

St Robert of Newminster

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Parish Priest: Fr Lawrence Jones

Retired Priest in residence: Fr Jim Doherty

4th Sunday of the Year

PLEASE PICK UP MISSALETTE



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Sunday 3rd February 2013

	<u>Masses</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
Sunday	3 rd 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Helen & Douglas Cone Fr Pat (CWL)
Monday	4 th 9:15am	
Tuesday	5 th St Agatha 9:15am	
Wednesday	6 th St Paul Miki & Companions 9:15am 6:00pm	Mandating Service for Marian Bell
Thursday	7 th 9:15am	
Friday	8 th 9:15am	
Saturday	9 th 10:00am	Moir Frew
Sunday	10 th 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Private Intention Peter Marshall & Dec mems of Marshall Family

Sunday 10th February 2013 5th Sunday of the Year

Mass	9:00am	11:00am	7:00pm
Readers	E. Harber M. Bell	J. Kelly L. Flinders	L. Cole B. Cole
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Dewar D. Dewar A. Donaldson	G. Davison B. McGurk C. Smith	A. Smith M. Illingworth C. Rich
Altar Servers	A. Bambrick E. Shuttleworth E. Boyle	P. Glancey	D. Smith B. Gosling

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.

Youth Outreach– If you are in Year 9 upwards you are invited to the next “Source” event with YMT this 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 (for Year 9 upwards) will be the Youth Alpha which begins on Wednesday 27th 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. 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 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 if you would like to go along.

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).

Chaplaincy Mandating Service for Marian Bell as a lay Hospital Chaplain – The Mandating Service is 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.

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.

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.

Choir Practice - Please note that there will not be a Choir practice session on Wednesday 6th Feb.

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 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 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.

St Robert's Bingo – Many thanks to the Bingo club for their donation of £200 to the restoration of the altar rails.

A great big thank you - Thank you to all those who helped in any way towards the success of the social for senior parishioners last week. Thanks especially to Tony Smith, Carmel and Richard Copeland and Kasia Glancey for their music, and David Swift for the bingo. Thanks also to all who helped prepare the food, those who baked cakes and all who provided raffle prizes. A great time was had by all who came!

SVP Meeting - The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 6 February at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service 2013 – see the separate green sheet in the porch.

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.

Lent is approaching - Ash Wednesday is 13th February. Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm.