

# St Robert of Newminster

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Private Intention Peter Marshall and Dec Marshall Family Lindsey McKeoan
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes 9:15am 7:00pm	Brenda O'Brien CWL
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Kathleen Wain – Special Intention
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 9:15am 7:00pm	Bill McMillan
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Ss Cyril & Methodius 9:15am	Eileen James
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> 9:15am	Pat McGurk
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	Special Intention (SR)
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Tony Syran Lillian & Ronald James Ellis

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

<b>Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	R. Higginbottom G. Harber	J. Ratcliffe A. Dawes	D. Strachan S. Smith
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T. McLaughlin A. Gorman A. Beattie	M. Beaton R. Soulsby D. Shearer	J. Barham L. Cole BL. Cole. Cole
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T. Boyle M. Laux S. Bambrick	T. Boyle	P. Smith L. Brett

**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.

**Stations of the Cross:** After Mass on Friday morning.

**Lenten Lunch:** Friday 12 noon to 1.00pm

**Ash Wednesday. Mass and distribution of ashes at 9.15am and 7.00pm.** It is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**Youth Outreach**—The next event for Young People (Year 9 upwards) will be the Youth Alpha which begins on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in the school hall and will continue every Wednesday evening. Also, we have 6 places for young people aged 17 upwards for the “Celebrate” Conference which begins on Easter Sunday until the following Saturday. Fr Lawrence needs to know this week.

**Fundraising committee** – this Monday evening at 7.00pm in the presbytery. Please come along if you wish to help or have any idea's.

**Stations of the Cross- every Monday evening at 6.30pm in church (starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February) Also, immediately after Mass on Friday mornings (starting this Friday).** We will need volunteers to help out with these. You can of course come along and make your own Stations of the Cross during the day. The church is usually open every day from 8.15am to 5.00pm. You will find a pile of different versions of the Stations at the back of church. Please feel free to use them.

**Lenten Lunch every Friday – soup and a bun – from 12 noon to 1.00pm.** Begins this Friday - the idea is that the money you save by coming to lunch is donated to CAFOD. It's a wonderful way of combining fasting and almsgiving. We will begin with the Angelus at 12 noon. We will need volunteers to cook the soup and serve.

**Lenten Alms (the collection as you leave church) – two good causes - St. Cuthbert's Care Lenten Appeal – our diocesan charity and Friends of the Holy Land – a charitable organisation supporting the Christians of the Holy Land – the "Living Stones" of our faith.** They are suffering greatly and you can support them by making a donation.

**Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –** On Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Confessions as usual on Saturday from 11.00am to 12.00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 12 noon.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage –** On Saturday Fr Lawrence and several parishioners begin their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please remember them in your prayers and they will certainly remember you.

**Message of thanks from Marian Bell -** I'd like to thank everyone who came and joined in my Mandating Service on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see so many people there. I am very grateful to everyone who helped me with the preparation of the Church, the refreshments and the clearing up afterwards. I know I thanked the kind people who are having Masses said for me, and who gave me cards and presents, but I want to repeat my thanks here. I really appreciate all your kindness and your support. I don't think I can properly express how highly I value the knowledge that, when I am working as a Chaplain, you are helping me with your prayers. Thank you.

**Catholic Womens League -** The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on Monday night for a business meeting which will be preceded by Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

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

**Church Cleaning Rota\_** Now that we are back into the church we are looking for parishioners to volunteer to join the Church Cleaning teams. The church is usually cleaned on either a Thursday or Friday, morning or evening, depending on the volunteers' time. Volunteers are asked to commit to cleaning once a month. We would like to thank the ladies who have decided to retire from this service to the church, for their commitment and time over the years. If you would like to join the rota or find out more please ring Elphin Conroy on 503419 or Elizabeth Dixon on 516584 as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Sunday Morning Coffee and Tea -** The new rota will be drawn up very soon. Therefore, we would like to encourage new volunteer to keep this very important Parish activity going. Please ring Elizabeth Dixon on 516584 or Elphin Conroy on 503419.

**Bonus Ball -** Elphin and Elizabeth would like your help to fundraise for the Church Restoration Fund. From next week you will be able to buy a number for the Bonus Ball Draw. Each number will cost £10.00 (£1.00 per week for 10 weeks). You will be given a number from 1 to 49 and the lucky number will be the Bonus Ball from the National Lottery Draw on Saturday Evenings. If we have sold all the numbers (in sets of 49) by the beginning of March, the

first draw will be taken from the National Lottery Draw on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The prize for each Bonus Ball will be £20. We would be grateful if parishioners would come into the Church Hall to buy their numbers in the case of inclement weather. **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 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 Tickets £5 on sale after Mass or from Gerry Harber (517829).

**SVP Notices -** St Robert's SVP support a twin conference in India with an annual payment and in return we receive their prayers and many blessings. The members of the SVP are proposing to take up a second twin conference in Sudan. If any of our benefactors have a view on this which they would like to express, please contact any member of the SVP. The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery. A new collection box for the SVP is urgently needed. Is there anyone with joinery skills who would volunteer to make one?