9:15am	(No Intention received)	
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Triumph of the Cross</b> 9:15am	Joan Yellowley	
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows 9:15am	George Carney	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> SS Cornelius & Cyprian 9:15am	<i>with St Robert's School</i> Bridget Milne	
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> <b>9:00am</b>		
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Jim Elains & Family Sylvia Callaghan People of the Parish	
<b><u>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</u></b>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	A. Beattie R. Higginbottom	J. Ratcliffe M. Anderson	D. Strachan C. Reardon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	E. Harber G. Harber J. Laidlaw	M. Beaton R. Soulsby R. McAllister	M. Brown P. Brown S. Smith
<b>Servers</b>	A. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth J. Dowd, E. Boyle	A. Turnbull D. Willis P. Glancey	C. Rich B. Gosling, D. Smith
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Leader: Paul Companion: Jackie		

**Confessions:** Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

**NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY**

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

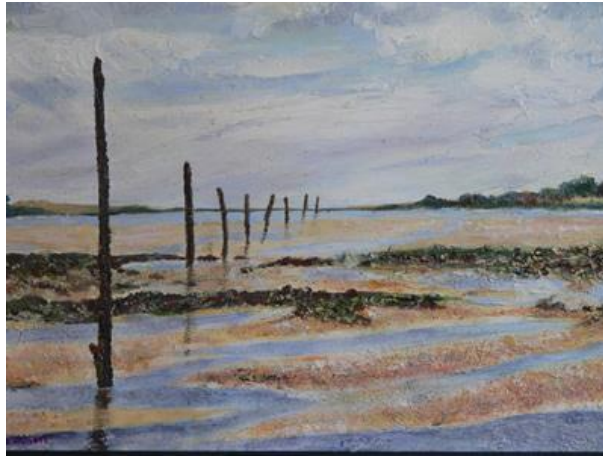
**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 9:00am.

**NO ADORATION ON SATURDAY**

# St Robert's Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne

in honour of St Cuthbert and all the Saints of Lindisfarne

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**



*(The pilgrims causeway)*

9.30am - Coach leaves St Robert's (**prompt**)

10.30am - Arrive at the beginning of the causeway (on the mainland)

Able-bodied disembark for the traditional pilgrims walk following the poles across the sands (about one and a half hour) This walk will be very wet and slippery and is best accomplished in bare feet (bring a towel) or wellington boots.

Disabled pilgrims remain on coach for transport to the Island.

12 noon – Mass in St Aidan's Catholic Church (next to the coach car park)

1.00pm – Picnic on the beach overlooking St Cuthbert's Isle

4.00pm – **prompt** - Coach leaves coach park – no waiting for late comers because the causeway will be impassible by 4.30pm. You will have to swim or stay on the Island all night.

**£7 for adults, £3 for children, under 3 years free.**

***Places still available. Sign up and pay up today (money box on table at back of church). If you are already signed up please tick the sheet to confirm that you are coming and have paid. You can also turn up and pay on the day.***

## Spirituality Weekend – with Kathryn Turner – at Alnwick and Morpeth

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - Costello Centre, Alnwick**

10.30 Session for pastoral parish councils/ leaders of groups/ other interested people, etc  
Looking at things like: working together (collaborative ministry), prayer and discernment, leadership (in Christian context), “managing change” (don't like the term but sort of says what we mean!) and Stewardship (with info about possibly piloting the idea in Northumberland deaneries)

12.30 Shared table lunch (bring something to share)

1.30 Prayer “workshop”/ mini retreat – opportunity to try out different kinds of prayer.  
Open to all

3.30 Shared reflection

4pm Close of afternoon

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Afternoon – church hall at St Robert's Morpeth.**

2pm – Open to anyone to look at:

- Quiet Gardens
- Hidden Houses of Prayer
- Gem churches
- Prayer walks

6-7 Holy Hour

7pm Mass at St Robert of Newminster – with involvement of young people if possible

*Kathryn Turner is the Coordinator for Spiritual Formation for the Diocese and can be contacted on 0191 2433313 or Email: Kathryn.turner@edurcdhn.org.uk*

**The Parish Survey and Questionnaire – Have you filled it in yet? Please do so by next weekend. Fr Lawrence asks you to at least fill in the census questions at the beginning.**

**Great North Run** – 3 parishioners are taking part in the Great North Run on 18<sup>th</sup> September - Geraldine Richell in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ( NSPCC), Daniel House for Christian Aid and Oliver Smith for for Leukaemia & Lymphoma research. Please see their sponsor forms on the notice board in the porch.

**Confirmation** – those in year 10 upwards are eligible for Confirmation in November. Fr. Phil Quinn, the episcopal vicar, will celebrate the Sacrament on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7 00pm. **The preparation course will begin on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm in the church hall and will continue each Thursday evening.** Please fill in the registration form at the back of church and put it in the box provided or deliver to the presbytery. Also, those young people who took part in the last Confirmation two years ago are invited to help out this time. You are invited to a meeting this Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> September) at 7.00pm in the presbytery. There will be a day out for the Confirmation group on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. A new page has been opened for Confirmation on the parish website. Go to [www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com) and press “Confirmation 2011” near the top of the page – beneath the picture. From next weekend we will be looking for prayer sponsors from the parishioners. Please think about becoming a prayer sponsor!

**Invocation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts** – Today at 7.00pm in the New Life Christian Centre in Dacre Street. All welcome.

**Home Rosary with the Statue of Our Lady of Newminster** – The rosary will be recited at Pat Ibbetson's, Wednesday 2.30pm at Flat 2 Royal Sovereign House, Manchester St. All welcome. If you would like to take the statue for a week and have the rosary recited in your home please sign up on the list at the back of church.

**Christian Aid Street Collection** - The Christian Aid annual Street Collection takes place next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. **Four more collectors are still needed** to make up the St Robert's team: please put your name and telephone number against your selected hour on the list in the Church porch. On the day, collect your box from St Robert's church hall five minutes before your start time. Thank you for your support.

**Catholic Witness - Friday Penance – No meat on Fridays beginning this Friday** - By the practice of penance every Catholic identifies with Christ in his death on the cross. We do so in prayer, through uniting the sufferings and sacrifices in our lives with those of Christ's passion; in fasting, by dying to self in order to be close to Christ; in almsgiving, by demonstrating our solidarity with the sufferings of Christ in those in need. All three forms of penance form a vital part of Christian living. When this is visible in the public arena, then it is also an important act of witness. Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of our Lord. The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference. The Bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity. They recognise that the best habits are those which are acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. It is important that all the faithful be united in a common celebration of Friday penance. Respectful of this, and in accordance with the mind of the whole Church, the Bishops' Conference wishes to remind all Catholics in England and Wales of the obligation of Friday Penance. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this should be fulfilled by abstaining from meat. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake. This is to come into effect from Friday 16 September 2011 when we will mark the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom. Many may wish to go beyond this simple act of common witness and mark each Friday with a time of prayer and further self-sacrifice. In all these ways we unite our sacrifices to the sacrifice of Christ, who gave up his very life for our salvation. **Please pick up the blue A4 document of Questions and Answers from the Bishops of England and Wales or you can access it via the parish website at [www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com).**

**C.W.L** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Mass at 7.00pm followed by a Business Meeting in the hall.

**SVP** - The SVP meet in the presbytery next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.

**The New Translation of the Mass** – Please take a look at the information on the parish website at [www.strobertsmorpeth.com](http://www.strobertsmorpeth.com). Also, please pick up a leaflet every week from the table in the porch – back issues also available. On the table at the back of church you will find numerous CTS resources – “Understanding the Roman Missal” at £1.95. “Companion to the Order of Mass” at £1.95. Two leaflets at just 25p each – “The new translation of the Roman Missal” and “Introduction of the new Roman Missal” Please note also that there are some brand new publications on all sorts of different subjects on the CTS rack at the back of church.

**CRB checks** - Quite a number of parishioners will have received forms from the Diocese asking them to renew their CRB status so that they can continue with their ministries within our parish. This relates to those who were last checked in 2007 so if you have not received a form, please do not worry. It is not your turn yet!! Because of the number of people involved it would be helpful if we could have a few "processing sessions" in the Presbytery, when the safeguarding officers can check and photocopy the required evidence and sign off the forms. Amy Boyle will be available in the presbytery **after 9.00am Mass on Sunday September 18th** and Anne Dawes will be there on **Sunday 18th September after the 11.00am Mass. If you cannot make these times, please could you bring your forms and evidence to the presbytery and we will pick them up and sort them.** It would be very helpful if you could look carefully at the notes supplied by the Diocese to help you. For example, you do not need to complete question A28 or any of Section D. You do need to complete A30. You must not sign the box on the **back** of the form. You do need to bring the "Confirmation of Identity" form and have completed that too. When looking at the types of evidence you need to bring to be photocopied, please remember to check the dates on utility bills and bank statements etc. On the back of the "Confirmation of Identity" form, it tells you whether these sorts of documents need to have been issued within the last **three** months, **twelve** months or whether it does not matter. If you have a passport and/or Driving Licence it is important that you actually use these as evidence. If your Driving Licence is the photocard style, do remember to bring the paper counterpart as it is not acceptable without. It is important that one piece of evidence has your current address on it. Thank you very much for taking time to do this.  
Amy Boyle and Anne Dawes

**St Matthew's Gospel study** – begins again this Tuesday at 10.00am.

**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. 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. A deposit of £100 is required – cheques to “St Robert's Pilgrimage Fund.” You will find the booking forms on the table at the back of church. **We need deposits by end of this month.**

**The Alpha Course** – in cooperation with other Morpeth Churches – begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm at the New Life Christian Centre, Dacre Street. All welcome.

**Sing a new Song to the Lord** – If you are involved in church music or interested, Fr Lawrence invites you to take part in an evening at St Bede's Bedlington 7.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Diocesan choir will introduce some new settings of the Mass that can be sung in church.

**Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?** If you think you would like to become a Catholic, or if you would just like to learn about Catholicism, we will shortly be offering a weekly opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith. Those of you who have spouses who are not Catholic should really pray and encourage their spouse to “come and see” These weekly sessions will begin in October. More information to follow.