

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

Baptism of the Lord

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 20th January 2013

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	
Sunday	20 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Mary Nicholson	
Monday	21 st St Agnes 9:15am	Tony Dromgoole	
Tuesday	22 nd 9:15am	Leslie Jenkins	
Wednesday	23 rd 9:15am		
Thursday	24 th St Francis de Sales 9:15am		
Friday	25 th Conversion of St. Paul 9:15am 12.30pm	Funeral Service of Thanksgiving for Bill McMillan	
Saturday	26 th Mini Diocesan Pilgrimage 10:00am	Pat Horrax	
Sunday	27 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Des McLaughlin Jasmine Wilson	
<u>Sunday 27th January 2013 3rd Sunday of the Year</u>			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	J. Offen M. Boyle	A. Dawes B. Cudd	T. Edwards G. Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Conroy M. Bell J. Laidlaw	V. Shearer D. Shearer R. McAllister	J. Barham M. Illingworth C. Rich
Altar Servers	T. Boyle S. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth	P. Glancey	D. Smith D. Dowd

Confessions: Saturday - 11.00am – 12.00 noon. No Confessions this Wednesday.

The Angelus: Monday to Friday - 9 00am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday - 9 00am. **Rosary:** Saturday - 9 40am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday morning from end of Mass to 10.30am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Thursday 7:00pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Bible Sharing: Tuesday 1.00pm to 2.00pm in church hall. All welcome.

Chaplaincy Mandating Service for Marian Bell - Bishop Séamus has issued a mandate for Marian to be a Chaplain in hospitals in the Diocese and has delegated the authority to confer the Mandate to Fr. Lawrence. We will be conducting a Mandating Service on Wednesday 6th February at 6pm, in St. Roberts, with refreshments afterwards in the Presbytery. Marian has very much appreciated the support she has received from St Robert's Parishioners in her role since she began working at St George's and Northgate Hospitals and would like to invite you to join with us in this celebration.

Youth Outreach– 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. One further event, that Fr Dermott mentioned last week is the National Youth Congress – The Faith Story – at the Sage in Gateshead on Saturday 16th March. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of church and hand it to Fr Lawrence.

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.

Christian Unity Service – This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The annual service takes place at St George’s next Sunday at 4.00pm. Also, Rev Ron Forster will speak at the 9.00am Mass here at St Robert’s next Sunday and Fr Lawrence will speak at the 10.30am Service at St George’s.

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.** Your last chance to sign up at the back of church.

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.

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

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. 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 – 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. 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 1.45pm there will be 4 workshops and a Children’s Liturgy. The day will end at 2.00 pm in the church. It would be a great help if parishioners who are able bodied did not use the par park during this time. It will allow for disabled pilgrims to park near 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 TODAY. **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. All you have to do is pray for the child that will be assigned to you.