

St Robert of Newminster

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Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

Baptism of the Lord



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 13th January 2013

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	13 th Baptism of the Lord 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Lindores Family Julia and Antoni Sulek Eileen Percival
Monday	14 th 9:15am 7.00pm	Ridley Family CWL
Tuesday	15 th 9:15am	
Wednesday	16 th 9:15am	
Thursday	17 th St Anthony 9:15am	
Friday	18 th 9:15am	
Saturday	19 th St. Wulstan 10:00am	Walton Family
Sunday	20 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Mary Nicholson

<u>Sunday 20th January 2013 2nd Sunday of the Year</u>			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	T. Walker D. Marr	L. Flinders J. Ratcliffe	D. Strachan C. Readon
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Harber G. Harber K. Wilson	C. Smith M. Beaton R. Soulsby	B. Cole L. Cole A. Smith

Fr Dermott Donnelly and Youth Outreach— A very warm welcome to Fr Dermott who is the Director of the Youth Ministry Team and will be speaking at all Masses today. He will speak about the work of YMT and how we can support it as well as giving impetus to our own efforts at youth ministry. If you are over 18 and interested in working with young people then please come to a meeting in the presbytery on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.00pm. If you are in Year 9 upwards you are invited to the next "Source" event with YMT on Wednesday 6th February. A mini bus will leave St Robert's at 6.00pm and will return at about 9.15pm. On subsequent Wednesday's starting on 13th February (Ash Wednesday) there will be a meeting every week at 7.00pm in the presbytery for those in year 9 upwards. Also, we have 6 places for young people aged 16 upwards for the "Celebrate" Conference which begins on Easter Sunday until the following Saturday. Please see Fr Lawrence if you are interested and also take a look at the video preview on the parish website. Please encourage our young people to get involved in these events.

Social Evening with members of St George's Church – Fr Lawrence has invited the Rev Ron Forster and parishioners of St George's to a social evening on Monday 21st January at 7.00pm in the parish hall. This is to say a very big thank you for the tremendous hospitality that St George's showed us for four months. **Would those intending to come along please put your names on the list at the back of church today as we need to arrange catering requirements.**

Catholic Women's League - There will be a Catholic Women's League meeting on Monday the 14th January preceded by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. As always new and/or prospective members are very welcome to come along a join us.

Parish Retreat – Friday 7th June to Sunday 9th June at Ministeracres. Commences with supper at 7 00pm on the Friday and finishes with lunch at noon on the Sunday. The cost is £104 all inclusive and would take place with a parish from Jarrow. The number of places is limited. Sign up on the list at back of church/hall. The theme for the retreat is 'Faith on the Margins' and invites us to take time to reflect on and renew our faith, face doubts and find ways to live our faith in an increasingly secular environment where believers sometimes find themselves on the margins.

Senior Parishioners Social - The annual social for Senior Parishioners will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 26th January, **3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.** There will be a buffet and drinks provided and musical entertainment. Also a free raffle. Please put your name on the list in the church porch if you would like to attend, and please indicate if you would like transport. You may not think you are old but if you have attained 70 years or thereabouts you are eligible! So please come along and enjoy yourself and help others to enjoy themselves too. The SVP would appreciate donations of any items suitable for the raffle. Please contact a member of the SVP to arrange delivery.

SVP Meeting- The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 23 January at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Mini Fair and jigsaw sale with book stall, cake stall, and tombola – Sunday 3rd February after 9.00am and 11.00am Mass. Donations gratefully received – cakes, books, or tombola prizes. Items can be left at the presbytery or in boxes at the back of church or in the case of cakes, can be brought along nearer the time or on the day. Proceeds towards the restoration of the altar rails.

Cheese Shop - £100 has been raised for the altar rails by the initiative to donate £1 to every £10 spent in the shop. Many thanks to John and Sheila.

Christian Aid Spring Evening - A date for your diary – the CA Spring Evening will be on Saturday 23 February. Details and tickets available soon!

White Flower Appeal - The annual collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) raised £351.40. Many thanks.

Journey in Faith for Adults – Thursday at 7.00pm in presbytery. Everyone is welcome. It's for practising Catholics, doubting Catholics and those who want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches. The title this week is "Why do we need the Catholic Church?" On Thursday 24th January we begin a brand new DVD presentation on the Sacraments. See the preview video on the website and come along 24th January. Again, this is open to everyone. In this Year of Faith why not come along to these informal sessions and learn more about your faith.

Year of Faith – Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle – A Mini – Pilgrimage in honour of St Robert of Newminster – Saturday January 26th – St Robert's will be at the centre of the diocese on this special day of pilgrimage. We will be welcoming many visitors from all over the diocese. A lot of help will be needed. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am. During Mass 2 Icon's of St Robert will be blest and given to the parish. Immediately after Mass, weather permitting, there will be a walk to the abbey grounds (actually the rugby field) next to the ruins. For those unable to walk (or for everyone, if inclement weather) there will be a "virtual" power point meditation of the walk in the church. Lunch between 12.30pm to 1.15pm. Bring your own sandwiches but soup and tea/coffee will be offered by the parish. From 1.15pm to 2.15pm there will be 4 workshops and hopefully a Children's Liturgy. The day will end at 2.15pm in the church. We need welcomers, ushers for the walk and as many people as possible to serve soup in the school hall. Please think about helping and sign up next weekend. This could be the biggest event that St Robert's has seen in a long time. This pilgrimage will be widely publicised throughout the diocese. The last two events for the "Year of Faith" attracted over 300 people at Hartlepool (in honour of St Hilda) and at Hexham (in honour of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate). So, we need to pull out all the stops and extend a warm hand of hospitality to all the pilgrims who may join us from all over the diocese. Get ready to sign up next weekend. Your parish needs you!

New Hymn Book Dedication Forms – Would you like to dedicate a hymn book? See forms at the back of church. Suggested donation £10. Please use the brown envelopes and put them on the collection plate.

First Holy Communion – prayer sponsors needed. Please sign up at the back of church.