

St Robert of Newminster

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

Sunday 13th November 2011 – 33rd Sunday of the Year
PLEASE PICK UP A MISSALETTE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

		Mass	Intentions
Sunday	13 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	Norman Calvert Heather Angus People of the Parish
Monday	14 th	9 15am	Tonia Conners
Tuesday	15 th	9 15am	John Kelsey
Wednesday	16 th	9 15am	Pat Horrax
Thursday	17 th	St Hilda of Whitby 9 15am	James & Isabel Johnson
Friday	18 th	Feast of the Dedication of Basilicas of St's Peter & Paul 9 15am	Robert & Alice Brewis
Saturday	19 th	10 00am	Dec Dougherty Family
Sunday	20 th	9 00am 11 00am 7 00pm	People of the Parish Dec members of Davison Family
Sunday 20th November 33rd Sunday of the Year – Christ the King			
Mass	9 00am	11 00am	7 00pm
Readers	K Wilson, A Gorman	P Dawes, A Dawes	B Cole, L Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	A Wilson, J Conroy, T Walker	V Shearer, D Shearer, C Smith	S Smith, M Brown P Brown
Servers	J. Dowd, E. Boyle J & M Laux	A. Turnbull, D. Willis P. Glancy	D. Smith, L. Brett P. Rule
Children's Liturgy Leader	Clare	Companion	Jane

Confessions: Wednesday 6 30 – 7 00pm. Saturday 11 00am to 12 noon

The Angelus: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9 00am.

Rosary: Saturday 9 40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Saturday from after Mass until 12 noon

Second collection next Sunday for the National Catholic Youth Service

(not the Diocesan Youth Service.)

New Security Fence - In order to meet current regulations and guidance regarding the safeguarding of children, a need for a security fence on the church field has been identified. The field is an essential resource for the school in offering our children a wide range of outdoor activities. Without a security fence, regulations require a much higher ratio of supervising staff to children, which the school would be unable to resource. The Site Users Group (with representatives from the parish, the school and play group) have given much consideration to this proposal over the past year and researched the possible options. The Parish Council met on the 12th September 2011 with Mr Joe Hughes, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, and after some considerable deliberations supported the proposal that a security fence be erected across the field from the far north western corner of the church (the corner of the church furthest away from the main entrance) across to the riverside fence. The fence will have both a pedestrian and a vehicle access gate. These gates will be locked only during the school day, and there will be free access to the field for the parish community at all other times. With the fence in this location, there will be full access for everyone to the church, the peace garden and the surrounding grassed area at all times. The design and construction of the fence will be in keeping with the existing church fencing. As a responsible and caring parish community, this fence will help us to promote the welfare and safety of our school children, who are the future of our Church, and ensure that they receive the best educational opportunities we can offer. The fence will be erected at no cost to the parish. The plans are available in the church hall. If you have any questions please speak to Fr Lawrence.

Young Adults Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Seamus Cunningham – Monday 27th February to Monday 5th March 2012 (for those aged 18 to 30) - Fr Lawrence is glad to announce that because of some very substantial donations (some from our parishioners) he is able to offer this pilgrimage for **£600 each (two sharing)** and is confident that he will be able to reduce it further. He awaits two replies from Trust funds and Religious Orders who have supported the pilgrimage in the past. **£600 is for two sharing** and will cover flights and half board accommodation in the Holy Land. It covers our guide and coach travel in the Holy Land and all entrance fees. Insurance (about £18) can be arranged through the Diocesan Insurers. It is estimated that lunch each day will cost £15 at the most. This is an opportunity not to be missed. £100 deposit is needed. Once we know how many parishioners are coming we can also arrange fundraising in the parish.

Christmas Messy Church for all the family – organised by all the Churches of Morpeth – free craft activities for all the family – make decorations, cards and small gifts in the Market Place on the following Saturdays: 26th November 1pm – 4pm. 3rd December 10am – 2pm and 10th December 10am to 2pm. Then, in the Town Hall on Saturday 10th December at 4.30pm there will be a Family Carol Service. Please pick up a poster at the back of church. If you wish to help in the organisation of this event please attend the meeting at the Methodist Church on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm. Your help would be gratefully received.

Morpeth Lions Dickens of a Draw – Last year St Robert's participated in this raffle raising £1,075 towards the church bell appeal. This year's raffle is approaching and tickets for parishioners to sell are in the porch. Money raised will go towards repairs and refurbishment of the Sacristy. Please put tickets and money in an envelope and put in on the collection plate or deliver to the presbytery. **On Sunday 4th December Mr Harry Cone from the Lions will be here to collect the stubs and money after Mass.**

Congratulations – to the 13 young adults who were confirmed on Thursday evening by Monsignor Lavender. See the photo on the parish website. Many thanks to the CWL for the buffet.

The Journey in Faith – for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith - on Tuesday evening in the presbytery at 7.00pm

Sr Michael and evangelisation – Many thanks to Sr Michael for speaking at the Masses last weekend. If you attended the meeting on Friday afternoon at Ashington you are warmly invited to a short meeting after Mass on Monday (14th November) to sort out the practicalities of what was suggested.

Congratulations - to Fr Jim who on Wednesday was received in audience at the Vatican by Pope Benedict XVI and who mutually congratulated each other on their 60th anniversary as priests. See the unofficial photo's on the link at www.strobertsmorpeth.com.

CWL –Mini Fare - on Saturday 19th November from 10am to 12 pm in the church hall