

St Robert of Newminster

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 17th February 2013

1st Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE

<u>Masses</u>			<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	17 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Special Intention (SR) Tony Syran Lillian & Ronald James Ellis Kenneth Longworth Robert Ross N.A. Intentions John Devitt
Monday	18 th	9:15am	
Tuesday	19 th	9:15am	
Wednesday	20 th	9:15am	
Thursday	21 st	9:15am	
Friday	22 nd	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle 9:15am	John Gorman
Saturday	23 rd	10:00am	
Sunday	24 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Neville Grey Deacon Peter Jones Kathleen Lain

Sunday 24th February 2013 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	A. Beattie M. Murray	B. Cudd D. Shearer	T. Edwards C. Reardon
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Walker K. Wilson A. Wilson	V. Shearer R. McAllister A. Dawes	S. Smith M. Illingworth A. Smith
Altar Servers	J. Laux H. Johnson E. Shuttleworth	P. Glancey	D. Smith J. Doud

Children's Liturgy – Leader: M. Bell, Companion: S. Walker - Barras

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

Confessions: Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm (together with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) and Saturday - 11.00am – 12.00 noon.

The Angelus: Monday to Friday - 9 00am.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm, Thursday morning from end of Mass to 10.30am and Saturday from the end of Mass until 12 noon.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Next time, on 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: Monday evening 6.30pm and after Mass on Friday morning.

Lenten Lunch: Friday 12 noon to 1.00pm. All welcome. Help needed.

Bishop's Letter for Lent – Sorry, if you did not get a copy last week. They are not available in the porch.

CAFOD – This Friday is CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Please pick up an envelope from the back of church and return it next week.

Youth Outreach – The Youth Alpha Course (for year 9 upwards) will be postponed until Wednesday 13th March at 7.00pm in the school hall. There will be a meeting for adults who want to help on Wednesday 27th February at 7.00pm in the presbytery. Please come along this time (only two people turned up the last time we attempted this meeting). Remember, as Fr Dermott said “it takes a whole parish to bring up a child in the faith”. There will be a minibus to the next “Source” meeting (for those in year 9 upwards) on Wednesday 6th March leaving St Robert’s at 6.00pm.

Bonus Ball Elphin and Elizabeth would like your help to fundraise for the Church Restoration Fund. You can now 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 2nd 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. This is in place of the 200 Club.

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.

Thanks – £356 was raised at the Mini Fair. Many thanks to everyone supported the event, especially everyone who baked those lovely cakes.

Lenten Lunch – We are looking for a co-ordinator for the Lenten Lunches on Friday lunch time. Please ring Elphin on 503419

Stations of the Cross - every Monday evening at 6.30pm in church also, immediately after Mass on Friday mornings. 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. Every Friday during lent - 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. This Friday is the CAFOD fast day.

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 20th 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.

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).

SVP Notices - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 20th 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?

Welcome – A very warm welcome to Fr Ian Hoskins from Longhorsley who is celebrating the 9.00am Mass this Sunday and Fr Stephen Watson from Ashington for celebrating the 7.00pm Mass. Many thanks to them both.

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Please pray for the pilgrims in the Holy Land this week and be assured that Fr Lawrence and pilgrims will be praying for you.

Heart Speaks to Heart – “The Theology of Blessed John Henry Newman” – a lecture to be given by Professor Lewis Ayers of the Centre for Catholic Studies (Durham University) at St Bede’s Bedlington on Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Journey in faith – no meeting this week.