

St Robert of Newminster

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Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 27th January 2013

3rd Sunday of the Year

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	27 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Des McLaughlin Jasmine Wilson People of the Parish
Monday	28 th St Thomas Aquinas 9:15am	Katie Costello
Tuesday	29 th 9:15am	Thomas Quinn
Wednesday	30 th 9:15am	Bill McMillan
Thursday	31 st St John Bosco 9:15am	
Friday	1 st 9:15am	
Saturday	2 nd The Presentation of the Lord 10:00am	Moya Frew
Sunday	3 rd 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone

Sunday 3rd February 2013 4th Sunday of the Year

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	T. Lewington N. McCole	D. Shearer V. Shearer	J. Gill D Oldroyd
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Conroy P. Baker D. Shuttleworth	Is. Brown Iv. Brown E. Dixon	B. Cole L. Cole S. Smith
Altar Servers	J. Laux E. Boyle H. Johnson	A. Bambrick	L. Brett J. Dowd
Children's Liturgy:	Leader: Elizabeth	Companion: Jackie	

Tea/Coffee after morning Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Mini – Pilgrimage in honour of St Robert of Newminster – As always St Robert's came up trumps and pulled out all the stops yesterday for the second diocesan pilgrimage in this Year of Faith. Approximately 250 pilgrims attended the day. Amazingly, about 80 pilgrims went on the walk to the abbey grounds. Many thanks to everyone who came along to help in any way. From soup servers to snow clearers – your help was very much appreciated.

Christian Unity Service – This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The annual service takes place at St George's TODAY at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Candelmass– Saturday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Mass will begin with a procession starting in the church hall at 10.00am

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.

Mass of Commitment for First Holy Communion- Mass of Commitment to next Sunday 3rd Feb at 9am. The first preparation session will be in the Presbytery next Friday 2nd Feb.

Catholic Women's League - Meeting on Monday at 7:00pm, the guest speaker is talking about Leprosy in Nepal. Member's guests & friends are very welcome to join us.

Christian Aid Spring Evening - The Christian Aid Spring Evening provides an opportunity to learn something about the issues affecting third world countries and enjoy a meal with the flavour of the country concerned. This year's theme is Zimbabwe: Biting Back at Hunger. It will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 23rd February at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 Tickets £5 on sale after Mass or from Gerry Harber (517829).

Calling all gardeners and readers - Do you have green fingers? If so, would you be able to put in a few extra seeds when planting in order to supply some plants for sale at Christian Aid's plant stall on 11th May? Many thanks. Also if you have any books you have finished with please keep them for the book stall on the same date.

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 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. The next event after that will be the Youth Alpha which begins on Wednesday 27th February and will continue every Wednesday evening. 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.

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.

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. In this Year of Faith why not come along to these informal sessions and learn more about your faith.

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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.